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MASONIC RELIEF AND IMPOSTORS.

AS to the opinion recently expressed by an ably conducted contemporary,—“there is no charity that has been so often imposed upon as that belonging to the Masonic Institutions; and the probable reason for this is, that Masons do not parade their charity, but prefer to exercise it in secret.” We will not go to the extent of endorsing our brother's views, as we have no sufficient data on which to form an opinion, but of one thing we are certain—the belief that Masonic Charity is abused is a general one, and its effects disastrous in many quarters where absolute necessity exists. No matter how ready the members of the Fraternity may be to afford relief when appealed to by those in distress, the feeling that the applicant may be unworthy of assistance always presents itself, and when an appeal is made to a Lodge it usually happens that some of those present take the opportunity of enlarging on the prevalence of imposture, and the uncertainty of being able to get at the true facts of any case, while they warn their fellow members of the risk they run of encouraging dishonesty if they accede to the prayer of the petitioner. Undoubtedly appeals are made by unworthy members of the Craft for assistance, as the exposure of frauds in the past have abundantly proved; but whether these frauds are sufficiently numerous to warrant the general distrust with which the matter is surrounded is a subject for consideration. It cannot but be denied that the discovery of one case of imposture suffices to shake the confidence of brethren for a very long time, and the evil effects are spread over a very wide area. Now, this would perhaps justify the belief that things are not quite so bad as they are painted, and certainly not so bad as to warrant wholesale denouncement of Masonic appeals. The best of Masons are liable to be overtaken by misfortune, and although such a possibility may never have entered their mind when desiring initiation—much less actuated them to seek admission to the mysteries of the Order—they may at last find themselves brought to such a condition as to be forced to appeal to some one. In such cases the ties of Freemasonry should prove as strong, even if not stronger, than any other human associations; but what are the facts? In nineteen cases out of twenty the motives of the petitioner would be publicly questioned—publicly so far as the members of the Lodge were concerned—and a slur might be cast on him which would be more hurtful even than hunger. Is this necessary? We cannot say it is not, but we can and do ask brethren to have a little consideration for the feelings of others, and not make unkind remarks, or recount the extent to which imposition may be practised, without reasonable cause. If they do not know anything of the facts they should be as silent one way as they are clamorous on the other. If they cannot support the appeal from personal knowledge of the petitioner, they should be equally silent as to his probable faults. All men have demerits as well as merits, but to recount the possible demerits, without allowing for the other side of the case is, to say the least, ungracious.

The whole question of Masonic relief is one to which considerable attention might be profitably directed, and one on which improvement might be attempted. It has engaged the attention of brethren in the past, and will ever remain a source of difficulty to all who desire to carry it out in accordance with the teachings of the Order. Until

some method can be devised of removing the general feeling of distrust which is associated with every appeal, Masonry can never afford that assistance which it should do. Proposals have been made from time to time to organise centres for dispensing relief, but there are many objections to such a course. The opening of an office would be as good as asking for applicants, and a difficulty would present itself when it had to be decided who was to repay any sums expended by the central authority. Lodges would never make themselves liable for unknown amounts or entrust their charity to—so to speak—unknown hands; nor could the funds of Grand Lodge be made responsible, for in that case London, and perhaps a few other large cities, would be placed on a much better footing than small Provincial towns, where Charity would still have to be dispensed by the local almoner. Yet the fact remains that the most deserving Mason ever initiated might find himself penniless even in London and have no one from whom to ask for Masonic assistance. He might discover that Lodges were being held in various parts of the Metropolis, but the success of appeals to them would be very doubtful, and all because some scamp in days gone by had attempted to impose on the members of another Lodge, perhaps a hundred miles off. This feeling of distrust can only be removed by the counteracting influence of another feeling—that imposture is easily discovered, and that the authorities are doing all that lay in their power to expose and check fraud. How best to acquire this feeling is, then, the question to which brethren should address themselves, and we are of opinion that something might be done towards a satisfactory solution, if they would give the subject their consideration. A very general feeling exists that the certificate of the petitioner should be endorsed, but the adoption of such a method would be manifestly unjust. It would be hard indeed for a brother, brought down through misfortune, to be ever after branded as a Masonic beggar, no matter to what position he might rise in after life, or what steps he might take to remove the obligation which necessity had forced upon him. But something might be done to prevent certificates being used time after time as the principal means of committing fraud. We would suggest that the certificate upon which the appeal had been based should be forwarded to the authorities with brief—very brief—particulars of the relief accorded by the Lodge appealed to. A memorandum of these facts should be kept in registers provided for the purpose, and the certificate returned to its owner. If this certificate was a frequent visitor to the recording office, inquiries should be instituted, or such other action taken as might be deemed necessary. This would not prevent first, second, or even third impositions, but it would prevent men living on imposture—as some are supposed to do—and would eventually go far to check dishonest appeals, at the same time rendering it easier for good and true Masons to secure that benefit from the Craft which its teachings have led them to expect, should they ever be reduced to the necessity of asking for it.

Bro. Lieutenant Henry Wright will be installed Worshipful Master of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday, the 4th proximo. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.S.W., it is anticipated, will perform the ceremony.

WHAT NEXT?

AN article appears in the *Voice of Masonry* for August, entitled "Of Great Importance," from which it appears that some of the Craft are not without desire for Masonic light. From its statements we learn that a Worshipful Master, solicitous for the perfection of the work, had arrayed himself in a robe and crown during certain ceremonies, with a view to that "dignity which doth hedge a king," and also introduced "a camera (magic lantern) and views," but for what purpose the latter was required is not disclosed; that thereafter he wrote to the Grand Master to ascertain if these things were truly Masonic, and thereupon the Grand Master, in an answer covering two pages of the *Voice*, informed the Worshipful Master that the robe and crown were proper, assigning several reasons therefor, by which he further informed the public of several things done by King Solomon, which are not found in books.

Whether or not the crown and robe are necessary "properties" on such occasions as are mentioned by him, the Grand Master ought to know, and he says they should be worn in order that every part of the work may be made perfect, and all proprieties duly observed, but the magic lantern business he leaves in the dark. Perhaps he is right in his decision, as he doubtless is in his intention to contribute to the order and perfection of the work, which is a laudable purpose. But this article is not intended for the purpose of maintaining either side of the question, but to offer a few reflections which may, possibly, be of some service to those who may be disposed to explore the subject for the benefit of the Craft.

So far as the crown is concerned, it may be said with confidence that throughout the work of all the degrees, the Worshipful Master in his lowest symbolical character, that is, as to the lowest or external degree, represents the sun,—the master and dispenser of natural (physical) light—not only in respect to that, but also as to the bands or bonds of solar attraction by which he holds and directs the planetary bodies in their variable but orderly revolutions around him, through the amazing spaces of the zodiacal belt.

The rays of the sun always have been represented by the rays of a crown, which are pointed and project outward from the royal head of the King, who also represents the sun, as is well known.

The crown has always to this day been represented in every Lodge, as all skilful Masters know, and even the unskilful know where the Worshipful Master "hangs his hat," even if they know not what is meant by his so doing.

But many Masters do not know that the collar of the Worshipful Master represents the circle of the zodiac; that belt of sixteen degrees in width around the heavens, within the breadth of which the planets revolve about the sun. This is represented by the blue collar, and the planets by the figures of the five-pointed stars which adorn it, and this collar is, therefore, a far more significant piece of Masonic apparel than any robe, whether the purple of Tyre or the scarlet of Jerusalem. It is because this collar represents the zodiac that it is closed in front and not open at the bottom, as those worn by the members of other societies.

Hence, so far as the crown is concerned, Bro. Brown of the *Voice* properly remarks that the question is debatable, and, we might add, with the chances in favour of the Grand Master of Michigan and the Worshipful Master mentioned by him.

But as to the robe there is not so much to be shown in favour of its having been worn at any time in the Lodge. If it ever was used it could not have been derived from the same source as the crown, for the sun is never properly, if at all, represented with a robe. He is the very embodiment and manifestation of power in action, and represented by such characters as Hercules, Apollo, Mithra, and the others. He needs no robe (except during winter in Michigan, perhaps). If any robe is to be found in the Lodge it must be an imitation, not a symbol, and Masonry does not occupy itself with imitations. But if the theatricals of the Lodge require a robe, there is also a throne and sceptre, and diamonds and other jewels, to say nothing of lords in waiting, messengers, men at arms, courtiers, and particularly that indispensable personage, the king's fool. All these go together, with much more, to make up

the properties and proprieties, so that the Worshipful Master mentioned can see that he has only made a mere start in the enterprise of putting King Solomon on the stage, with his cottonage velvet and cat fur habiliment.

According to the allocution of the Grand Master, he appears to take it for granted that everybody would agree that the magic lantern was a part of Ancient Craft Masonry, or at least ought to have been, for he advances no objection, but passes it without argument. This being so, I do not wish to enter into any argument *pro or con* which might disturb settled work in an important jurisdiction, but it may be permitted to remark, that if any Worshipful Master in Michigan has a hand-organ and monkey which he wishes to introduce, there may be some reason to fear the disapprobation of the Grand Master, on account of the difficulty of introducing too many reforms at once, so that such a matter might be better deferred until the other improvement is well established. Besides, such a project would not be so clearly Masonic as the magic lantern, for it may be that King Solomon had one, or some similar machine, to illustrate his work on botany; for I have myself seen used in a "higher degree" than the Master's Lodge a pair of ancient sunflower spectacles, which the principal mystagogue vouched for as having been manufactured for King Solomon in his old age, by a glass carpenter of some seaport town on the Dead Sea.

But, leaving the crown, and robe, and other appliances, to take care of themselves, it might not be amiss to inquire if the Worshipful Master mentioned ever thought it worth while, in trying to perfect the work, to ascertain and teach the "neophyte" his place in the Lodge, after he had enjoyed the advantages of crown and robe?

One might suppose that it must be fully as important in such a work as Symbolic Masonry, which is designed to be nothing less than the very exemplification of order, that the work itself should be finished by the last, most signal and most sublime symbolic lesson which the treasure-house of Masonic symbology affords; yet have we any right to believe that there is in the whole State mentioned one Worshipful Master who has ever made a persistent effort to solve the problem, that as an Apprentice he has his proper place, and knows some of the meanings which belong to it, while as a Fellow Craft or Master Mason he has no place at all? Is there any ground to believe that any one of them could answer the Grand Master if asked by him, where, or what is still more important, how and why do you stand? What is the geometry of this, by which you prove it correct? Can you inform any "neophyte," or is there any means accessible in your Lodge by which he can learn what the forty-seventh problem of Euclid has to do with these matters?

The matter of the crown and robe are brought up, and this is termed "of great importance." Let it be granted, but what knowledge did those who enjoyed what benefit there may be in robe and crown receive concerning the signification of the salutations and signs? They could see the dress and take notice of its meaning at a glance, but are they yet able even to guess what the symbolic expressions, by which they prove themselves, signify?

