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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

THE loyalty of English Freemasons towards their Grand Master, and the respect they show for his every action, are fully exemplified by the way in which they endorse the selections he makes year by year of brethren on whom to confer the dignities of Grand Lodge office, and by the unanimity of the recognition they accord those brethren whenever an opportunity presents itself. Freemasonry knows nothing of those distinctions which in other organizations entitle leaders to respect from one section, half-hearted agreement from another, and open opposition from a third; its members are actuated by no party spirit, or class opinion, but unite in according to the heads of the Brotherhood one continuous round of approval throughout the length and breadth of the land. Few brethren are aware of the rule—even if there be one—which guides the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in his annual selection of Officers, while there is no one, we are convinced, who questions the justice of the choice made by His Royal Highness. It matters not who the officers are, or what they have done for Freemasonry; all the brethren need to know is, that their Grand Master has considered them worthy of the highest distinction, and that is sufficient to call forth the approval of the entire Craft. Brethren are selected who are unknown, perhaps even by name, to the large majority of English Freemasons, yet their reception is no less hearty, or the honour shown towards them no less sincere than if they were well known and highly respected outside the limits of Freemasonry. Undoubtedly the Grand Officers of England individually are more enthusiastically received in their own particular district than elsewhere, and this is not to be wondered at, as it is but natural a man's personal friends should be louder in congratulation than others who only know him as the holder of a position of honour; but, as a body, the Grand Officers are sure of as hearty a welcome in one quarter of the kingdom as they are in any other, and this proves the existence of that unanimity which forms so important a feature in the working of Freemasonry. The Antient Charges and Regulations of the Craft enjoin on every candidate for the Master's chair the necessity of holding in veneration the original Rulers and Patrons of the Order, and their regular Successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations. Right nobly do the brethren, as a body, recognise the principle of this Charge, and zealously do they support its teachings. No matter to what office a brother may be appointed by the Grand Master, he will be looked upon as a regular successor to the original Rulers and Patrons of the Order, and honoured accordingly. A question presents itself at the present time in connection with one of the offices of Grand Lodge which, although easily answered, is yet worthy of passing consideration. Will the brethren always show the same amount of respect towards their own selections for grand honours as they have hitherto evinced towards the appointments of the Grand Master? In other words will they always honour the Grand Treasurer of the year and his predecessors—who are the only Grand Officers selected by the brethren themselves—with the same spirit they have hitherto evinced? We think we may undoubtedly say yes, as we feel there is little fear of the dignity of the office of Grand Treasurer ever being lessened by the appointment of a brother unworthy of the honour. There

may, perhaps, be some who feel that the return may be secured of a brother hardly worthy of the distinction, but their fears are unfounded, as results will prove. It is not on this ground that discredit will be brought upon the amendment recently made to annually transfer the collar of Grand Treasurer—those who are selected will be worthy of the distinction, but there may perhaps be a question as to the ultimate result of an annual contest, for contest we must call it, if the election is to be surrounded with the same characteristics which have marked it in the past. We can only hope that the brotherly spirit which actuates Freemasons in their other actions may make itself felt here also, and that the success or failure of one or other of the candidates will not give rise to jealousy or envy among their respective supporters. As we have already said, we have little or no fear of disaster, at the same time, however, we must recognize the possibility of jealousy arising; accordingly it is wise to look at the matter from such a point of view, and to shape our conduct accordingly. In our official capacity as chroniclers of the doings of Freemasons, and of the working of Freemasonry, it would ill become us to recommend one or other of the candidates and make a point of espousing his cause; but though at the same time we feel it our duty to show no favour nor make any distinctions, yet as the medium of our column is one of the few methods by which the merits of the respective candidates can be placed before the Craft, we feel justified in devoting some of our space to each of them as his wish to aspire to the honours of the office is made known to us.

The first of whom we have any definite information as regards the next election is Bro. Richard Biddulph Martin, and the announcement that he would be put in nomination for the office was publicly made at the installation meeting of The Great City Lodge on the 10th instant, as reported in our last issue. Bro. Martin was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry some twenty-five years ago, in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and at the present time he is Treasurer of that Lodge. He is a Past Master of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708 (formerly No. 1010), and one of the founders, and present Treasurer of the White Horse of Kent Lodge, No. 1506. As a Royal Arch Freemason he is a member of the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, while in the Mark Degree he owes allegiance to the Carnarvon Lodge of Mark Master Masons; and in the Rose Croix to the Oxford and Cambridge Chapter. He is a Life Governor of the Three Institutions, and never having been honoured with the purple of either Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge, may be looked upon as a veritable representative of Blue Masonry. Outside Freemasonry Bro. Martin holds the distinction of J.P. for the County of Kent, and he is also M.P. for Tewkesbury, the representation of which is, under the new act, merged in the county. He will contest Chelmsford at the next election. In the City of London he holds a position which has won for him the respect and esteem of his fellow Citizens, and we doubt not that should he be selected for the dignity of Grand Treasurer of English Freemasons, he will not only maintain the reputation of the office, but even add additional lustre to it. We wish him, in company with the other candidates for the post, every success, and trust that the best man may be the one selected. The choice rests with the Craftsmen of England, and we can confidently leave the decision to them.

ADVANCEMENT AND EXTENSION OF OUR SCHOOLS.

THE extension of the Masonic Educational Institutions, a subject at all times of interest to the hearts of English Freemasons, is one which can be approached only with a considerable amount of anxiety; it is not merely the actual enlargement for the time being that has to be considered, but the effect any extension will have on the future, and the additional annual outlay it must entail for all time. The enlargement of one of the Schools, and the increase in the number of pupils who can be accommodated therein means a permanent addition to the expenditure of the Institution which there is no fund to provide for; indeed the permanent income of the Schools—arising from interest on invested funds, &c.—is so trivial, as compared with the permanent calls upon them, as to render them all but dependent on voluntary contributions for their maintenance year by year. Under these circumstances, then, it becomes necessary to make special appeals to the Craft as often as any extension is contemplated or arranged for, and to follow this up with special appeals for continued or extended help from those who sanctioned the original extension. We have often said that our Institutions are supported by a comparatively few; that the same names appear year after year among the list of Stewards and Subscribers, and that the Charities are supported by a moiety only of the English Craft. Of course it would be better if each brother on the roll of Lodges in the kingdom could be induced to undertake a part of the work which comes under the head of Masonic assistance, but failing this it follows that the same men must labour year after year rather than a radical change should take place. Brethren subscribe to one or other of the Institutions because they deem them worthy of support; they urge their claims because they consider they are deserving of encouragement, and later on they propose and approve their enlargement, because claims on them are both urgent and pressing. They commit the Craft to a certain annual expenditure, and when it comes to the question who shall find the money, they prove the sincerity of their previous actions by taking a large share of the work upon themselves. Thus it is we find the same men working again and again in the cause of Masonic Charity; they have lent their approval to extended operations, and they have the honesty to take a share in the extended labour they have created. But these old and tried workers should not be expected to do all the work. The Craft in its corporate capacity does not wish this, and nobly provides numbers of new supporters, who in turn become permanent workers in the good cause. That this will long be the case is not only the wish, but the hope of English Craftsmen.

At the present time two matters of extension of the Masonic Educational Institutions are before the Craft, and each of them call for warm support from the Brotherhood. The Boys' School has been enlarged by the addition of a Preparatory School and other buildings, and the Girls' School by the purchase of a piece of land which borders two sides of the previously acquired property of the Institution.

The Preparatory School of the Boys' Institution has been so often referred to, and its claims are so generally recognized, that little need be said now, except to point out the special privileges which accrue to subscribers who, before the close of the present year, contribute funds especially for it. These "special privileges" consist of double votes for duly qualified Life Governors of the General Fund, Individual Donors, Lodges, Chapters, &c., for contributions of not less than Five Guineas to the "Special Building Fund," up to the 31st December 1885, and should be sufficient to yet secure a very large amount of money in aid of the special cause referred to.