There is something more than head-gear and fine garments lost among the rubbish, much more than is above hinted at, but what little is there said is enough to show that the order of the work is broken and the Masonic floor despoiled of half its mosaic work of wisdom and beauty. This is not meant as the least reproach to any of those mentioned, or reflecting on them in any way more than upon all others. The dilapidation which has been suffered to go on throughout the entire Masonic structure is the fault of the Craft at large, continued during a long time. In consequence of this, Masters, and Grand Masters, and other teachers, habitually speak to the Craft about "the Order," and "Our Order," using terms, which mislead, and which belong to other societies, and to the various side or high degrees.

If this one cause of ignorance and negligence could be overthrown, and the Fraternity at large made to understand that Masonry is not an Order, but a Craft—even if the Grand Officers cannot be reformed—it would alone do more good than any amount of exhortation towards inducing Masons who desire to learn anything to go at it, and discover what they certainly will never know if they wait for Grand Lodge instruction; that Masonry has a science and a philosophy, and a perfect order in its entire design, and is not a miscellaneous accumulation of cere-

monies, as in the case of other societies and the different orders which have grown up among Masons.

Whether the Worshipful Master and Grand Master alluded to be right or wrong in their decision, I thank them for having done something which may tend to put the Craft on inquiry, it matters not about what, and hope that they and those Worshipful Masters of Chicago, whom the *Voice* mentions, will get out their magic lanterns or some sort of lamps, and begin to look for something better than they have found yet, and I think I may be allowed to add, better than they have been looking for. Indeed, such is the low state of expectation among the Craft as to finding anything in Craft Masonry, that any discovery must be a surprise.

It is to be hoped that as soon as the parties interested in the matter of improving the clothing get through with that matter, they will turn their attention to the geometry and other like subjects pertaining to the Craft as Masons, and so develop a knowledge of those things that the degrees can be conferred at the same time that the stage properties are made most of.—*Voice of Masonry*.

RELIABLE MASONS.

RELIABILITY is an essential element of a noble character. The man who is true and steadfast, and who can be depended upon at all times, is best entitled to the world's honour. Men who are reliable are needed in every department of life. They are the inspiration and support of their weaker brethren, who are so largely in the majority—those upon whom instability is stamped as the distinguishing badge of character. How many people there are having good intentions, who will work well for a time, but on whom no dependence can be placed! They are not reliable. Perhaps they are identified with a cause or interest in behalf of which they show an excess of zeal for a time; but their ardour soon cools, and ere long they are found opposing that which before they advocated with so much of earnestness. It is the same in their relations with individuals. Their friendships may be very ardent, but they are not enduring. They are changeable and inconstant, sure to disappoint the expectations of those who depend upon them. Persons of this stamp may do some good in the world, because at times, when in the right mood, their impulses and activities are in the right direction; but they are sure to do much harm. At the best they are but fair weather helpers, who cannot be counted upon to stand by a cause, a principle, or a friend in a time of need.

The reliable man is of different mould. He has a fixedness of interest—a strength of character that holds him steadfast to the work in which he engages and the alliances which he forms. He will bravely stand by an enterprise or a friend when clouds come over the way and difficulties have to be encountered in the rendering of such support, always ready to make sacrifices if these are called for in the expression of his loyal devotion. Constancy of this sort is indeed most commendable.

This element of reliability holds high rank among the Masonic virtues. Brethren are urged to be resolute of purpose and steadfast in all their undertakings, many of the most impressive lessons in the unfolding of the system of Freemasonry being those that enforce such duties. Masonic teachings, and indeed the whole spirit of the Institution, favour the building up of a strong, symmetrical character, and the holding of the life to well determined lines of usefulness. The best instructed Craftsman is he who has learned to stand steadfast to the right, to show tenacity of will and purpose, and who is swayed not so much by his impulses as by his judgment. Such an one makes proof of that reliability which counts for much both on the side of grace and of utility.

All members of the Masonic organization are not thus reliable. Some are double-minded and wavering, often bringing reproach upon the Institution by their want of constancy. They are heedless and inconsiderate, acting upon the feeling of the moment and subject to every chance influence, having no abiding moral purpose—no strength of will or of affection. Masonic interests suffer in the hands of brethren thus unreliable and inconstant. Their vacillation of character always stands in the way of their accomplishing the best work, and by their whims and caprices they often discourage those associated with them

in the Lodge or other institution, so proving themselves to be sad stumbling blocks in the way of progress. What shall be done with brethren of this class? Bear with them patiently, until patience ceases to be a virtue, and then, if altogether unreliable, doing more harm than good in the organisation, they may well be made the subjects of a rigorous discipline. Many who are heedless and inconsiderate may be trained to a better course; may rise above early habits to the development of that steadfastness of strength which covers the life with glory and excellence. Blessed is Freemasonry for the lessons and helps it provides toward this result.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

HOW TO MAKE A LODGE INTERESTING.

THE subject has been brought up in the different Lodges since the resumption of labour, relative to the best means which can be adopted to make the communications interesting, to both members and visitors, when there is no work.

It is a very dull place for a visitor, who may be an entire stranger in the Lodge, to sit through a communication when there is no work. As a general thing the members, when "called off," assemble in groups by themselves, and leave the visitor, if unacquainted, to amuse himself as best he can. Of course this is neither Masonic, nor right; yet we are sorry to say it is usually the case.

But, leaving the visitors out of the question, there are members who are so retiring that they do not form a part of these groups, and sit alone or "clear out" as soon as they find there is no work to do. When labour is resumed at the stroke of the Master's gavel, it is found that very few are present to close the Lodge.

The question to be considered is: "How can a Lodge be made interesting enough to keep the brethren together?"

We often hear brethren say: "It is no use going to the Lodge; there is no work and nothing to interest us. We can find better employment elsewhere."

In opposition to this, however, we occasionally hear it said: "Let us go to such and such a Lodge. There is always something to be found there, even if there be no work." But these instances are few and far between.

We would advise officers of Lodges to study the character of the brethren, and see if something cannot be devised to furnish amusement during idle hours. Literary or musical exercises, of a voluntary character, might be tried as an experiment. Discussions on Masonic subjects could be introduced, if the Lodge has a taste for debate. Exercising the brethren in the lecture of examination would be profitable, and keep them from getting rusty. Readings and lectures by competent brethren might prove both attractive and instructive. In fact, there are many things which might be devised for keeping the brethren together; so that, when the Lodge is "called off" it will not be nearly emptied, as is now too often the case.

We advise officers of Lodges to take this matter into consideration, and see if something cannot be done to make the regular communications both interesting and instructive, and therefore attractive, to members and visitors alike. Then may we hope to see full Lodge rooms and prosperous Lodges.—*New York Sunday Times*.

The Province of North Wales and Shropshire having been divided since the death of the late Sir W. W. Wynn, who held the office of Provincial Grand Master, the new Shropshire Province, of which Sir Offley Wakeman is the Grand Master designate, will be consecrated on the 22nd inst., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, being the installing officer. As at present arranged, the North Wales Provincial Lodge will be constituted at Wrexham the following day. Lord Harlech is to be the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Henry Platt, P.M. Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, Bangor, is to be the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. T. E. Harris, of St. Eleth, Royal Leek, and St. David's Lodges, the Provincial Grand Secretary.

We have been requested to announce that the future meetings of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, will be held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, W. The brethren assemble on Monday evenings, at eight o'clock.

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DISCORD versus HARMONY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your remarks upon this question, contained in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, were brief and to the point, and I trust they will be taken seriously to heart by all whom they may concern. There are some Lodges which I know where the hints and suggestions you make most strikingly apply, although they are too far away from London to admit of any personal reference on your part. I remember one in particular, in which a Brother who could not fly with sufficient rapidity into office left no stone unturned in order that he might split the Lodge into contending sections, with the sole object of forming the malcontents whom he had made into a separate body, so that he might the more easily reach a position to which he had aspired (and failed to attain) in his mother Lodge. The natural outcome of his success in this respect proved his utter failure in another, for in the chair he reigned with an "iron hand," and so disjointed the whole of the interior economy of the Lodge that the first two or three years of its existence it displayed a far greater amount of the leaven of discord than the harmony which had been promised and hoped for. The consequence was that many who had deserted the object of their first love and "followed their leader" into a new sphere discovered it were better to have borne the ills—real or imaginary—they had than to fly to others which they knew not of. I know of another, in which favouritism having supplied the place of deserving merit, a most unfair preference was given to incompetent brethren in the appointment of Officers, and here again the proverbial "apple cart" was most effectually overturned. This corroborates your own assertion, that "in certain hitherto prosperous and industrious Lodges unfortunate discords have arisen to mar the harmony and comfort of the brethren, and in one or two cases conduced almost to anarchy amongst men who had erstwhile worked together in peace and harmony." Let us hope that the advice you give may prove "a word in season" to many sections of the Craft into which friction and dissensions have crept, inadvertently it may be, but more often through the arrogance or injudicious rule of Worshipful Masters, and that they may learn a lesson from the timely admonition contained in the able article which I perused with a considerable amount of satisfaction, from the experience I have had of Lodges where members have actually abstained from attendance rather than suffer the unpleasant consequences of a "house divided against itself."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,
A PROVINCIAL.

THE SCHOOLS ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to the annexed Table, it may not be generally known by the brethren that the children elected in October do not enter the School until the beginning of the following February, and those elected in April until the beginning of the following September, so that the calculations of cost are made up to February, and contributions to January 1885. Now, a few remarks as to London and the Provinces will not, I think, be out of place. London, as might naturally be supposed, stands pre-eminently forward in the list of contributors, with an annual average for seven years of £11,648 6s; though only reaping the benefit of less than half that sum, viz., £5,071, and this is very fortunate for some of the Provinces, who reap out of all proportion to what they sow; most notably Lincolnshire, who takes out £406 against an average of £38 18s,—not the cost of one boy, and but little over that of a girl. This Province has given nothing to the Girls' since 1880, and only 50 guineas to the Boys' in the same period; while nothing at all to the Benevolent since 1879. Whatever may be the cause of this dilatoriness, it cannot be for want of means, for one of its members hinted that it had it in contemplation to raise 3000 guineas for the Boys' Institution, and work that one against the others for their candidates. I am sure the appearance of Brother Binckes's face, if such a result happened, would do one's heart good; it would indeed be a Godsend. Whatever the cause may hitherto have been, I trust the brethren will find some way of giving something nearer an equivalent for what they receive. Bedfordshire has given nothing to the Boys since 1879, or to the Girls since 1880, and then but a small amount in each case. On the other hand, she takes nothing out, so that her mite is all to the good. Berks and Bucks contributes handsomely to each Institution every year, and beat London in the proportion of what it gives, for she averages £412 6s against a cost of £79. Bristol has a slight balance in her favour, £48 v £45. Cambridgeshire, like Bedfordshire, takes nothing out, but her annual average is £13 4s. She has a candidate forward this time, and I hope he will be successful. Cheshire is a constant subscriber, averaging £329 8s v £418 cost. Cornwall is a liberal contributor for what she receives, £94 15s v £34 cost; Cumberland and Westmoreland a little more than balance the debtor and creditor, with £267 16s v £248 cost. Derbyshire is very liberal, with £295 6s against £113. Devonshire, which is a strong and rich county, should show better than she does, costing £474 at an expenditure of £301 2s. Dorsetshire shows a

balance in her favour of £68 5s. Durham has about £20 against her. Essex is munificent—£570 v £248 cost. Gloucestershire likewise £635 4s v £316 cost. Hants is rather lop-sided, costing £678 against £618 2s. Herefordshire receives nothing; her average contribution for the seven years is £9 3s. Hertfordshire is liberal, with £245 14s against £158 cost. Kent is bountiful, giving £1065 for £757. Lancashire East nearly balances, giving £649 for £688. Lancashire West has £130 balance in her favour. Leicestershire and Rutland are also on the right side, with more than £100. Middlesex has a surplus of £146, Monmouthshire £142, Norfolk minus £20, Northumberland minus £32, Norths and Hunts £139 deficit. Nottingham stands £11 to the good. Oxford's annual average contribution, £202 18s is all to the good, as she has no pupils in either Institution. Somersetshire wants £112 to bring her level. Staffordshire is well to the fore, with £134. Suffolk has £26 in her favour, and Surrey within £5 of £100. But Sussex stands out well to the good, with £218, and Warwickshire with £185. Wilts lacks her average by £87. Worcestershire has a comfortable balance of £120. Yorkshire (N. and E.), and Yorkshire (West), show very even balances, in each instance a little over £32 against them. North Wales and Salop have £44, South Wales (Eastern Division) £90, and South Wales (Western Division) £6 in their favour. The Channel Islands are very much behind, with £93; and lastly the Colonies, from whom, for a variety of circumstances, we cannot expect much, yet certainly might do better than take so large a balance as £471, which has to be made good for them.

By the foregoing context to the Table you will see that most of the Provinces contribute liberally, but some—such as Lincolnshire, Colonies, Somersetshire, Wilts, Channel Islands, Norths and Hunts, and Devonshire—are very remiss in taking their proportionate share of the burden; and were I to include the Benevolent Institution some of them would show even worse still.

In conclusion, I have endeavoured to submit an impartial summary, and as the cry is that more pupils cannot be admitted for lack of funds, should I be the medium of stimulating any of the backward Provinces to put their shoulders to the wheel, and help to supply the deficiency, I shall not have written this letter in vain.

I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully and fraternally,
P.M. 1607.

P.S.—I do not vouch for the absolute correctness of the figures below, but they are sufficiently accurate for the purpose I have in view.

Provinces.	Boys.		Girls.		Applicants.		Annual Cost.	Average contributed for seven years ending 1884.		
	Present Strength.	Leaving.	Present Strength.	Leaving.	Boys.	Girls.		£	s	d
London ...	53	5	79	2	26	10	5071	11648	6	0
Bedfordshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	9	0
Berks and Bucks ...	1	—	1	—	—	1	79	412	16	0
Bristol ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	45	48	0	0
Cambridgeshire ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	43	4	0
Cheshire ...	4	1	7	—	—	—	418	329	8	0
Cornwall ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	34	94	15	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland ...	4	—	2	—	—	—	248	267	16	0
Derbyshire ...	1	—	2	—	—	—	113	295	6	0
Devonshire ...	6	1	6	1	1	1	474	301	2	0
Dorsetshire ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	225	294	15	0
Durham ...	4	—	3	—	2	—	282	263	5	0
Essex ...	4	—	2	—	—	2	248	570	0	0
Gloucestershire ...	4	1	4	—	1	—	316	635	4	0
Hants and Isle of Wight ...	6	2	12	2	4	4	678	618	2	0
Herefordshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	3	0
Herts ...	2	—	2	—	1	—	158	245	14	0
Kent ...	7	1	13	—	—	3	757	1065	0	0
Lancashire (East) ...	10	3	7	3	2	—	688	649	5	0
Lancashire (West) ...	8	—	8	—	1	—	632	769	15	0
Leicestershire and Rutland ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	79	180	18	0
Lincolnshire ...	6	1	4	1	1	2	406	38	18	0
Middlesex ...	6	—	5	—	—	—	440	586	16	0
Monmouthshire ...	—	—	1	—	1	1	34	176	5	0
Norfolk ...	3	—	1	—	—	1	169	149	8	0
Northumberland ...	5	—	3	—	2	1	327	295	17	0
Norths and Hunts ...	3	—	1	—	1	—	169	30	15	0
Nottinghamshire ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	68	79	7	0
Oxford ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	202	18	0
Somersetshire ...	5	2	5	—	—	—	395	283	14	0
Staffordshire ...	4	—	4	—	1	—	316	450	18	0
Suffolk ...	1	—	5	1	—	2	215	241	7	0
Surrey ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	135	230	16	0
Sussex ...	4	—	3	—	4	2	282	500	8	0
Warwickshire ...	3	1	5	1	—	—	305	490	7	0
Wiltshire ...	2	1	6	1	—	—	294	207	8	0
Worcestershire ...	3	—	2	—	—	—	203	323	15	0
Yorkshire (N. & E.) ...	4	—	6	1	2	1	384	349	3	0
Yorkshire (W.) ...	15	1	21	2	2	3	1347	1319	7	0
Wales, North and Shropshire ...	3	—	2	—	—	—	203	247	11	0
Wales, South Eastern Division ...	1	—	5	—	1	—	215	305	5	0
Wales, Western Division ...	3	—	2	1	1	—	203	209	12	0
Channel Islands ...	3	1	—	—	—	—	135	42	17	0
Colonial ...	9	1	8	—	1	—	677	206	8	0

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st instant, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C. Bro. John Smith I.P.M. took the chair, the W.M. Bro. H. T. Nell being away on urgent business. There were also present Bros. L. S. Fountaine S.W., F. W. Driver P.M. J.W., H. Follett P.M. and Treasurer, W. S. Humphries P.M., John N. Heale Sec., T. Bolt J.D., T. C. Cnbbon I.G., H. J. Dean Organist, J. H. Smethurst, R. Kelsey, C. Carter, W. H. Liddall, E. A. King, A. Mace, H. Dove, C. H. Dowsett, E. Mallett Tyler. Visitors—R. W. Bilby 19, U. G. Brood 364. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rose, and stated that a very hearty and almost unanimous response had been given by the brethren towards the Treasurer's testimonial. He had, with others, given some little time to the matter, but the readiness of reply was such that it made it quite a work of pleasure. Bro. Follett, as all knew, was ever ready to assist them in any way he could. As a Past Master of the Lodge, ever willing to do any office that would be of service, and as a Treasurer and a member he had done his best, sometimes as Steward at one of the noble and charitable institutions, or in striving to further and sustain the interest and welfare of the Strong Man Lodge, to the best of his ability, and as far as his pocket would allow. He now had the pleasure, and in the name of the Lodge, to present Bro. Follett with a handsome epergne, as a token of esteem from the brethren, and for his kindness to the Lodge during the ten years he had acted as Treasurer. Bro. Follett, in reply, hardly knew what to say, except to thank the brethren, one and all, for such a token of esteem and goodwill. He certainly had the interest of the Lodge at heart; he had done his best to further the welfare of the Lodge, and as long as he lived he hoped he should be a member of the same, and still continue to uphold the Lodge and the Craft in general. Nothing farther offering, Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the supper-room. The various toasts, which were duly honored, were interspersed with songs and music. The Tyler's brought a very pleasant and comfortable evening to a close.

AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

THE last regular meeting of the above Lodge for the season was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at the Amherst Arms, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks. There were present Bros. C. J. Craig W.M., E. S. Strange S.W., J. J. Birch J.W., R. Dartnell P.M. P.P.G. Sup. W. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, W. Sparrowhawk S.D., J. Hamlin D.C., A. H. Lee I.G., H. Ross Organist, F. P. Lee Steward, T. J. Baker P.M., A. W. Duret P.M., C. J. Dodd P.M.; also Bros. Pascoe, Hooker, T. Baker, A. Wallace Lloyd, R. Stevenson, Townend, Knight, Ryder, G. Dixon, Broad, Kent, Pilliner, Gething, Newberry, and the following Visitors: Bros. A. E. Staley P.M. 185, 1728, W. Oakley 874, C. J. Fletcher 1744, F. Keene 378, of Newtown, Kilwinning, Sydney; C. J. Thomas P.M. 1632, T. J. Woods 1475. Bro. George Dixon having been passed to the second degree, Lodge was resumed, and the following five gentlemen having been balloted for and unanimously elected were initiated—Mr. William Barfoot, Mr. John Fyfe, Mr. James Barker, Mr. P. C. Delport, and Mr. H. M. Hutchins. The W.M., Bro. C. J. Craig, performed both ceremonies in his usual able and impressive manner. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

ONCE more the day of installation in this Lodge has passed, and a new year has been started upon. The Lodge presents every appearance of continuing the success which has marked it hitherto, and under the rule of its new Master promises to make further advancement. The installation took place on Tuesday, at the Station Hotel, Highbury, when Bro. N. L. Western, the W.M. of the past year, was supported by the following brethren:—R. P. Forge P.M. S.W., James Cooper J.W., James Crosbie P.M., James Hawkins P.M., C. K. Killick jun. P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Fenner P.M., Hall P.M., G. F. Snook S.D., J. A. Collings Organist, W. T. H. Mayer I.G., H. C. Turner Steward, J. L. Mather (honorary member), and the following among other Visitors: C. Greenwood P. G. Sword Bearer, Usher Back P.M. 211, C. A. Wadsworth 1790, C. Gieseke P.M. 1227, J. R. Barnes 1793, A. T. Cherrifield P.M. 127, W. Wright 1897, E. Woodman W.M. 1950, G. J. Spelding 225, W. D. Bayley P.M. 185, R. Earl 1475, R. W. Fraser 1507, &c. The minutes of the last regular Lodge and a Lodge of Emergency having been confirmed, the Auditors' report was submitted. Bro. Fenner P.M. was elected as Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. J. P. Hutchinson was passed to the second degree. The installation ceremony followed, Bro. Cooper J.W. being placed in the chair by his predecessor in office in a most exemplary manner. The brethren having saluted the Master in the three degrees, the following were appointed as the other Officers for the year: Bros. R. P. Forge P.M. S.W., G. F. Snook J.W., C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Sec., T. Casely S.D., W. T. H. Mayer J.D., H. C. Turner I.G., J. A. Collings Org., J. S. Anthony D.C., R. W. Percy P.M. and T. W. S. Holden Stewards, Bowler Tyler. A very pleasing duty now devolved upon the W.M.—to initiate his brother, Mr. Henry George Cooper, into the mysteries of Freemasonry. This ceremony he performed in a very impressive manner, as also was the case with the initiation of Mr. G. W. A. Wilmore, another candidate for the mysteries of the Order. Some business of a formal character having been transacted, including the