The addition to the property of the Girls' School, which has recently been sanctioned by the General Court, is the acquisition of a belt of land bounding two sides of the property of the Institution, at a cost of £5,700. This large, but absolutely necessary expenditure, which has been decided upon in defence and protection of the most vital interests of the School will entail a very heavy strain upon the finances of the Charity. It is hoped that the correspondingly urgent appeal for the continuance of the liberal support hitherto so generously accorded by the Craft may not be made in vain, but that at no very distant date the Craft will have subscribed the amount just spent,

in addition to its usual contributions. There are several matters in connection with the Girls' School which may also be referred to when urging special support for it at the present time, and these may, perhaps, be best enumerated by a brief survey of the history of the Institution. The School was founded on the 25th March 1788, at the suggestion of the Chevalier Bartholomeo Ruspini, Surgeon Dentist to His Majesty King George the Fourth, then Prince of Wales. Since its foundation 1413 girls have been provided with education, clothing, and maintenance in the School, which has now 242 pupils, as compared with 100 in December 1872, or an increase of 142 in thirteen years.

A swimming bath has recently been completed, and it is confidently anticipated that, besides gaining the invaluable knowledge of the art of natation, the health also of the girls will be greatly promoted by that most healthful and invigorating exercise, while it may justly be said that the heavy outlay recently incurred by the re-organising of the drainage system and other sanitary arrangements of the Institution Buildings has been fully justified by results.

The girls on election are first admitted into the Junior School, where they receive all the special care and attention which are so necessary for children of tender years, and are afterwards drafted into the Senior School, where they remain until they attain the age of sixteen; they receive a sound English Education, and are employed by turns in all the Domestic Duties of the house, great pains are also being taken to render them skilful in Plain Needlework. At the Cambridge Local Examination, in December last, the names of fourteen Girls were entered, every one of whom, it is most gratifying to note, passed, four being in the Honours List, besides several other distinctions. At the Science Examinations connected with the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, of the 57 girls presented in Physiography, 49 passed (9 of these being presented in the advanced stage, all of whom passed); in Geology, 32 were presented, of whom 30 passed. It may be well to note that these Science Classes, which have proved of so much use and interest to the pupils, are conducted without cost to the Institution. The girls are also educated in Practical Cookery by an ex-pupil, who holds a first-class certificate from South Kensington.

These are among the features to which we may to-day refer in advocating special consideration of the merits of the Masonic Educational Institutions. At the present time funds are much needed for both of them, and the members of the Craft are urgently appealed to to provide the sums required.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

FIRST—In my paper printed 22nd August I ventured to differ with Bro. Schultz as to whom Stapleton, in his letter of 1827, applied the title of "distinguished chief." Now a Bro. Eckel gave Jeremy L. Cross a warrant in 1817 to confer the select degree on a certain number of Royal Arch Masons in a Royal Arch Chapter, and when the number was full Cross was empowered to "grant them a warrant to open a Council of Select, and confer the degree," &c. This seemed to me to mean that the Council should then be independent of the R.A. Chapter. Stapleton, however, censured somebody for abuse of authority in establishing Councils independent of R.A. Chapters. And as Bro. Schultz brought to light a document signed by Eckel and Niles, which described a Bro. Wilmans of 1792 as possessing about a score of "magnificent high degree Masonic titles," from whom they received the power of conferring the select degree, I concluded that the "distinguished chief" was designed for the great Wilmans, while the censure against the violator of the "chief's" injunction referred to Eckel, and not to Cross, as Bro. Schultz supposed. I then wrote my views to Bro. Schultz, who frankly conceded that I was right. Subsequently, however, I sent another letter of Stapleton to Bro. Schultz, written about 1850, which seemed to indicate that Eckel was Stapleton's "chief," and not Wilmans. Bro. Schultz, however, still thought that the "chief" was intended for Wilmans. But later on Bro. Schultz wrote to me that he had discovered still another of Stapleton's letters, which satisfied him that his first opinion was right. So far we

agree, but I could not entirely free myself from blaming Stapleton for his insinuation against Cross's abusing his power in establishing a Select Council independent of a R.A. Chapter. This seems to puzzle Bro. Schultz yet; but he accounts for it thus. He says that when the R.A. degree used to be conferred in a Masonic Lodge, the said Lodge, for the time being, was dignified by the title of "Grand Lodge," and when they conferred the Select degree in a R.A. Chapter the Chapter was metamorphosed into a "Grand Council of Select Masters." Hence, he thinks that Eckel did not mean to allow Cross to establish a Council of Selects to be independent of a R.A. Chapter. I confess that it is not quite satisfactory to my understanding, more especially so as the records of the Royal and Select Council of New York claim that Eckel chartered an independent Council for New York in 1820; but as a copy of the alleged New York warrant is not in existence, it is impossible to know anything about it.

2nd. In my article printed in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE 18th December 1884, about "The Charleston Mother Supreme Grand Council of the World," for so Bro. Pike styles his Council, I stated: that in a magazine published by the well-known Bro. Folger, at New York, who is Grand Secretary of one of the Cerneau concerns, I found that Albert Pike frankly confessed that he did not know when he was made a thirty-third, nor when he was made Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction. Well, I could scarcely realize that Bro. Pike's memory was so defective as not to remember even the year when he was exalted above all other mortals; and hence I concluded that Bro. Pike must have got his A. and A. degrees from a degree pedlar. But it seems I was mistaken here too, for the Detroit, Michigan, *Freemason*, of 3rd October, contains the following news:—

"Gen. Pike asserts that Cerneau never had the thirty-third degree; General Lafayette received that degree from Cerneau personally, by direction of Gov. Clinton, and was received and acknowledged as a thirty-third by the Supreme Grand Council of France years before the Pike or any other Council in America outside of the Cerneau Council was recognised by any Masonic power in the world. In June 1813 Joseph Cerneau established a Grand Consistory in New Orleans. In 1836 that body developed into a Supreme Council of the thirty-third, and in 1855 was known as the Foulhouze Council by a 'concordat,' and Claud Samory, who was the Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Fulhouze Council, and as such signed the 'concordat,' conferred the thirty-third degree on Albert Pike on the 25th day of April 1857. Thus Pike himself received his own thirty-third degree through the successor of Cerneau in Louisiana."

Now, if the above statement should turn out to be true, I must beg Brother Pike's pardon for presuming to suppose even for a moment that he had received any kind of Masonry from a degree pedlar. But with regard to the Cerneau concern at New York. Oh! how much ink and paper has been wasted to prove that it was a fraud, a sham, a counterfeit, an illegitimate, a spurious, and a what not. It is only within a few weeks that the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire devoted about thirty five pages of its Proceedings mainly to Cerneau's *spuriousness*, and the Grand Secretary of Ohio also wrote a pamphlet against Cerneau's legality. Now, if the New York concern of 1807, and all along since, was illegal, the Foulhouze concern at New Orleans must also be illegal. Bro. Pike, the child of the Foulhouze concern, must also be illegal, and if the Grand Commander of the "Supreme Mother Council of the World" is illegal, then the said Council, as well as all the Grand Councils in the world, must also be illegal. Such being the case, what then will become of the A. and A. Rites if all the Grand Councils in the world are alike bogus, spurious, illegitimate, illegal, &c. ?