nomination of a candidate for initiation, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet room, where mine host had provided a really good menu. This was done ample justice to, and grace having been said, the toasts were given in due order. The health of the Queen and the Grand Master having been drunk, the W.M. gave the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The brethren comprised in this toast, he said, were a noble set of men, as was evidenced by many of them holding high offices in the State and in private life. The brethren of the Kingsland Lodge were particularly gratified in seeing among them that day a Past Grand Officer of England, in the person of Bro. Greenwood. That brother's name was associated with the toast, and in due course he responded. He thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had honoured the toast of the Grand Officers. Freemasons were to be congratulated in having at their head three such men as the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Earl of Lathom. Bro. Greenwood paid a just compliment to the working of the first degree by the new Master. When he was installed—some 30 or 40 years ago—the ceremony of initiation was only undertaken, even by experienced Past Masters, with feelings of trepidation. Now they saw a newly-installed Master conferring the degree on the day of his installation, in a most satisfactory manner. The working of this ceremony in a Lodge was very different to going through it in a Lodge of Instruction. In the one, all those around the Master were acquaintances, and it did not so much matter if a slip was made, but in the other there were usually a number of visitors who were anxious to criticise, besides which there was the novelty of the situation and the nervousness inseparable from a first presidency. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master who, he said, had worked hard ever since his initiation in the Lodge. Bro. Western then said, Bro. Cooper had deputed him to ask the brethren's acceptance of a silver gavel for the use of the W.M. for the time being. It was presented with the good wishes of Bro. Cooper, and in the hope that it would be of service to the Lodge. The gavel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to the Kingsland Lodge,
No. 1693,
By Bro. J. COOPER, W.M.
October 1885.

Bro. Western was also deputed by Bro. Forge S.W. to present a similar gavel for the Senior Warden's use. The brethren had already had evidences of Bro. Forge's good feeling towards the Lodge; he had given way—with his usual kindness—so as to allow Bro. Cooper to take the chair of the Lodge a year earlier than he would otherwise have done, and in many other ways had striven to help them. The Senior Warden's gavel was inscribed as follows:—

Presented to the Kingsland Lodge,
No. 1693,
By Bro. R. P. FORGE, S.W.
October 1885.

The toast was heartily received, and was acknowledged by the W.M. He thanked the brethren most heartily for all they had done for him in the Lodge. It was not five years since Bro. P.M. Hawkins had introduced him there. He well remembered on the way home from his initiation Brother Hawkins had said he should never be satisfied with him until he had attained the office of Master. By their kindness he had now risen to that dignity, and he hoped he had satisfied his introducer and that he would give satisfaction to the members of the Lodge. He then proposed the health of the Initiates, referring specially to the pleasure it had afforded him to initiate his own brother that day. Brother H. G. Cooper tendered his hearty thanks for the way in which he had been received in the Lodge, and hoped he might never give the brethren cause to regret admitting him. Brother Wilmore also thanked the brethren, and then the W.M. proposed the health of his predecessor in office—Bro. Western. He had proved himself to be one of the best Masters it was possible to have. He had performed his work in a most creditable way and had finished up in the most gratifying manner by installing his successor. Bro. Cooper had much pleasure in presenting to Brother Western a Past Master's jewel and he did so with the hearty wish of the members of the Lodge that their Immediate Past Master would be spared to be among them for many years to come to give the Lodge the benefit of his advice, and, he doubted not, his assistance on many occasions. The Past Master's jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
Bro. N. L. WESTERN,
by the members of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, as a mark of
esteem for services rendered, as W.M.
1884-5.

Brother Western tendered his thanks. He assured the brethren he had done his best to conduct the affairs of the Lodge to their satisfaction. If he had really secured that satisfaction he was indeed proud. He considered it a great honour to have been a Master of the Kingsland Lodge, which he felt sure was rising in public estimation. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors. He was lately present at a Lodge, sitting next to the Master, and remarked to him, "You have no Visitors?" "We do not want any," said he. How different to their feelings in the Kingsland Lodge, where they not only wanted Visitors, but did all they could to make them happy when they did attend. Bro. Back replied. It had afforded him a great amount of pleasure to be present. He felt that day might well be recorded as a red letter day for the Kingsland Lodge, the members of which had installed a worthy brother as their W.M., while he had had the pleasure of initiating his own brother as his first act in the chair. Bro. Bayley followed. He was always pleased to attend a Lodge where the arrangements were carried out as efficiently as they had been that day. Bro. Woodman, as an old Visitor, was especially gratified on the present occasion, as he then saw in the chair of the Lodge a brother he had recently invested as J.W. in the Lodge over which

he (Bro. Woodman) was at the present time ruler. Other Visitors having responded, the Worshipful Master gave the toast of the P.M.'s, to which Bros. Western, Hawkins, Fenner, and Hall responded. The Officers of the Lodge were toasted, and each of those present having replied, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. An excellent programme of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. J. A. Collings, the harmony being fully appreciated. Great praise is due to W. G. Akehurst for his contributions, especially "Toreador," from "Carmen." We wish the Lodge and its new ruler a prosperous future.

STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

IF it is true that "they that thrive well take counsel of their friends," the founders and members of the Strand Lodge must have had many friends, and must have availed themselves of the counsel they gave, for at the present time it stands out prominently as one of the greatest successes of modern Freemasonry. Numbers, we know, are not always a criterion of success, and for a Lodge after an existence of a little over two years to muster some ninety members, may not be considered as unqualified evidence of prosperity, but in the case of the Strand Lodge it may be so regarded; while the fact of its having introduced so many new members into the Order will be recognised as an advantage by any who take the trouble to make themselves acquainted with the character of the brethren concerned. The installation meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on which occasion Bro. James Willing (the first Master of the Lodge) vacated the chair in favour of his former J.W.—he also a veteran in the cause, and an able exponent of Masonry—in the person of Bro. Jonathan Richard Stacey P.M. of both the St. James's Union and the Alexandra Palace Lodges. Bro. Willing opened his Lodge, and was supported by a number of members and visitors, among them being Bros. J. R. Stacey Junior Warden, W. M. Stiles P.M. Secretary, W. Harris Junior Deacon, W. T. Madge I.G., J. T. Buston and J. Hare Stewards; and the following guests:—G. A. Payne P.M. 933, H. Sillis A.D.C. 957, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 2048, C. Veal P.S.G.D. Surrey, E. W. R. Dury 1834, T. L. Jenkins P.M. 34, J. H. Batty P.M., F. W. Dimsdale J.D. 1507, G. W. Brunell, J. Euerby P.M. 1385, J. C. Mason P.M. 1532, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, Stunt W.M. 1320, Smith 73, J. H. Bennett 1744, C. J. Axford S.W. 2048, J. W. Chapman I.P.M. 1922, L. Sonnenfeld I.G. 1735, R. Sontar 1319, S. Spooner 1470, J. W. Smith W.M. 1744, B. Kauffmann J.W. 1732, G. Everett P.M. 177, W. H. M. Smith S.W. 463, W. G. Temple P.M. 194, H. J. Smith 1475. Mr. W. H. Laurence was initiated during the evening, and the following brethren appointed by Bro. Stacey as his Officers for the year:—John Douglass S.W., W. Harris P.M. J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles P.M. Secretary, W. T. Madge S.D., Leon J.D., Buston I.G., J. C. Harrison (first initiate of the Lodge) D.C., J. G. Shand A.D.C. and Assistant Secretary, Hare Steward, Dale Assistant Steward, R. Whiting P.M. Tyler. A very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Willing bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. James Willing P.M., by the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his able and valued services as first and second W.M., 1883-84-85."

A candidate for initiation having been proposed, and some general business disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. This was served in the large room of the Criterion, and reflected great credit on the caterers, Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was said, and the W.M. proposed the health of the Queen, followed by that of the Prince of Wales Grand Master, and by the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Grand Officers, said Bro. Stacey, were good workers in the Craft, doing all they could to advance its interests and facilitate its progress. Bro. Willing then assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. He knew of no more genial brother or genuine Mason than the one elected to preside over the Strand Lodge during the coming year. He had already acquired experience as Master of two other Lodges, and had earned the respect and esteem of brethren in all directions. He was an efficient tutor of the Masonic art, and as Preceptor of several Lodges of Instruction had done much to extend the knowledge of the ritual. The brethren must be pleased to see him in his present position, and could but hope that he would long occupy the same high place in the affections of his fellows he at present enjoyed. His geniality, kindness of heart, and ability in the work would make it very difficult for a less experienced brother to follow him successfully in the ruling of the Lodge, but of one thing his successors might be assured—they would have in him a valuable help and an able adviser. Bro. Stacey was one who was ever anxious to please all with whom he came in contact, and was most deserving of the hearty support of the members of the Lodge. Bro. Stacey tendered his thanks for the very kind reception which had been accorded him. He was very proud of being one of those who had brought the Strand Lodge into existence. The Immediate Past Master and himself had worked together and had started the Strand Lodge as he felt a Lodge should be started. Bro. Willing, Bro. Stiles and himself had had no light task to perform, but their efforts had been crowned with success, and his hope was that he might be able to leave the Lodge at the end of his term of office as good a Lodge as it was when handed over to him by its first Master. He was, indeed, proud of the high position attained by the Lodge, and hoped it might continue to occupy the rank it did then. He next proposed the toast of the Installing Master—The Immediate P.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Willing. He thought it was scarcely possible to find a better Master than Bro. Willing had been to the Strand Lodge, or that any brother could have better performed the ceremony of installation than he had done. The founder of the Lodge, Bro. Willing, had carried out the work of it so far in the most gratifying manner. He felt that any words he could utter were poor

on behalf of a Master who had done so much on behalf of the Lodge. He wished him long life and prosperity. Brother Willing replied, thanking the W.M. and brethren for the toast. They had started the Lodge some two years ago with seven members, they now numbered about ninety. Then, as now, they were a local Lodge in name, and so they must continue to be considered as long as the authorities so regarded an important Lodge like the Strand; but they were really a general Lodge, and would so continue in the future. Brother Stacey had told the brethren how they had worked in the formation of the Lodge. He was very pleased he had done so, and was gratified at the success they had met with. If their work had been hard it had also been happily and contentedly carried on, and had resulted most satisfactorily. As Freemasons they did not ask anything from the outside world, their main desire was to do what they could for one another, and when any one came to know the work done by Freemasons—more especially in connection with the Charitable Institutions of the Order—they could but appreciate the principles of the Craft. Freemasonry really meant working for those who it was a pleasure to work for, and who we should hope would work for us if we should ever be so unfortunate as to need it, and so long as Masons were actuated towards each other by such feelings the Order would be worthy of support. The Worshipful Master had done him a great honour in giving him credit for much of the success which had attended the Lodge. He should certainly continue his exertions on its behalf, and hoped the Lodge might always be as successful as it had been in its early days. They were indebted to many brethren for aid and advice, and the very handsome jewel which had that day been presented to him reminded him of one or two in particular. Brother Jenkins had assisted them with the arms of the Strand Board of Works, which was depicted on the jewel, and Brother Kauffmann had carried out the wishes of the Lodge in regard to the construction of the jewel in such a manner as to be worthy of especial mention. He was indebted to the Officers of the past for the aid they had rendered him in the conduct of the Lodge, and to his successor for the general endorsement he had given to his selections by reappointing the several Officers in rotation. Bro. Stacey next proposed the health of the Initiate. He spoke of the days of his childhood, and of the many happy hours spent with his mother. The newly-admitted member had that day found a new parent—a Masonic mother—with whom he hoped he would spend many happy and profitable hours. He might say that few men paid more attention to the ceremony of initiation than had their candidate that day, and he felt that he would not only pass through the several degrees with credit, but that he would eventually make for himself a name in Freemasonry. The initiate having replied, the toast of the Visitors was submitted. The W.M. said he had been an observer of Masonic rights and ceremonies during the whole of his Masonic career, which was not a short one, and strove to obtain perfection. The Visitors had no doubt come among them for a similar purpose, to study the ways and means of the Strand Lodge. Not ways and means from a financial point of view, but the ways and means they used in carrying on the Lodge. He felt the Strand Lodge was bound to make a name for itself in the future, and he hoped that the Visitors then present might, in years to come, attend again and find the Lodge in even a better condition than what it was now in. Several brethren responded. Bro. Scurrah felt the brethren would agree with him that when they visited a Lodge they were not only gratified by sitting down to a good banquet, but they also liked to witness good work. The Immediate Past Master of the Lodge had done wonders during his presidency, and had displayed great forethought in arranging that Bro. Stacey should be one of his earliest successors. The Master having proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge—including the Treasurer and Secretary—those brethren severally returned thanks, after which the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close in the usual manner.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the meeting on Tuesday last, at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall Street, Bros. Dyson W.M., Sainte S.W., Sadd J.W., Walker Secretary, Brown S.D., Rich I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Baggins, B. Haynes, Roberts, Webb. Lodge having been opened in due form, the first and second ceremonies were rehearsed, Bros. Rich and Walker candidates. Bro. Sainte was elected W.M. for Tuesday next, at 7 o'clock, when Brother C. H. Webb will rehearse the installation ceremony.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 3rd inst. Bros. Cross W.M., Kirk S.W., Barnett J.W., Ashton S.D., Harrower J.D., Nicholls I.G., Cohen Preceptor, and Gale Secretary; also Bros. Looker, Griffiths, Caultfield, Fenner, Davidson, Jenkins, Lowry, Turner, Peirce, Dixie, and Weeden. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Griffiths candidate. Bro. Cohen worked the first, second, third and fifth sections of the lecture, and Bro. Jenkins the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Griffiths, of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, was elected a member. Bro. Kirk was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing farther offering for the good of Freemasonry the Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned. The winter Session having commenced with some very favourable attendances, the Officers trust, with the assistance of Craftsmen, to make this the "Percy" Lodge of Instruction second to none in usefulness. Bro. I. P. Cohen still continues his services as Preceptor.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Lendenhall-street, E.C., on Wednesday, 7th inst., Bros. W. A. Cubitt W.M., John Egan S.W., John Gildersleeve J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., W. Saint S.D., John Little J.D., John Lash-

brook I.G., J. D. Simmonds, F. S. Israel, C. F. Howlett, E. J. Westwood, Walter G. Fernley. P.M.'s Bros. S. H. Webb, Joseph Shackell, W. C. Hollands. After preliminaries, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Simmonds candidate. The Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lashbrook candidate. Bro. Israel was instructed in the questions leading to the third degree, and in due course the third ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Israel, Lodge Kilwinning, Greenock, was elected a member. Bro. Gildersleeve was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. All labour ended, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179.—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 3rd instant, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Tottenham-court-road. Bros. Harvey W.M., Thom S.W., Greenway J.W., Treadwell Acting Secretary, Nickolls S.D., Mulvey J.D., R. J. Harnell I.G., Koester Preceptor, J. R. Harnell, Hemming, Brinkman, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. R. Harnell acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. In conformity with the bye-laws the W.M. was invited to rehearse the ceremony of raising. Bro. Treadwell offering himself as candidate, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was next ably rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. J. R. Harnell, of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, was elected a member. Bro. Thom was unanimously chosen to occupy the chair for the ensuing week. The Preceptor will work the Fifteen Sections on the first Saturday in November. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. V. Wing W.M., Sperring S.W., Thomas J.W., Andrews (Preceptor) Treas., C. E. Botley Sec., Bailey S.D., J. H. Hughes J.D., Toy I.G.; Bros. Botley, Turner, &c. After the minutes of meeting held on 18th September were read, confirmed and signed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Botley candidate. Bro. A. Turner answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was opened and closed in the third degree, and then in the second. Bro. Monson was elected W.M. for 9th October. Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—At the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111 Præd-street, Paddington, W., on Monday, the 5th instant. There were present—Bros. F. Chandler Worshipful Master, R. Cursons Senior Warden, J. C. Conway J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Treasurer, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 Secretary, W. Middleweek S.D., M. J. Green J.D., A. Cornwall Steward, E. F. Ferris I.G.; P.M.'s W. H. Chalfont 1425, H. Purdne 733, D. Gellion 1425, W. Craig 1425, A. E. Gladwell 172, Capt. A. Nicols 1794; also Bros. C. S. Mote, J. Cruttenden, W. A. Dath, A. G. Boswell, E. C. Mulvey, J. H. Wood, J. C. Altman, Capt. H. Andrews, G. Dickenson, O. W. Battley, D. Stroud, A. Hardy. Visitor—R. Fendick S.W. 1426. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Altman candidate. Bro. Cursons was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Fendick was elected a member. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dobbin for the use of his room; to be entered on the minutes. It was then agreed that the Lodge meet for the future at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-gardens, Porchester-road, W. The Lodge was closed until the 12th inst.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 28th ult., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, High-bury, N. Present—Bros. Turner W.M., Richardson S.W., Snook J.W., Boulton acting Secretary, Fluck S.D., Western acting Preceptor, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees. Brother Garner as a candidate for raising answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the third, resumed to the first degree, and closed in due form.

On Monday, 5th inst., Bros. Kirk W.M., Lynn S.W., Fluck J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Stockhall S.D., Frayer J.D., Garner I.G., Trowinard Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Snook candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Brother Weeden acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and after electing a member, of the Citadel Lodge, and appointing Bro. Lynn W.M. for Monday next, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 3rd inst., at the Hampshire Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, Bros. Price W.M., Williams S.W., Brown J.W., Johnson Sec., Purdne S.D., Williams J.D., Woods I.G., Weeks Tyler; also Bros. Westly (Preceptor), Wing, Meyers, Stroud, Tipper, Sims, Furze. After the formal opening, Bro. Preceptor Westly, assisted by the brethren, worked the second and third sections of the first lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and then, assisted by the brethren, worked the fourth section of the first lecture. Lodge closed in perfect harmony. The meeting was adjourned to this day (Saturday) at 7-30 p.m.

Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068.—On 2nd inst., Captain Ward, R.A., W.M., was entertained by the Officers and brethren at a farewell banquet, at the Officers' House, Grand Parade, he having received an appointment at Gibraltar. Captain Ward's services to the Lodge were warmly enlogised by the S.W. (Bro. Palmer) and others, who expressed hearty good wishes for his future health and happiness.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 27th inst., at seven o'clock precisely. Bros. Christian W.M. 860 W.M., Watkinson 1728 S.W., Clark W.M. 1178 J.W., Brasted P.M. 1524 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Caperoe, Rose, Marsh, Edwards, Clark, Lorkin, and Forss. Second Lecture—Bros. Danston, Webb, Wardell, Watkinson, and Allen. Third Lecture—Bros. Carr, Smyth, and Brasted. Bro. F. Carr P.M. 1607 Secretary.

A Lodge for the instruction and improvement of Mark Master Masons will be established on Friday next, at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., under the sanction of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 355. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. of the Old Kent Lodge, will be the Preceptor, and will preside at the first meeting, the proceedings of which will commence at 7 o'clock. Bro. Mather will be supported on the occasion by the Wor. Master and Officers of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge. We wish the Lodge and its promoters every success.

The installation of the Kendrick Lodge, No. 2043, was held at Reading, on Thursday, the 1st inst. A full report is in type, and shall appear in our next issue.

The following Festivities took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 10th October:—

Monday—Robert Burns Lodge, Old Kings Arm Chapter, Regularity Chapter, Caxton Lodge, Lodge of Joppa, Premier Conclave. Tuesday—Royal York Lodge, Old Concord Lodge, Albion Lodge. Thursday—Pilgrim Lodge, Rosierncians. Friday—Britannic Chapter, Eclectic Lodge, Mr. Quaritch's Trade Sale Dinner. Friday—Banquet on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Municipal Corporations' Act 1835. Saturday—Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

CHESS AND FREEMASONRY.

The solution of the problem, "The Lodge," published in our last issue is, B takes Q Kt P and White makes next move.

The *New York Sunday Times*, from which is extracted the problem of which the above is a solution, says:—

"It is seldom we see a set figure like this where all the pieces are brought into play by possible variations in the moves of Black. The only exception is Black Pawn at K Kt 3, as the Black Pawn at Kt 6 offers a feint for the Queen. The Black King can only move to his Q 4 and no further, as all the rest of the squares are guarded. Black Kt at its 6th square prevents double solution of B to K 4. Queen plays to Q B 5 or 6, or K 5, according to Black's choice of moves.

Bro. Thos. Frances, of Havant, who is a recognised Master of the game of Chess, has sent us the correct solution of the Problem; he remarks it is "peculiar for the rectangular form of the Pawns and pieces. The solution is an easy task." We agree with our esteemed brother, and may remind him that in "figure" Problems difficulty has often to be sacrificed to "form." We shall be pleased to hear from him or other Chess players in regard to any novelties they may evolve which may bear relation, however distant, to Freemasonry.

LEISURE HOURS IN THE LODGE.—Grand Master Bankhead, of Alabama, thinks, when there is no work, Masters should employ the time in reading aloud from the Constitutions and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and inviting debate thereupon. Grand Master Davidson, of Georgia, thinks "the social element of Freemasonry is too often disregarded. The routine work, of course, should not, and need not, be neglected. But when that has been performed, there is always ample opportunity for the display of those friendly and social characteristics from which innocent pleasures flow, and which redound to the well-being of the membership."—*New York Sunday Times*.