BOSTON, U.S., 7th October 1885.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming increase of death from cholera and diarrhoea should be a warning to every one to subdue at once any irregularity tending towards disease. Holloway's Pills should now be in every household to rectify all impure states of the blood, to remedy weakness, and to overcome impaired general health. Nothing can be simpler than the instructions for taking this corrective medicine, nothing more efficient than its cleansing powers, nothing more harmless than its vegetable ingredients. Holloway's is the best physic during the summer season, when decaying fruits and unwholesome vegetables are frequently deranging the bowels, and daily exposing thousands, through their negligence in permitting disordered action, to the dangers of diarrhoea, dysentery, and cholera.

Obituary.

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THE LATE BRO. G. P. ARNOLD.

THE remains of the late Bro. George P. Arnold, P.M. and Secretary of the St. Clair Lodge, were interred on Monday afternoon last, at the Mile End Cemetery. A retired schoolmaster of the Royal Navy, the deceased was one of the oldest Masons in the town, and he was respected throughout the Craft, not only for his personal qualities, but for his proficiency in the ritual and the deep interest which he took in all matters connected with the Order, with the members of which he was a universal favourite. He was a great authority on all doubtful points, and his opinion was always highly valued, as it invariably proved sound. In his earlier years he was a great supporter of the old Athenæum, or Mechanics' Institute, and he was one of the members who attended the classes in connection with that institution. He was one of the founders of the United Service Lodge, of which he afterwards became the Worshipful Master. His remains were followed to the grave by members of the principal Lodges in the town, but chiefly by members of the United Service, Landport, and Royal Sussex Lodges. The youngest Lodge in the town—the St. Clair—was also strongly represented, among the members being Captain St. Clair Worshipful Master; Alderman Cudlipp Past Master, and other members represented the Portsmouth Lodge. Messrs. W. Gannell and H. Croucher took an active part in arranging the funeral procession, which consisted of a line of nineteen carriages, and excited a great deal of attention. Starting from the Freemasons' Club in Commercial-road the cortège proceeded to Edinburgh-road, and through Unicorn-road, to the deceased's residence in Nile-street, and thence to the cemetery, where a large number of Masons, who had walked, were in waiting. The deceased leaves a father, over ninety years of age, to lament the loss of a dutiful, faithful, and generous son. As a mark of the esteem in which he was held by his neighbours, they were represented by a body of little girls carrying baskets of flowers, which they threw on the lid of the coffin, which was already covered with some beautiful white wreaths. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. S. Harris, of Portsea, the service was read by the Rev. T. Moorby, and at its conclusion each member of the Masonic body dropped a sprig of acacia on the coffin.—*Portsmouth Times*.

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THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to the late Elections for the Schools, I herewith enclose you tables showing what the results will be for London and the Provinces (when the successful candidates are admitted next February), and what are the average annual contributions for the seven years ending the financial year of 1884 from each, with the respective cost on the general funds. When the financial year for 1885 is completed, and the several Secretaries have kindly supplied the result, I will prepare a fresh septennial table, with the result, I hope, of sums more equal to the demand. At the Election in April next, there will be twenty-two vacancies in the Girls' School, fifteen of which will be London cases; the boys will then only have fifteen vacancies, of which a fourth will be from Londoners. The statistics of the Election are as follow:—Out of a total issue of 37,290 votes, 33,292 were used, leaving within two of 4000 not accounted for (to this number has to be added 5701 brought forward from April last, making a total of 38,993 recorded, including 7909 to be carried forward to next April). The average number polled for the successful candidates was high—1,969. One very gratifying fact is, that neither of the last chances were left out; this, however, is not the case with the Boys, for out of seven last chances four only succeeded. One, No. 23, was withdrawn; and it would have been more creditable to all concerned if No. 1, with only 97 votes after the sixth application, for which he polled ninety on this occasion; and No. 25, with two votes, on his first and last application, had been withdrawn also. The total number of votes recorded on Monday for the Boys was 53,849, of which 5,954 were brought forward from April, and 45,955 out of 54,105 issued. The first number includes 4,272 to be carried forward to the next election. The average number for the thirty-seven successful candidates was low, in comparison with the other School, viz., nearly 1,378. The next election will require great energy to be exerted if a candidate is to be in the swim at all, and the polling will be proportionately high; but as the list stands at present there will be only two last chances, viz., No. 48, Limpricht, of Northumberland; and No. 56, Bolton, Kennington Lodge, 1381, London. Surely these can be successfully landed. Of the Girls for next April there are at present two last chances. No. 8, Mathilde Pratt, Suffolk, and No. 16, Ethel Kirkman, of Sussex, with 211 and 263 votes respectively to their credit. There should be no difficulty in either case.

Yours fraternally,
P.M. 1607.

(The statistics referred to will be found on the next page.)

GIRLS.

Provinces.	GIRLS.					Cost. £	Yearly Contribution.		
	Present Strength.	Leaving.	Total.	Elected.	Total.		£	s	d
London ...	79	2	77	4	81	2754	5900	19	0
Bedfordshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	18	0
Berks and Bucks ...	1	1	0	1	1	34	201	1	0
Bristol ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	6	0
Cambridgeshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	1	0
Cheshire ...	4	1	3	—	3	102	168	8	0
Cornwall ...	—	1	—	—	1	34	70	17	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland ...	2	—	2	—	2	68	57	7	0
Derbyshire ...	2	—	2	—	2	68	147	13	0
Devonshire ...	6	1	5	—	5	170	174	12	0
Dorsetshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	72	2	0
Durham ...	3	—	3	—	3	102	113	17	0
Essex ...	2	—	2	1	3	102	245	16	0
Gloucestershire ...	4	—	4	—	4	136	366	0	0
Hants and Isle of Wight	12	2	10	1	11	374	348	19	0
Herefordshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	0
Hertfordshire ...	2	—	2	—	—	68	137	16	0
Kent ...	13	—	13	2	15	510	360	16	0
Lancashire (East)	7	3	4	—	—	136	150	1	0
Lancashire (West)	8	—	8	—	8	272	235	15	0
Leicester and Rutland	1	—	1	—	1	34	76	10	0
Lincolnshire ...	4	1	3	2	5	170	12	1	0
Middlesex ...	5	—	5	—	5	170	375	1	0
Monmouthshire ...	1	—	1	1	2	68	70	10	0
Norfolk ...	1	—	1	—	1	34	47	9	0
Norths and Hunts	1	—	4	—	1	34	—	—	—
Northumberland	3	—	3	—	3	102	29	5	0
Nottinghamshire	2	—	2	—	2	68	62	4	0
Oxfordshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	123	1	0
Somersetshire ...	5	—	5	—	5	170	157	1	0
Staffordshire ...	4	—	4	—	4	136	258	14	0
Suffolk ...	5	1	4	1	5	170	111	7	0
Surrey ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	104	11	0
Sussex ...	3	—	3	1	4	136	240	15	0
Warwickshire ...	5	1	4	—	4	136	249	5	0
Wiltshire...	6	1	5	—	5	170	162	17	0
Worcestershire ...	2	—	2	—	2	68	119	16	0
Yorkshire (N. & E.)	6	1	5	1	6	204	157	10	0
Yorkshire (West)	21	2	19	1	20	680	652	17	0
Wales (North) and Shropshire ...	2	—	2	—	2	68	113	19	0
Wales (South and East)	5	—	5	—	5	170	145	14	0
Wales (West) ...	2	1	1	—	1	34	114	2	0
Channel Isles ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Colonies ...	8	—	8	—	8	272	86	7	0

BOYS.