A CAUTIOUS MAN.—He was a mathematical fellow, and always engaged in making intricate calculations on paper. The marriage was to take place on Friday, but he suggested to his prospective mother-in-law that it had better take place on Thursday. "Why do you wish it changed?" she asked, suspiciously. "Well," said he, "I have been making a calculation, and I find that my silver wedding will come on a Saturday evening, and that would never do, as that is the evening I have to go to my Lodge."—*Tit Bits*.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Great Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 12th day of October 1885, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To Elect Thirty-seven Boys from an approved List of Fifty-six Candidates, reduced to Fifty-three by the withdrawal of—

- No. 20. Ambrose, Lawrence Charles Edward.
- „ 21. Adams, Harold William.
- „ 23. Brown, Harry Randle.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or immediately after the ordinary Business of the Court has been transacted, and will close punctually at Three o'clock.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock noon precisely.

The result of the poll will be declared at Five o'clock, and will be found in the London daily papers on Tuesday, 13th October.

By Order,

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 3rd October 1885.

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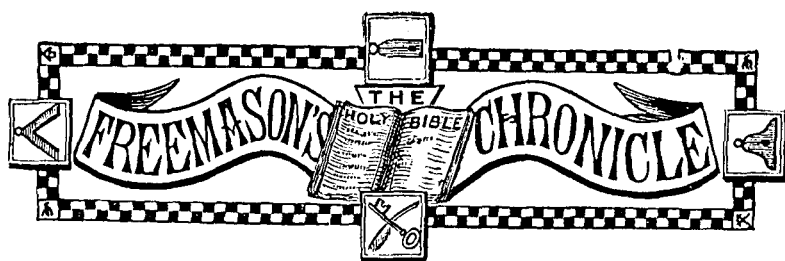
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst., the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire held its first meeting since the installation of the new Provincial Grand Master, in the Town Hall, Skipton, under the banner of the Craven Lodge, No. 810, when about 200 brethren assembled. The Lodge was presided over by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. W. Tew, of Pontefract), assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Henry Smith, of Wakefield), and a large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers. Apologies for absence were read from Bro. W. L. Jackson P.G.S.W., and Bro. the Right Hon. H. C. Childers P.G.S.D., who were unavoidably prevented from attending. The roll of Lodges being called, it was ascertained that about sixty Lodges in the Province were represented. Among the visitors present were Bro. Sir Alexander Wolf, Vice-chairman of the Great Western Railway; Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, &c., and a party of military brethren. The salutations accorded to the Provincial Grand Master and to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master were most cordial and enthusiastic, and when the applause had subsided, the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. W. Tew) addressed the brethren as follows:—

Worshipful Past Masters and Acting Wardens, Master Masons, Officers and Brethren,—The thought uppermost in my mind this afternoon and at this moment is how I can adequately acknowledge the salutations you have just now so cordially accorded to your new Provincial Grand Master and also to his Deputy—how I shall thank this assembly of West Yorkshire Freemasons for their reception of me on this occasion—how I shall find words to express the thoughts of which my heart is full with deep gratitude for kindnesses and forbearance towards me in the discharge of my new duties as the responsible occupant of this chair, in succession to Colonel Sir Henry Edwards. It is my first effort since my installation at Leeds on the 24th April to undertake from this chair the duties of a Provincial Grand Master, as your Provincial Grand Master of this large and important province. I can only bid you imagine the feelings of gratitude which it is hardly possible to put into words, for the consideration shown me, and for the salutation of regard and friendship with which you have favoured me. I esteem it a privilege to be permitted to guide the deliberations of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and to be associated with you in the discharge of obligations the most lofty and the most benevolent that any Order can aspire to promulgate. I trust it may be my happy fortune in the long connection which I am proud to say has existed between us, to secure to this office in which you have placed me the confidence and esteem of my brethren in the Craft of West Yorkshire. Provincial Grand Masters who have gone before me will be my leaders and my teachers, and I shall try and continue their labours and speak their thoughts, and disseminate throughout this fraternal community those lofty senti-

ments of theirs—of generosity, charity, and goodwill, which adorned their lives and claim from us our acclamations of gratitude and respect. To keep the Lodges as one perfect Lodge in harmony and friendship is no ignoble sentiment. To try to have a new earth upon earth, if we could not have a new heaven upon earth; to make the West Riding one vast Lodge and every man a brother, is no vain appreciation of the capabilities of our principles and the measure of our faith. May this be so. May I have your co-operation in this aspiration. May I believe in a better time for human comfort and human happiness, and for Christian charity everywhere, and leave to my successor in this chair a satisfied Province and the administration of its affairs marked only by unbroken, conscientious consistency, are the sincere desires of myself and my Deputy for the future well government of this Province. The Provincial Grand Master referred to an alteration in the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge which he had adopted, dispensing with the opening of a preliminary Lodge, as had previously been the case, thus giving Provincial Grand Lodge the premier place in the day's proceedings. The invitation to meet here is from the Craven Lodge, No. 810—a Lodge whose warrant dates from 14th February 1860, and where the Provincial Grand Lodge has only been held once before, when it was consecrated, on 3rd July 1867, by Bro. Bentley Shaw, the late esteemed Deputy. But Freemasonry here is older than this, because there was a Lodge here in 1789, called the Albion Lodge, No. 551, and which, I think, was altered to the Philanthropic, No. 460, in the year 1792. The Craven Lodge is a small Lodge in numbers, but one animated with zeal for the prosperity of the Order in this most lovely part of Yorkshire. It gave a grant to the Sir Henry Edwards' Presentation Fund, and paid its annual subscription to the Freemasons' Widows' Annuity Fund Festival, which was held on the 25th February 1885. Our acknowledgments are due to the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Craven Lodge to meet here this afternoon in the vale formed by the Kildwick and Cross Hills, to visit the ancient memorial of the past, the Castle of the Cliffords, which now as then bids us to stand by our Royal Grand Master, and protect the Throne and his rights to it against innovations foreign to the principles of Freemasonry, and in accepting the privilege of the Rector to march to the church of "Robert de Remille," there to pray to the Great Architect of the Universe that "all things may be so ordered and settled upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be preserved among us for many generations." Situated as this Lodge is here, forming a connecting link between the two populous counties of York and Lancaster, it ought to flourish, and we wish it prosperity and perpetuity. The permission to participate in the reception accorded to Prince Albert Victor in the Corn Exchange at Sheffield on the 1st July last was most gratifying, and also the presentation of an address of welcome on the 15th July to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at Leeds, on the inauguration of the Victoria College there, are instances of our sympathetic acclivity in the prosperity and welfare of institutions and principles for the progress and benefit of our fellow-creatures, and in which Freemasonry takes an especial pleasure and delight. In the 97th report of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is an acknowledgment of the Sir Henry Edwards presentation of £1050, handed over to that noble Institution by this Province for the purpose of ensuring to West Yorkshire the right of perpetually presenting a properly qualified child to receive the benefits conferred by the Institution, and to place on record for ever our deep respect for our retired Provincial Grand Master, and thanking us also for an additional sum of £546 to the Annual Festival on the 13th May last, when many West Yorkshire brethren attended in Freemasons' Hall. Your contributions this year to the three Institutions have amounted to the sum of £2273 2s. You have further granted a sum of £60 from the funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge towards constituting this Provincial Grand Lodge Patron of the Girls' Institution. For your munificence and generosity I and my Officers thank you heartily. A few words in concluding this address. Since we last assembled together many friendly faces are missed, among them being Brothers Wrigley and Anderson, and their absence is mourned in several homes. The sable curtain of sorrowful remembrance must be drawn over the losses this Province has sustained by the death of several brethren since April. We know that where life is on earth, there death must surely follow. Life and death are inseparably associated here below, and to which our ritual symbolically refers. In the Grand Lodge above let us hope we shall meet our brethren who have gone before us, renewing each tender tie and fond association which has been so rudely broken by the inflexible hand of life's destroyer. Let me indulge in one brief reflection. The influence of a Masonic gathering of this kind upon the future of our common country is too important to be overlooked. We shall be shortly called upon according to our consciences to take a part in forthcoming electoral contests. God grant that they may not be bitter ones. Differences of opinion may separate friendships, leaving between them yawning chasms and leading to discords and uncharitable strifes. Let the principles and roots of your Masonic obligations exercise a wise influence over your decisions. "Be ye angry and sin not." When this fearful strife is over come to your Lodges, again, and let your solemn vows bring unification and harmony to one and all of you. Leave sectional feelings outside the doors of your Lodges. Merge differences in politics and religious contentions upon that higher plane of brotherhood that finds in patriotism and in a love of union one of its brightest and most emphatic expressions. Rejoin your brotherhood; renew those Masonic friendships that know no county or borough divisions, but whose mystic chords of memory will vibrate in tuneful unison in every Lodge from one end of this Province to the other. These are stronger ties than Franchise Acts or such like Babel laws, or even the hempen thaws of commerce. No steel sword, no cable tow can stab or strangle them. The issue is in your hands. Show by your courage and devotion the benign influence of Masonry, and by precept and example that it is a humanising force, and which, while it has

filled the ages that have passed with its aroma of love, can yet accomplish its greatest work—good-will towards all men.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master also briefly returned thanks, in the course of which he offered some excellent advice as to carrying out the regulations of the Craft, and urged Worshipful Masters to assist in keeping up the reputation of the Province for the promptness with which its returns are made.

The Vice Chairman of the Charity Committee tendered the report of that Committee, and urged the brethren to increase as far as possible their individual subscriptions to the various Charities.

After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the brethren assembled in order of procession, and marched to the Parish Church, where a choral service was rendered and a sermon preached by Brother the Rev. J. J. Needham, of Pontefract, the offertory being for the Royal Masonic Boys' Junior School.

A banquet was afterwards served at the Devonshire Arms Hotel.—*Yorkshire Post*.

The monthly meeting of the general committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. J. L. Mather, and amongst those present were Bros. Hogard, Soppet, Williams, Gillard, Roebuck, Scurrah, Constable, Webb, Cumberland, Gladwell, Adlard, Dr. Morris, Cubitt, Saunders, Dicketts, Moon, Baron, Bowyer, Knightley, Belton, Controller Bake, Morgan, F. Binckes (Sec.), &c. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and then the minutes of the meetings of the House Committee, both for 21st August and 18th September, were read for information. A sum of £5 per quarter was granted towards the education of a pupil whose state of health rendered it desirable he should reside nearer to his friends, and then the Secretary reported that he had that morning received notice of the withdrawal of another candidate—No. 20, L. C. E. Ambrose. This, with the two withdrawals officially reported last week, will reduce the list of approved candidates who will go to the poll on Monday next to 53, of whom 37 are to be elected. Three petitions were considered, and the candidates approved. There were eight applications for grants for outfits, &c. on leaving the School; seven of these were approved—and £5 voted for each. With respect to the eighth case, there were special circumstances connected with it; the mother applied for a sum of money, to be expended by way of a premium towards apprenticing her son. This case was deferred, as it was the general impression further particulars should be supplied. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

It is not often we report the post prandial proceedings of the Boys' School Dinner Club, but on Saturday last these were of so especially interesting a character that we feel we should scarcely be doing justice to an esteemed and worthy brother were we entirely to pass them over on this occasion. Briefly then, it is doubtless well known to the majority of our readers that the "Committee Dinner Club" is an old and well-recognized institution, and invariably is represented by its Steward at the Annual Festival of the Institution with which it is more immediately associated. On Saturday last the merry gathering was presided over by Bro. George Alex. Vennell, who conducted the proceedings in a happy and congenial spirit. The dinner was served in the Duke's Salon, at the Holborn Restaurant, and a most recherché repast was supplied under the personal supervision of Bro. Thomas Hamp. On the removal of the cloth the customary loyal toast was honoured, and shortly afterwards Bro. Frederick Binckes rose. He made reference to some remarks that had emanated from Bro. James Terry, as to how the Royal Masonic Institutions had profited by the exertions of Bro. John Constable, who was present on this occasion as a Visitor. It was now generally known to most of the brethren assembled around that table that it was in contemplation to present Bro. Constable—who was again about to leave England—with a souvenir of the regard and esteem in which the brethren with whom he had laboured so zealously still held him. He (Bro. Binckes) was gratified in being able to state that their funds were in an eminently satisfactory state; he would therefore at once make a proposition that five pounds be voted by the Boys' School Committee Dinner Club towards defraying the cost of the testimonial that was about to be presented to Bro. Constable, who he felt he might describe as the guest of the evening. This having been seconded by Bro. Belton, was put to the meeting and unanimously agreed to. Bro. Constable, who had left the room during the remarks of Bro. Binckes, having again taken his seat, Bro. Binckes once more rose. He thought they were approaching what might be considered the supreme moment of the evening. The graceful act just committed had somewhat cleared his path, so far as regarded any opening statement he might deem it necessary to make. Their worthy brother was only present that evening in the capacity of a Visitor, but during the period of his membership of the Boys' School

Dinner Club he had rendered signal services to each of the Masonic Institutions. As had been explained by Bro. James Terry, Bro. John Constable had served three consecutive Stewardships, the results of which undoubtedly were unprecedented in the history of any Charitable Institution. Bro. Binckes then went on to explain how it was that Bro. Constable had come to the conclusion that he might find a more congenial sphere wherein to exercise his talents. It was scarcely necessary, nor would it be agreeable, to recount what had induced their guest to arrive at this conclusion, but while all must regret that Bro. Constable was not in attendance as one of themselves, all, he was convinced, would extend to him as a Visitor a most cordial welcome. Bro. Binckes then explained that after an absence of about four years, Bro. Constable had returned to his native land for a few months' sojourn, but very shortly he would again depart, to resume the active duties of life in his adopted home. There was not a large gathering, but it was a representative one, and he was minded of the quotation—

"Fit audience let me find—though few."

The many friends who still appreciated Bro. Constable's efforts—and there were few who had once known him who might not be accounted his friends—desired to give some slight expression to their good wishes, and the duty had devolved on him (Bro. Binckes) to be the medium for making the presentation,—a handsome double-barrelled fowling-piece, with all necessary accessories, the whole enclosed in a solid leather case. This he would now formally do, with every wish for the recipient's continued health and increased prosperity. Bro. Binckes then concluded a most eloquent speech by reading the following inscription:—

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On his Return (after a brief Visit to England) to South Africa,
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THE ENGLISH MASONIC CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS,
(Of all of which he is Vice-Patron and Past Steward),

During the years 1874-1882.

With sincere wishes for his long continued Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

3rd October 1885.

The presentation, and the kind references made by Bros. Terry and Binckes to his services were briefly but gracefully acknowledged by Bro. John Constable; he felt acutely the difficulty he was experiencing in having to find words wherewith adequately to express his thanks. He was proud in being able to state that the four years he had spent in South Africa had been, from a financial point of view, the most successful of his life. His heart had yearned to return to his native land; but in a few days he should again take his departure, with the full intention to spend the next four away; that is, if he were spared so to do. He was gratified to be surrounded that evening by so many old friends, and knew he still stood paramount in their regard. His association with the Masonic Charitable Institution would ever live in his recollection as amongst the most pleasant events of his life.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ON Tuesday last a Special General Court of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, to consider a motion by Bro. R. Grey P.G.D., upon a recommendation of the House Committee, "That the Provisional Contract, dated 23rd September 1885, for the purchase, for £5,700, of the land on the north and east sides of the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, as shown upon the plan annexed to such contract be approved, and that the Trustees be authorized to carry the same into effect." Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer presided, and there was a very large attendance of subscribers. After the transaction of some preliminary business Bro. Grey explained the object of the resolution, and said the House Committee had brought the matter before the brethren after much deliberation, because it was a grave subject to suggest the expenditure of so large a sum of money for the acquirement of apparently so small a piece of ground. The point to be considered was, not so much what the Institution would actually gain by the transaction, as how much it would lose by allowing their property to be surrounded by houses on the small plots that had been laid out, and which would immediately overlook the grounds of the Institution. The School's actual frontage to the roadway was that given by Lycombe House, a frontage to the Wandsworth Road. That in front of the Institution was only some 30 feet of footway, whereas if the proposed purchase were effected about 750 feet of additional frontage would be gained. That must materially increase the value of the Institution's property, and what was of far greater importance, it would give free air to the children in the School, which would be seriously impeded if the small houses were erected on the ground in question. In addition to the depth of 63 feet which would be acquired, there would also be a roadway of 40 feet wide, and, therefore, assuming that small gardens would be in front of the houses to be built on the other side of the road, there would be about 110 feet between the present boundary wall and the fronts of the houses on the other side of the new roadway. The large sum of £5,700 was asked for the ground, but the meeting would recollect that sometime ago, when the whole of the land was offered for £36,000 they refused it. Since this it had been bought, and could not have gone for a much less sum. He did not think, considering the whole of the circumstances, that £5,700 was an enormous amount, compared with the price of the whole of the land. In 1877, the Institution, by those who were then in power, gave £2,500 for half an acre, which then seemed to have no possible prospect of any frontage. That was at the rate of £5000 an acre; and, therefore, the plot the Committee now asked to purchase for

the good of the Institution for £5,700, although a very large sum; was not so expensive as appeared at first sight without some explanation. In recommending the purchase he said the House Committee were constantly down at the Institution, and saw the vital importance of possessing this belt of land around the Schools, for the benefit of the children and the welfare of all. The motion was seconded by Bro. C. F. Matier, who said he had been deeply impressed with the advantage which the proposed purchase would secure to the Institution. Brother Hedges said he had received two letters from Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the purport of which was that he was entirely in favour of the purchase. Brother W. Bailey, as a member of the Audit Committee; was quite sure that although £5,700 for under an acre of ground seemed an unprecedentedly large sum, yet the money would be well expended. It was only after the most urgent negotiations that the Committee had agreed to give the sum, after failing to obtain it at a cheaper price. Controller Bake showed that if the different plots now to be purchased had been built upon, at a ground rent of £5 a year, the purchase would have amounted to £5,000, and therefore after all it was only a question of the odd £700 which stood in the way. He approved of the action of the Committee. Brother Brackstone Baker also supported the resolution; and Brother C. H. Webb, whilst agreeing that the purchase would be an excellent thing, remarked that he had not yet heard anything about the expense of the maintenance of the greater portion of the road; also what would be the expense of erecting the wall or fencing. They knew, practically speaking, that the first step in this direction led to a large further amount of expenditure. In reply, Bro. F. Richardson said the contract contained a clause providing that the vendor should make and maintain until taken by the parish, all the roads surrounding the north and east sides of the school. The purchase-money included the use of the road made opposite. With regard to the brick wall, the length would be some 750 feet, and probably some brother was present who would be able to say what it would cost. Brother Pilditch considered the expense of such a wall would be about £1000. Bro. Gray said if the Institution did not acquire this property and it were built upon, they would have to build a much higher wall than would otherwise be necessary. Bro. Robert Berridge believed it would be a very suicidal policy not to purchase this land. Ultimately the resolution was carried unanimously.

MASONIC CURIOSITIES—THEIR COLLECTION.

THE following letter, which has been addressed to the various Lodges in the State of New York, gives evidence of a growing desire on the part of our American brethren to collect and preserve relics of the past. We hope the efforts of the Committee will meet with success.

Library and Reading Room,
Masonic Hall,

New York, 1st Sept. 1885.

BRETHREN,—It is proposed, under the direction of the Reading Room Committee, which consists of the Grand Lodge Officers residing in New York City and Brooklyn, and many Masters of Lodges, to establish and permanently exhibit in this Hall a Collection of Antiquities and Curiosities, embracing Masonic objects of every description which may be interesting or instructive to Masons.

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The entire Fraternity must feel pride in the adornment of this Hall. The space here available affords unequalled facilities for the proper display of all suitable articles which may be received by the Sub-Committee, either as a gift or a loan, and which will be carefully arranged and exhibited under competent direction, accompanied in each instance with an appropriate description and the name of the Lodge or Brother by whom contributed.

It is earnestly requested that your Lodge and any Brother possessed of any article suited to the purpose in view will place the same at the disposal of this Committee, by whom the safety of such objects will be carefully guarded.

This Sub-Committee is assured of the cordial co-operation of M.W. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, by whom the subject was originally suggested to the Reading Room Committee, and with whose sanction this address is issued.

Correspondence in aid of this endeavour is fraternally invited, and should be addressed to any member of this Committee, Care Library and Reading Room, Masonic Hall, New York City.

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THE THEATRES.