London ...	53	5	48	17	65	2925	5747	7	0
Bedfordshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	11	0
Berks and Bucks ...	1	—	1	—	1	45	211	5	0
Bristol ...	1	—	1	—	1	45	11	11	0
Cambridgeshire ...	—	—	—	1	1	45	27	3	0
Cheshire ...	4	1	3	—	3	135	161	9	0
Cornwall ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	17	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland ...	4	—	4	—	4	180	210	8	0
Derbyshire ...	1	—	1	—	1	45	147	12	0
Devonshire ...	6	1	5	1	6	270	126	9	0
Dorsetshire ...	5	—	5	—	5	225	180	1	0
Durham ...	4	—	4	2	6	270	251	16	0
Essex ...	4	—	4	—	4	180	149	6	0
Gloucestershire ...	4	1	3	—	3	135	324	1	0
Hants and Isle of Wight	6	2	4	3	7	315	279	3	0
Herefordshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	13	0
Hertfordshire ...	2	—	2	—	2	90	107	18	0
Kent ...	7	1	6	—	6	270	704	3	0
Lancashire (East)	10	3	7	1	8	360	499	3	0
Lancashire (West)	8	—	8	—	8	360	534	0	0
Leicester and Rutland	1	—	1	—	1	45	104	7	0
Lincolnshire ...	6	1	5	1	6	270	25	8	0
Middlesex ...	6	—	6	—	6	270	313	2	0
Monmouthshire ...	—	—	—	1	1	45	99	9	0
Norfolk ...	3	—	3	—	3	135	93	14	0
Norths and Hunts	3	—	3	—	3	135	30	15	0
Northumberland	5	—	5	—	5	225	265	18	0
Nottinghamshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	60	7	0
Oxfordshire ...	1	—	1	1	2	90	59	6	0
Somersetshire ...	5	2	3	—	3	135	121	12	0
Staffordshire ...	4	—	4	1	5	225	201	8	0
Suffolk ...	1	—	1	—	—	45	146	1	0
Surrey ...	3	—	3	—	3	135	126	7	0
Sussex ...	4	—	4	2	6	270	243	9	0
Warwickshire ...	3	1	2	—	2	90	181	9	0
Wiltshire...	2	1	1	—	—	45	43	19	0
Worcestershire ...	3	—	3	—	3	135	189	11	0
Yorkshire (N. & E.)	4	—	4	2	6	270	191	9	0
Yorkshire (West)	15	1	14	2	16	720	609	10	0
Wales (North) and Shropshire ...	3	—	3	—	3	135	140	16	0
Wales (South and East)	1	—	1	—	1	45	159	18	0
Wales (West) ...	3	—	3	1	4	180	95	17	0
Channel Isles ...	3	1	2	—	2	90	42	17	3
Colonies ...	9	1	8	1	9	405	31	16	7

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

FOR unanimity and concord commend us to this old and successful Lodge. Under the genial rule of its present Worshipful Master Bro. Alfred J. Potter, and a long array of veterans by whom his efforts are seconded, the Lodge has succeeded amply in maintaining the proud position it has for many years continued to enjoy. It is well within our recollection how, when at a closing meeting before the summer recess, when a magnificent and deserved testimonial was presented to Bro. Harper, the hard-working and zealous Secretary, reference was made to the vicissitudes which had marked the annals of the New Concord Lodge. Happily, by united effort, all difficulties have now been surmounted, and as the title of the Lodge implies, a period—let us hope it will be long maintained—of "new concord" has now set in. The brethren assembled in goodly force on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred J. Potter, presided, supported by Bros. C. Weeden S.W., A. Perl J.W., Rev. C. Stevens Chaplain, J. Boulton P.M. Treasurer, R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, F. Perl S.D., C. J. E. Chubb J.D., C. H. Ockleford D. of C., F. M. Wenborn Organist, J. J. Pilley I.G.; P.M.'s J. Stilwell, T. J. Cusworth, L. C. Haslip, Sampson George, and H. J. Gabb; Bros. G. Westfield, H. L. Allardyce, A. Rose, E. C. Conrad, G. Mustoe, G. W. Vaughan, G. Warner, R. Tedman, J. R. Cordell, J. Wright, C. Brüstlin, A. Fanquez, S. Woods, and C. T. Speight Prov. G. Tyler Surrey, P.M. 27 Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Cobham P.M. 141, S. Jacobs P.M. 1327, P.P.G. Purs. Herts., R. W. Hunter P.M. 1685, E. Jacobs 1437, H. J. Amphlett 1511, and others. Lodge was opened in form, and after the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was opened for Mr. Arthur Rose, who had been proposed by his father, Bro. A. Rose, seconded by the Secretary, and for Mr. T. B. Richards, proposed by Bro. Pilley and seconded by Bro. A. Perl J.W. In each instance the voting was unanimous, and the candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, the working being such as to reflect the utmost credit upon the Worshipful Master and his Officers. In consequence of the death of Bro. Stead P.M., many of the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. Kindly reference was also made to the loss sustained by the respected Tyler of the Lodge, who had officiated in that capacity ever since its consecration, by the death of his wife, and on the minutes was the record of a letter of condolence to Bro. Speight, which had been duly acknowledged. After the transaction of some routine business the Brethren and Visitors adjourned to the Throne Room, where an excellent repast was provided, and the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Cusworth, as acting I.P.M., then assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, in doing which he said all the brethren who had witnessed the manner in which the ceremonies of the day had been performed would feel convinced that Bro. Potter took great pains to carry out the duties as befitting the W.M. of the New Concord Lodge. The toast was well received, and Bro. Potter W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren very heartily for the kind manner in which they had greeted the mention of his name. Allow him, now that they had reassembled after the long summer vacation, to offer them his hearty good wishes after the long interval. He only hoped they had had a pleasant time and an enjoyable holiday, and that they had returned to their work with renewed zest and vigour. Since they last met it had been their misfortune to lose two brethren who were highly and deservedly respected in the Lodge. Bro. Stead P.M. died some weeks ago, and another equally beloved (Brother Anderson) had also been called away. He concluded by expressing the hope that they would all do their utmost to promote the continued welfare and prosperity of the New Concord Lodge. He next proposed, in suitable terms, the Initiates, observing that they had that evening admitted two brethren of whom they had every reason to be proud. The initiates were received with the utmost cordiality, and in responding to the toast Bro. Rose returned his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which it had been received by the company. He assured them it afforded him great pleasure to have been initiated amongst them that evening as a Mason. He should use his utmost efforts to become an ornament to the Craft and to society; and he again tendered his best thanks for the kind reception which had been given to him. Bro. Richards, after returning thanks, hoped the brethren would recognise his earnestness rather than his want of eloquence in doing so. He had for a considerable time thought of Freemasonry, although, of course, it had been to him, up to that evening, a dead letter. However, having seen many noble actions achieved by Masons, he was imbued with a desire to emulate their example. He knew such actions were only the outcome of grand teachings, and consequently he sought to join this Lodge with a view to being taught. With the instruction he should secure here he felt he stood as fair a chance as any man of becoming a good Mason, and he thanked the brethren most heartily for having admitted him into their Lodge. The Worshipful Master next gave the Visitors, who were accorded a hearty welcome, and Bro. Cobham P.M. 141, in reply, said it was not the first time he had had the pleasure of meeting at this hospitable board, but on this occasion his pleasure was tinged with pain, because of the death of Past Master Bro. Stead, who was an old and particular friend of his. A better man in private life he never met with, and as a Mason he exhibited the most excellent qualities. He only hoped the G.A.O.T.U. had taken him to better quarters. Bro. S. Jacobs P.M. P. Prov. G. Pursnivant Herts also responded. He was glad to be present this evening to witness the initiation of his old schoolfellow, and he congratulated the Worshipful Master upon the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony. He thought so much of Freemasonry that he initiated two of his own sons on one evening.

He had nine sons, and he hoped the Almighty would give him health and strength to make them all members of the Craft. Bros. Hunter and E. Jacobs also briefly acknowledged the hospitality which had been extended to the Visitors. The Worshipful Master proposed the Past Masters, of whom they had a goodly array that evening. No one knew until he got into the chair what assistance the Past Masters were, and he could assure the brethren he had found them most useful, as well as ornamental. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Past Masters Gabb, Cusworth, Harper, Haslip, and Stilwell, all of whom expressed unabated interest in the Lodge and their earnest wish to make it a thorough success. The Officers next came in for a well-merited compliment at the hands of the W.M., and they severally responded to the toast, the list being fittingly closed by the Tyler. Some excellent songs were rendered, and the evening was marked with the utmost urbanity and enjoyment.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. George Edwards. The meeting was a most successful one, and fully up to the standard of the Lodge. The minutes having been confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received, Bro. Charles Everett was raised, the Worshipful Master performing the ceremony in a most gratifying manner, as he also did that of the installation which followed. He was supported by the following Officers:—Henry Lovegrove S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., Fred. J. Perks P.M. Secretary, C. J. Scales P.M., W. M. Stiles P.M., Henry Stiles P.M., T. C. Edmonds S.D., F. W. Dimsdale J.D., W. F. Bates D.C., J. G. McEwan A.D.C., G. F. Bruce Organist, W. Davey I.G., R. W. Fraser Steward, and S. Smith Tyler. Bro. Henry Lovegrove P.M. P.Z. was the Worshipful Master elect, and he having been installed and saluted, invested the following as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros Knight S.W., Edmonds J.W., Perks P.M. Secretary, Dimsdale S.D., Davey J.D., Bates I.G., McEwan D.C., Fraser A.D.C., Bruton and Brice Stewards, Bruce Organist, Smith Tyler. The W.M. said he had received a letter from Bro. J. Willing, their Treasurer, wherein he said he was afraid he should not be present at the meeting, as business detained him in another part of London. The W.M. said he should have much pleasure in investing Bro. Willing with his collar of office on the first occasion on which he was able to be present. Brother Edwards then proceeded to complete the ceremony of installation, rendering the addresses in an able manner. Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. proposed that the best thanks of the Lodge be voted to the Installing Master, and that the same be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that day. Bro. Scales P.M. seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation. The W.M., in formally conveying to Bro. Edwards the thanks of the Lodge, said he had additional pleasure in supplementing the vote by the presentation of a Past Master's jewel, which had been previously voted by the members. Bro. Lovegrove felt that the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge had never been given to a more worthy brother than to Bro. Edwards, or one who had striven harder to earn it. Bro. Edwards thanked the brethren for the very kind feelings they had evinced towards him in presenting the Past Master's jewel he had just received, and also for the hearty support they had rendered him during his term of office. A vote of condolence with one of the members of the Lodge, who had just lost his wife, and one of congratulation with Bro. Carter, on his restoration to health after a most severe accident, having been passed, the Worshipful Master proposed that, in consideration of the great services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. J. J. Michael, one of the earliest Masters, he be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The proposition was seconded by the I.P.M., and carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In due course the usual toasts were honoured. That of the Queen and Craft was followed by the health of the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Prince of Wales had done a great amount of work for the good of Freemasonry, and appeared ever ready to advance its welfare. The Worshipful Master felt that when the day came for the Grand Master to exchange the gavel for the sceptre, the destinies of England would be safe under his rule. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers were next honoured. Brethren who had the privilege of taking a part in the proceedings at Grand Lodge were well acquainted with the ability displayed by the rulers of the Craft in the conduct of its affairs. There was no more distinguished Chairman in England than the Pro Grand Master, and if the Deputy Grand Master was not quite equal it was perhaps because he had had less experience, but the noble presence of Lord Lecham amply compensated for any shortcoming he might possess in this respect. The Immediate Past Master next assumed the gavel. He felt it was quite unnecessary for him to say anything to recommend the toast he had to propose—the health of the Worshipful Master of the Metropolitan Lodge. There were however, a few points to which he desired to refer. Bro. Lovegrove was initiated in the Lodge, and had worked his way through the different offices until now he was Worshipful Master. The brethren would all, he was sure, do what they could to make their Master's term of office one of success for the Lodge. The Worshipful Master had seen a great amount of service in Freemasonry, but in presiding over his mother Lodge his past honours would be forgotten in the gratification of the moment. Doubtless his experience, acquired elsewhere, would be of service to him in ruling his mother Lodge. Brother Lovegrove replied, tendering his thanks, and hoping he might be able to manage the Lodge as the brethren desired it should be governed. Bro. Edwards had told them he (Bro. Lovegrove) had had some experience in the chair of Freemasonry. True, the present was the tenth occasion on which he had presided over a body of Freemasons; but he might tell them, experience did

not beget confidence, and so he felt the responsibility of his position. He should work to the best of his ability for the welfare of the Lodge and its members, and not only in the Lodge, but outside, he should devote himself to the advancement of its interests. He hoped that when he retired from office the brethren would be able to say he had succeeded in his desires. Bro. Lovegrove then proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. G. Edwards I.P.M. It had always been a source of gratification to him that the brethren had elected Bro. Edwards to preside over the Lodge, as he considered him—as he had proved to be—well fitted for the office. He had carried out his duties most ably, had attended regularly, had worked most efficiently, and in finishing up his year had added the keystone to his Masonic labours by installing his successor. Brother Edwards tendered his thanks. When he assumed the government of the Lodge he felt great diffidence in undertaking the work. He had dreaded what was in store for him, lest he should prove unable to carry out his duties. Now he was able to look back upon his Mastership with gratification; thanks to the support he had received from the members of the Lodge his year of office had been a pleasure to him—he had such a united and kind-hearted body of brethren to preside over that the work had been light and the enjoyment frequent. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the other Past Masters, briefly referring to the services each had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Scales had always felt a great pleasure in attending the Lodge, and hoped to do so for many years to come. He felt that the Past Masters were actuated by but one desire—to promote brotherly love. Bro. W. M. Stiles followed. The Past Masters of the Metropolitan Lodge were very proud of the position they occupied. He felt the Past Masters would have very little to do during the coming year, for with Bro. Lovegrove in the chair there was no need for outside assistance. Should, however, the services of the Past Masters be required, they were all ready and willing to respond. Among the Past Masters were Masons who were able to do the work of Freemasonry. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement had lately invited some of them to attend and learn how Masonry should be worked. The Past Masters of the Metropolitan Lodge felt they were quite capable of showing that themselves, and, moreover, strove to teach a ritual consistent with the English language. He was very proud to see Bro. Lovegrove in the chair, and assured the brethren they might count on the Past Masters doing all they could to assist and support their present Master in his conduct of the Lodge. Bro. Henry Stiles also replied, and then the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. Baldwin replied. It afforded him great pleasure to again attend the Lodge, and to witness its continued prosperity. He felt that under the rule of Bro. Lovegrove it would lose none of its former lustre. Bro. Scurrah was also pleased to be among them. It always afforded him gratification to attend the meetings of this popular Lodge. It was popular for two reasons, first, because it had always been second to none in its working—every brother who had occupied the chair having been able to do the work in a thorough masterly manner—and, secondly, because it was a thoroughly hospitable Lodge. Bro. Scurrah assured the brethren he looked upon the Metropolitan Lodge as an exemplification of true hospitality. He knew many of its members, and looked upon them as being thorough good Masons. Their Worshipful Master was his Immediate Past Master in the Henry Levander Lodge, and had there proved himself a worthy brother and a true gentleman. The more the brethren knew of him the more they would appreciate him. Bros. Stimson, Wells and others having also responded, the Master proposed the toast of the Officers, with which he coupled the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. Knight, Edmonds, Perks, and others acknowledged the toast, and then the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close. Among the Visitors were Bros. S. S. Fontaine S.W. 45, W. Hælis 1777, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 2018, E. G. Cherry 861, B. Fullwood P.M. 328, A. H. Scurrah 2018, J. A. Wilson 1326, G. S. Smyth 1972, A. Symes J.W. 554, A. B. Hudson J.D. 1657, John Murch P.M. 27, C. Mansfield 1421, H. Dickey Sec. 1744, J. F. Simms, W. Hunt 172, E. A. Tilbury 975, D. Strond J.W. 2090, H. A. K. Davis 177, G. Dickinson S.D. 1681, T. Richardson W.M. 862, R. Ross D.C. 1744, John Jones I.G. 1278, A. Mulford P.M. 1288, W. Side W.M. 2015, H. Baldwin W.M. 1949, J. G. W. Gwyer W.M. 1288, W. Barrroughs W.M. 1437, J. Irvine J.D. 862, W. Groves P.M. 749, J. Kirby Sec. 336, T. C. Phillips 1963, W. R. Palmer 113, R. M. Surridge S.D. 1648, J. Glenn S.W. 19, E. A. Wells P.M. 15, Arthur Gilbert 554, C. Leach 861, W. Hollis Treasurer 1531, F. W. Farmer 25, J. Wilson W.M. 1328, E. Stimson P.M. 15.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual meeting for the election of Master took place at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday, the 12th inst., when there was a large assemblage of brethren. Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., M.P., was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. Blekin P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., G. Balmford P.M., Major McGachen P.M., J. Polkinghorne W.M. 1991, A. T. B. Turner S.W., W. Brown J.W., and a full attendance of brethren and several Visitors. The Lodge having been opened, Bro. Sharpe was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Treasurer announced that the audit of the Lodge accounts showed a handsome balance in favour of the Lodge. Bro. Whytehead presented, on behalf of Bro. Langley Mills, M.D., a framed copy of the engraving of the laying of the foundation-stone of the University of Edinburgh by Lord Napier, Grand Master in 1789. Bro. Padel P.M. presented the fourth volume of Gould's History of Freemasonry to the Library. The brethren then proceeded to the election of Master, when Bro. A. T. B. Turner S.W. was unanimously re-elected. Brother G. Balmford P.M. was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Brother Hall Tyler. Lodge was then closed, and the members adjourned to supper, which was presided over by the W.M. Arrangements are being made for the dedication of the Hall by the Earl of Zetland.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