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The Savoy.—Gallery, pit, dress circle, stalls, all crowded, and all peevish; such is the happy history of the "Mikado's" reign, with Mr. D'Oyly Carte Minister President at the Savoy. In the dog days of summer and the river fogs of autumn crowds throng the narrow way, and successfully dodge the hansoms and broughams in their clever evolutions through this new Temple Bar. He or she who delights in music, refined, but not made sad by science; in humour, that seeks no meretricious aid from coarseness; in the charm of pretty feminine forms and faces as honest and wholesome as in the womenkind of home; let such rejoice that Gilbert and Sullivan are of our time, and that when the fogies tell us how the glories of the stage fifty years ago will never be restored under modern conditions, we can triumphantly ask what was there for a "Pinafore," a "Patience," a "Mikado" in those days? Since the curtain rose for the first time on Gilbert and Sullivan's latest work—on the 14th of March last—scarcely any alteration has been found necessary. The high lights have been touched a little, and now the general effect of local colour has a much finer finish and reality; especially is this to be noted in the delightful "Flowers of Spring" quartette. Mr. Grossmith in this reaches a very ideal of Japanery—we feel we have seen him a hundred times before on our pet tatsuma cups and vases. Mr. Barrington is, perhaps, scarcely less excellent, but he is not so sublimely conscious that the whole thing is a jest. Miss Braham is simply fascinating; so pretty, so winsome, so brimful of girlish glee and merry mischief. Miss Jessie Bond and Miss Sybil Grey make up the charming trio—that flirt and flatter like a flight of butterflies in the sunshine. We note, however, with regret, that Miss Bond lets her high spirits somewhat mar the grace of discretion, and there is a threatening of this pretty idyll, in her case, being lost in a romp. Mr. Frederick Bovill has greatly improved in bearing with practice, and now sings admirably. Mr. R. Temple is a true artist, and his "Mikado" has a fine sincerity. In this quality we would wish Mr. D. Lely would condescend to shine, but his tenorship is as languid and characterless as the musical jeune première usually contents himself with being. Still, we are grateful to him for his graceful and artistic rendering of the music. Miss Rosina Brandram, as Katisha, sings splendidly, but we wish Mr. Gilbert had been inspired to excise some of the crude humour put into her mouth. Each time we hear her cite the beauties of her left shoulder blade, we the more resent the unpleasant flavour of the supposed joke. In conclusion, it would seem that the present work bids fair to rival "Pinafore," and long months, perhaps years, may pass before a successor need take its place.

The Gaiety.—"If I were not Irving," might Goldy's Vicar sing; "if I were not simple minded and saintly, I'd like to try a bit of wickedness and be Arthur Roberts." Alas! how closely the sublime impinges the ludicrous, and when the sublime is signed by Mr. Willis, the point of demarcation is apt to be very obscure. We have all of us seen "The Vicar," in Wellington-street, and forgotten criticism in the exquisite old-world portrait the actor's tender and sympathetic touch brings into life for us. Superior people say the play is weak; the action feeble or exasperating; we do not mind; we have Mr. Terry and Miss Irving at their best. We cross the road, and Miss Terry seems to have come with us—"Olivia" sprightly—is she too sprightly? caressing, perhaps gushing; in any case a delightful damsel, with a fine sense of humour; but the play bill calls her Miss Laura Linden. Here comes Mr. Irving Primrose—but, no; there is a sly look in the vicar's eye that might rather suggest his reverence came from the precincts of the Fleet, or is it our popular Arthur Roberts; truly at his best is this pretty bit of caricature—so like Mr. Irving in certain of his methods—and yet making a new reading, in the Bab ballad manner. Mr. Squire is delicious as Barchell, hitting off Mr. Wenman's ponderous dignity with fine irony. Barchell, for the first time in his career, ceases to be a bore. Miss Emily Spiller makes a very "mashing" Squire Thornhill, and sings very prettily, but she reverently spares Mr. Terris's dignity; she does not attempt a travestie. Miss H. Coveney is an excellent Mrs. Primrose, with only here and there a touch of requisite accentuation of the gooseberry wine "motif." The more serious incidents of the original are of course omitted, but now the company have got well into the "dissembling" vein, the merry trifle may flourish for many weeks in the shadow of the successful original. The Gaiety orchestra has been much improved of late, and especially noteworthy is a charming concertina solo by Mr. Roe. Lord Drundreary's Brother Sam is still the curtain lifter, and while sitting it out we marvel that of yore we thought it so amusing.

The Novelty.—This theatre, of which it has been said "Dame Fortune has ceased to care," has lately been re-opened, under the joint management of Messrs. Lionel Brough and Willie Edouin, with a new burlesque drama, entitled "The Japs." The plot, although not a very deep one, gives plenty of scope for laughter. A daimio, named Jappa, having abused his trust, is condemned by the Tycoon to commit suicide within three days. The wretch, however, escapes the extreme penalty by the aid of an English domestic—who has been imported by Jappa (Mr. Lionel Brough)—named Lyza (Miss Alice Atherton). Although perhaps the action of "The Japs" is still at some times slow, Messrs. Brough and Edouin, with the effective aid of Miss Atherton and a goodly company, manage to get plenty of fun out of the piece. Among the notable features in the burlesque are Mr. Willie Edouin's Boobee Jappa; this gentleman gives some capital illustrations of the miseries of a lad who has just smoked his first cigar; a jig, danced by Mr. Edouin, Miss Atherton, and four other characters; the singing of a ditty, with "National Imitations," by Miss Atherton; and Mr. Lionel Brough's "In other respects I'm doing quite well." Miss Harriet Vernon was good as Campi, but if

she was to abandon her too-pronounced music hall style, it would be better. The outside members of the caste were Mr. Fred Kaye as Toko, Miss Kate James as Wyar, Miss Kate Bellingham as the Tycoon, Miss Sophia Lingwood as Meemo, Miss Beatrice May as O'Kum, and Miss Kate Neville as Karaway. The piece has been curtailed and improved since the first night, and we may add that through the indomitable perseverance of Miss Alice Atherton, Mr. Brough, and Mr. Edouin, the verdict awarded "The Japs" on its production has been completely reversed. On our visiting the theatre this week the house was full, and we may now venture to predict for "The Japs" a long and continuous run.

Toole's.—"On 'Change," to which we awarded high praise in our notice of the 29th August, continues its successful course, and on Wednesday, 14th inst., will reach its 50th performance. In consequence of the favourable reception the play has met with at the Crystal Palace, it will be repeated there, for the third time, on Saturday, 22nd inst. A Matinée has also been arranged to take place at Brighton, on Thursday, 5th November. We heartily recommend those who desire to spend a pleasant hour to pay this company a visit, either at the little Theatre in King William-street, or at the places and on the occasions we have mentioned above.

MASONIC HOMES IN AMERICA.

WE find the following in the *Masonic Home Journal*, of Louisville Kentucky, and give it to show that there are yet some who feel that "it is not all to live" for themselves, but that a portion of their lives and means should be devoted toward the welfare of others: "Bro. J. A. Pozzini, of St. Louis, whose unfortunate death occurred recently, had visited the Kentucky Home at Louisville, and became earnest in his endeavours to interest his brethren in the establishment of a similar institution for Missouri. His untimely demise prevented the completion of his plans, but his widow, Mrs. Pozzini, while she mourns his death, seems to be roused by the loving memory of her good husband to carrying out the great design of his liberal soul. In company with her business manager, Bro. Samuel Moffit, who is in full sympathy with this undertaking, she visited Louisville, Ky., last month for the purpose of inspecting its Home, in order to profit by the experience of Kentucky Masons in the erection and maintenance of that great practical Masonic charity. We esteem it a privilege to have met so estimable a lady, in whom abides generous impulses and excellent qualities that eminently fit her for the great work she has undertaken. She proposes to purchase a tract of land containing twenty-five or more acres, suburban to St. Louis, and donate it to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Missouri; then to proceed without delay in the building of a 60,000 dollar house upon it, and to contribute largely towards its endowment, entering into the practical work of charity by taking personal and active interest in its management."

The Philadelphia Keystone in alluding to the North Carolina Masonic Orphan Asylum says:

"Grand Master Bingham speaks well of the women of his State who have done so much for the Orphan Asylum. One woman, Mrs. Letitia Morehead Walker, authorized the Grand Master to put 1,000 dollars at disposal of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of building a bath-house for the orphans, as a memorial to her son, John M. Walker, who died recently, leaving funds in his mother's hands to be devoted to some benevolent purpose. It was done as directed, and is known as the 'Walker Memorial Bath-house.'"—*New York Sunday Times*.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

- 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Reeleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER.

- Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Lendenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.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)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, 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.)
1571—Copold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
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, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.
R.A. 22—Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Wilham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montagne, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1613—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-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—Doratic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Lendenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
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)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
830—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pawnall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269—Starhope, Thicket Hotel, Aveney
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)
1369—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1416—Mount Edgemube, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woodwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1801—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Glenmor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)

- 53—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Mam Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Chesham
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wexmesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

- 1120—St. Millburga, Tontine Hotel, Tranbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1444—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

- R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrick, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Baldu
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Guard, Portcham, 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
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Starhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bartlett-road, E.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppy's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

- 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1309—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Adina and Eve Tavern, Pinner St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1691—Lordsborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Ognatie, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chesham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshaw-gate, 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
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Ebbw
696—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
851—Working Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
954—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Slaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marrion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
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- 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
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 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1633—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Habburn-on-Tyne.
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
- R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
 R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
 R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Arderon's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 113—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Staggate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewiss, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, N., S. (Instruction)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1330—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatshed Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
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 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
- 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
 1290—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
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 M.M.—Canynoges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

- 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. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jersey-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Opton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 506—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1183—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penkilton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
 R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1644—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 142—St. Thom's's, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
- 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1191—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

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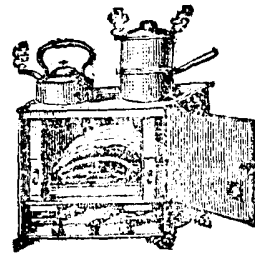
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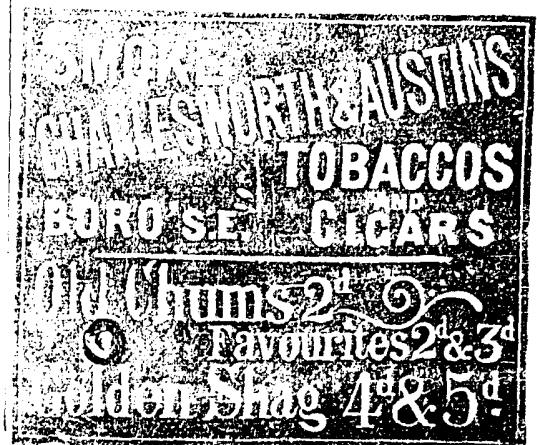
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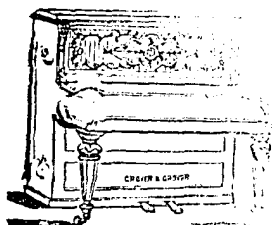
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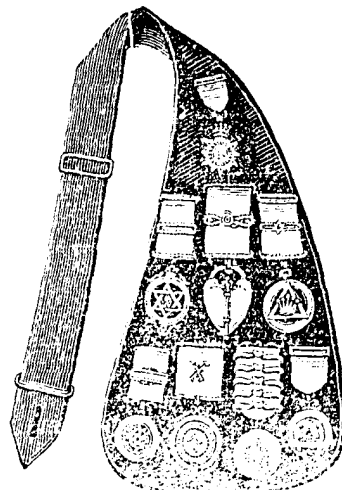
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