ON Monday evening the brethren of this old and prosperous Lodge assembled at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. S. Boas Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. H. Tipper J.W., J. M. Levy J.D., Bloomfield I.G., W. D. Bayley P.M. Treasurer, Asher Myers Secretary, S. Rosenfeld D.C., Thompson Steward; Past Masters J. D. Barnett, Nathan Moss, S. Barnett, A. E. Staley, and N. Glückstein. Amongst the Visitors were Brothers R. Sandell, Rev. S. Jacobs (Newcastle-on-Tyne) 406, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, and J. T. Crawford 766. Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Saul Nathan was passed, and subsequently Bro. H. Mayer was raised to the sublime degree. Having resumed in the first, the ballot was opened for Mr. Max Weinschenk, who had been proposed by Bro. Birn and seconded by Bro. Mayer; Mr. Sidmud Sulzbacher, nominated by Bro. J. Davis, seconded by Bro. E. Lazarus; and, as a joining member, Bro. David Hills, proposed by Bro. J. E. Eisenman, seconded by Bro. A. E. Staley. The voting in each case was unanimous, and Mr. Weinschenk and Mr. Sulzbacher were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the Worshipful Master, who acquitted himself in a most creditable manner. After the business the brethren and visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet, superintended by Brother Marchant, whose arrangements were all that could be desired. The customary Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, and amidst an abundance of harmony a very agreeable evening was passed.

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

THIS old Lodge resumed business for the winter session on Tuesday, 13th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly master of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. A. H. Trewinnard W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. Edis S.W., J. Quarterly J.W., J. Terry P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, J. Crump P.M. Treasurer, E. Davies P.M. acting Secretary, W. Smith S.D., C. Taylor J.D., H. Langley D.C., J. Curtis Org., F. Sandy I.G.; P.M.'s A. Hickman, Alford, R. Griggs, R. H. Halford, J. Hillhouse, J. H. Miller, C. Thomas Prov. Grand Tyler Herts Tyler, and about twenty other brethren. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. C. T. Thornes P.M. 1632, J. A. Collingridge 1677, J. Benney 75, J. A. Collings 1693, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was opened for Mr. Charles Clark, of Highbury, who had been nominated by the W.M., seconded by Bro. E. Davies. The voting was unanimous, and the candidate was duly initiated by the W.M., who fulfilled his duties in perfect manner. Several joining members were balloted for and accepted, and after some other business had been disposed of, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, at which the customary toasts were duly honoured.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE first regular Lodge of the season was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. M. J. Withers W.M., S. Wheeler jun. I.P.M., D. H. Witherington S.W., F. Blackwell J.W., R. C. Mount P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Parry Secretary, J. W. Martin S.D., C. G. Hawkes J.D., J. R. Hayward Organist, William Sherwood I.G., J. C. B. Tirbutt acting D.C., C. T. Rayner Steward, W. Hemmings Tyler, Robert Bradley P.M. Prov. Grand Secretary; also Bros. W. J. Maurice, F. J. Wellman, B. Rud-dock, H. P. Knill, C. E. Loveday, Walter Blackwell, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular Lodge, and Lodges of Emergency in May and September, were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Charles Edward Loveday having passed the usual examination as to proficiency was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third, and Bro. Loveday was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M., the traditional history being given by the I.P.M. Bro. Wheeler. The Lodge was resumed in the second and first degrees. The Worshipful Master referred to the death of the senior Past Master of the Lodge, Bro. W. W. Moxhay, which melancholy event had occurred since the last regular meeting; he mentioned the steps he had taken with the desire to show respect to his memory, viz., asking the brethren to appear in Masonic mourning and the introduction of mourning emblems into the Lodge. The Chaplain (Canon Garry) at his request had written, in the name of the Lodge, a letter of sympathy and condolence to the widow and family of their deceased brother, which the W.M. read, and also the reply received from Mrs. Moxhay. He proposed that these letters be entered on the minutes, and that the brethren also express their sense of the loss they had sustained, by the following minute:—

"The brethren of the Lodge of Union, No. 414, at this, the first regular Lodge held since the death of their much lamented and respected Brother W. W. Moxhay P.M. P.P.S.G.W., desire to place on record their deep sense of the loss Freemasonry in Reading, in the Province of Berks and Bucks, and particularly the Lodge of Union, has sustained by the decease of their Senior Past Master, who had for so many years acted as Installing Master of the Lodge, and by his genial and fraternal bearing had endeared himself to the brethren."

Bro. Wheeler I.P.M. cordially seconded this proposal, and it was adopted unanimously. The "Dead March in Soul" was then performed by the Organist. Business ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer. The mourning adopted in the Lodge was draping the pedestals and Secretary's table with cloth, and the Wardens' columns and Deacons' wands with crape.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THERE was a large attendance of brethren and visitors at a regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Guildhall Tavern, City, on Monday evening last, under the presidency of Brother McClelland W.M., who was supported by Bros. David Hughes I.P.M., H. Harbord S.W., Daniel Hughes J.W., John Hughes P.M. Treasurer, C. Beaumont P.M. Secretary, R. P. Stevens S.D., J. P. Hoddinott I.G., R. Clinch D.C., E. C. T. Haad Organist, A. Prince and W. R. Haylock Stewards; P.M.'s J. Hughes, G. A. Cundy, A. Ginger, and A. Griffiths; also Bros. G. E. Fimister, J. B. Jackson, G. Lawson, H. Barwell, W. G. Judge, J. Parsons, H. Bunnell, R. Gillard, F. W. Venner, E. Venner, C. Bates, H. Derry, P. Rogers, Whitnell, Woodstock Tyler, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. J. Godwin 1343, W. Drinkler 765, J. Spencer 765, G. Gillard 1382, and others. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The bye-laws were then considered, and Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bros. J. B. Jackson and T. W. Venner were passed, the ceremony being ably conducted by the Worshipful Master and his Officers. Having opened in the third, Bro. Parsons was raised to the sublime degree, the working being all that could be desired. After the transaction of some routine business, the brethren adjourned for supper, which was served in Bros. Ritter and Clifford's best style, under the superintendence of Brother Newton, when the usual loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. gave the Queen and the Craft, which toast was enthusiastically received, after which he said there was another toast the City of London Lodge never failed to honour, and that was H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He could say very little to enhance the feelings of admiration they all, in common with other Masons, entertained towards his Royal Highness for his exertions to extend the blessings of Freemasonry over the world. He had recently been visiting the country where he was first initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and had taken the opportunity of renewing his fraternal regards with the people among whom he first saw the light. Bro. Joseph Spencer was called away on important political business at this juncture, to the great regret of his many friends. The I.P.M., Bro. David Hughes, said he had now the pleasure of proposing the health of their esteemed Worshipful Master. He had so often before expressed the estimation of the brethren for Bro. McClelland and his ability displayed in the working of the ceremonies that he need only say that they had had a further illustration of it on this occasion. Bro. McClelland always afforded them a great amount of pleasure and satisfaction by his working in every respect. They all appreciated his abilities so much that it was only necessary to mention his name in connection with the toast. Bro. McClelland, on rising to respond, met with a very cordial reception. He thanked the proposer of the toast for the kindly way in which he had brought his name before the brethren, and the company for the way in which they had received it. They all knew his feelings respecting the interests and welfare of the City of London Lodge, and he assured them that during his occupation of the chair, and ever afterwards, he should study those interests as he had done in the past. He looked back upon the pleasant evenings he had spent in connection with this Lodge. He trusted that by his future conduct in support of the Lodge to meet with the same kindly feeling as he had experienced in the past, and that the affairs of the Lodge would always be conducted with the same harmony and concord as they had hitherto enjoyed. Several other toasts followed, that of the Visitors being warmly received, and responded to severally by the visiting brethren present, and the proceedings were varied by an excellent selection of vocal and instrumental music, Bro. Hand, the Organist of the Lodge, and Bro. Fimister rendering efficient assistance on the pianoforte.

THE ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

THIS flourishing Lodge held its first meeting for the coming year at the Westminster Town Hall, on Monday, 12th inst., under the presidency of W. H. Baker Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. Bardett-Coutts I.P.M., H. Bowman Spink P.M., J. W. Rogers Treasurer, J. E. Shand Secretary, T. Bull as S.W., R. E. H. Goffin as J.W., H. R. Baker J.D., J. Gibson I.G., H. Mainwaring Dunstan D.C., H. Schartau Organist, Rev. R. J. Simpson Chap., C. C. Piper, and G. W. Wheeler, together with about eighty brethren and visitors. The ceremonies in the Lodge consisted of raising Bros. Cookson, Richards, Flury, and Todman, passing Messrs. Joshua Hawkins and Jo. E. Salway, while Messrs. Gammon, Hankin, and Shrivens were admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. It is needless to say that the work throughout gave satisfaction to the brethren, especially when it is considered that this was the first regular meeting of the year. At the conclusion of the working the brethren and visitors dined together, to the number of ninety-two, Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, the eminent caterers, supplying it in their very best possible manner. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of the Queen and the Craft, said that Freemasons had from time immemorial been loyal subjects to Her Majesty, and always would continue so. In connection with the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, the Chairman said he had received a communication from Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, regretting his inability to attend; he was, though, pleased to see their old friend Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain and Chaplain of the Lodge present. In his usual eloquent manner the Chaplain responded, his earnest remarks being listened to with great attention. The P.M. proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master, and said that much credit was due for the energy displayed by him in the formation of the Lodge, and which he had always exhibited since he had been in office. The W.M. in suitable terms replied, and proposed the health of their first Master Bro. Bardett-Coutts. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and with full Masonic

honours. The I.P.M., in reply, said it was great gratification to see the Lodge so prosperous, he hoped it would continue to flourish. He could assure them that it always would be a pleasure and delight to him to attend their meetings. In a little more than twelve months their Lodge had taken rank as one of the first in the metropolis, and the brethren would, he was sure, do their best to maintain that prestige. Other toasts followed, and were duly responded to, while an excellent selection of music was rendered by Bros. Schartau, Dalzell, Nettleship, Lloyd, Montague, Cattle, and H. R. Baker, under the direction of Bro. Schartau, the Organist of the Lodge. The next meeting takes place on Monday, 14th December.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

ON Thursday, the 15th inst., there was a meeting of emergency of this Lodge, at York, for the purpose of formally opening a new organ which has been purchased by subscription amongst the members. The Lodge was opened in the first degree by Bro. W. Draper W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. Garbutt I.P.M., H. Foster S.W., T. G. Hodgson J.W., J. Todd P.M. Treasurer, W. Smith Secretary, S. Border S.D., C. M. Forbes I.G., A. Sample Organist, H. S. Hopton and S. G. Crammack Stewards, R. W. Hollon, G. Balford, T. B. Whythead, M. Rooke, G. Kirby, W. H. Gainforth, J. E. McKay, G. C. Lee, and Major McGachen P.M.; A. T. B. Turner W.M. elect 1611; and others. Bro. T. G. Hodgson, on behalf of the subscribers, a list of whom he proceeded to read, presented to the Worshipful Master the organ for the use of the Lodge, and the Worshipful Master suitably acknowledged the splendid gift, at the same time proposing a vote of thanks to Bros. Hodgson and Border, to whose efforts the raising of the requisite funds was due. A programme of music for the occasion was then gone through, to the great delight of the brethren present. Bro. A. Sample officiated as Organist with consummate ability, and succeeded in well displaying the many good points of the instrument. The following was the programme: "Hail, Masonry Divine," solo by Bro. G. Kirby, and chorus by the brethren; organ solo, concerto in B flat (No. 2), Handel; anthem "Behold! how good and pleasant," Shield, Bros. Todd, Kerby and Sanderson; organ solo, "Vesper Hymn," with variations, Turpin; aria, "If with all your heart," Mendelssohn, Bro. J. Todd; organ solos, "Cujus Animam," Rossini; and Hallelujah Chorus, Handel; Masonic Anthem, "God save the Queen," solos by Bros. J. Todd P.M., G. Kirby P.M., and H. Foster P.M.; concluding voluntary, War March from "Athalia," Mendelssohn. The organ, which has been constructed to order by the firm of Conacher and Co., of Huddersfield, is an exquisite instrument, thoroughly adapted for the purpose, being voiced specially for the room, and made up almost entirely of solo stops. It is made up as follows: Great organ—Open diapason, 8 feet; stopped diapason, 4 feet stopped; harmonic flute 4 feet; viol de gamba 4 feet. Swell organ—Salicional 4 feet; voix celeste, 4 feet; dulciana, 4 feet; gringhorn, 4 feet; hautbois, 4 feet. Pedal organ—Boardon, 8 feet stopped; full compass throughout, and 2½ octaves of pedals. The front pipes are diapered and adorned with Masonic emblems, the bulk of the metal is spotted, and the cost has been (including the old instrument) about £150. At the conclusion of the performance the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, where they enjoyed a harmonious evening.

BEACONTREE LODGE, No. 1228.

IT is an event in the history of this old and steady-going Lodge, which has done so much in years gone by, and is still doing in the cause of Masonic Charity, that, from a variety of circumstances, the brethren recently decided to change their venue from Leytonstone to London. Undoubtedly the decision was a wise and judicious one, considering all the circumstances of the case. In the first place, by the lamented death of Bro. T. Barford, a P.M. of No. 55, and one of the founders of this Lodge, who for some years was proprietor of the Red Lion Hotel at Leytonstone, the Lodge lost a good and trusty friend, and other matters arose which in the opinion of the brethren justified them in selecting a metropolitan trysting-place. Then the unlooked for demise of the Worshipful Master of last year (Bro. Turner), who during his term of office and useful services to the Lodge was removed, at the comparatively early age of 56 years, proved an additional incentive to the brethren to seek out a fresh line; and much as we may question the advisability of suburban Lodges concentrating their chief réunions in the City, yet, under all the auspices named, we do not think the Beacontree Lodge could have shown more discretion than in the step they have just taken. The installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, when there was a representative attendance of members and Visitors, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Reed P.M. and Secretary, acting as W.M., Chas. Vile S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, R. J. Chillingworth P.M. acting as J.W., A. Bacon S.D., W. Dawson J.D., G. H. Besley D. of C., J. W. Neave I.G., C. Thomas Tyler; P.M.'s W. J. Dobbs, J. Gallagher, Joseph Pige, Thos. Alcock; Bros. S. Hughes, R. Vincent, M. Ban, J. J. Griffiths and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Edwin Barr P.M. 1683, and Arthur Mead P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W. Essex. Lodge was opened in form, and after the usual preliminaries, Bro. Vile was presented for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony ably carried out by Bro. T. Alcock P.M. The newly-installed Master having been greeted with the customary honours, invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Alfred Bacon S.W., W. Dawson J.W., J. W. Neave S.D., Ralph Vincent J.D., G. H. Besley I.G., R. J. Chillingworth P.M. Treasurer, J. Gallagher P.M. Secretary, C. Thomas P.M. Tyler. In tribute of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Turner W.M., the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, and it was stated that a letter of condolence had been forwarded to the widow of the deceased, whose loss had

proved a matter of sincere regret to the whole of the members. At the close of the business a sumptuous banquet was provided, under the superintendence of Bro. Marchant, whose arrangements gave every satisfaction. In consequence, however, of the loss sustained by the Lodge since its last meeting, under circumstances above described, it was agreed to dispense with speeches, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to with the utmost brevity.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Brett P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, in the chair. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod G.P. that of Junior Vice-President. There was a very full attendance of brethren. The recommendations made at the former meeting, to the amount of £395, were confirmed. There were forty new cases on the list. In the course of a long sitting three of these were dismissed, and two deferred. The remaining thirty-five were relieved, with a total of £1,185, consisting of two grants of £100, two of £75, one of £60, four of £50, four of £40, seven of £30, one of £25, six of £20, four of £10, and four of £5.

We are compelled to hold over several reports of meetings and other matters until our next issue, as the demands on our space are exceptionally heavy at this season of the year.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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A Schoolmaster's Retrospect of Eighteen and a Half Years in an Irish School. By Maurice C. Hime, M.A., LL.D., Barrister-at-Law, Head Master of Foyle College, Londonderry. London: Simpkin, Marshall and Co., Stationers' Hall Court. Dublin: Sullivan Brothers, 27 Marlborough Street.

We have had frequent occasion to refer to the emanations from the prolific pen of Bro. Hime, who has evidently made the welfare of our rising youth a life-long study. It must be obvious that an association of nearly twenty years with a grammar-school and college as head-master, has thrown the author into intimate contact with boys and young men of various classes and ages; and it is from a close personal—we were going to say parental—observation of the characters of those who have passed through his hands that he has gathered reminiscences and thoughts which are now transmitted to the public. We can imagine no better source from which to gather hints and suggestions, such as parents would do well to ponder whilst considering the training and education of their sons, or to which young men who have passed their *curriculum* at school may look for sound advice and kindly admonition. The mentorship exercised by Brother Hime is obviously of no mere superficial character; the inner life and the formation of character are his especial solicitude; and thus he has devoted a large portion of his useful career to diverting the thoughts and actions of those of whom he has the educational charge, into the paths of morality and social rectitude. As the title of the little work before us implies, the author gives us some "recollections" of his scholastic experience, which are told in easy conversational style, replete with interesting incidents. He commences with a grateful, though no doubt well-earned, acknowledgment of the amiability of many parents and guardians, whose sons he has had under his charge "for years and years together," and speaks in terms betokening modesty (yet consciousness of duty done) of letters received, "full of affectionate kindness, and cordiality and friendship." It was hardly necessary for our worthy brother to point out how difficult a matter it is to satisfy all parents and guardians, for who does not know all about it that has had any experience of teachers and pupils? We cordially concur in his sensible remarks upon the inefficacy of corporal punishment in making boys good and industrious, and also on the mischief caused by too frequent changing of schools. Very seasonable also are his ideas of the importance of ancient classics as a foundation in education and the teaching of natural and experimental science in schools; but at the same time he thoroughly believes in the old maxim:

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,"

for in a chapter he points out that Satan proverbially finds mischief for idle hands to do, and that plenty of vigorous exercise in the fresh air is of the greatest possible benefit to a boy's mind and body, "provided always that the exercise be not monotonous, excessive, or dangerous." He then descants upon the boon conferred on Ireland by the Intermediate Examinations, and going into more technical matter speaks of the growth of teaching power, and the more frequent admission of laymen to the head-masterships of our Schools, which he regards as a change for the better. Finally he gives expression to an opinion that will find a response in the breast of every sensible parent, namely, that too great attention cannot be paid to the religious education as distinct from Biblical instruction. This is debatable ground, but in our view the subject is well and judiciously handled by the author, whose addition to the series of works of a kindred nature already noticed in these columns we cordially commend to the perusal of parents and guardians and all others who are interested in the educational, moral, and religious training of the rising generation.

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BY command of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master designate, the Provincial Grand Lodge of this Province will assemble at the ASSEMBLY ROOMS, BEDFORD, on THURSDAY, the 29th day of OCTOBER 1885, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of the INSTALLATION OF COLONEL WILLIAM STUART as PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF BEDFORDSHIRE.

The ceremony will be performed by the V.W. Bro. COLONEL SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary of England.

The Banquet will be at the SWAN HOTEL, BEDFORD, at six o'clock. Tickets, 6s 6d each.

Brethren who intend to be present are requested to advise the P.G. Secretary designate, not later than 26th October, in order to secure places.

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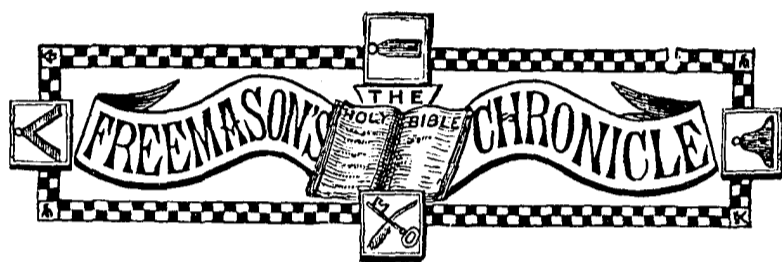
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at Halifax, on Wednesday, 14th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place. The Fearnley Mark Lodge, No. 58, was opened, and at 4.30 the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and was opened by the Prov. G. Master, Bro. C. L. Mason Past Grand Steward. There were also present Bros. the Rev. W. C. Lukis D.P.G.M.M., J. W. Monckman P.P.G.S.W., Charles Crabtree Prov. G.J.W., John Barker P.P.G.W., Thomas Whittaker P.P.G.W., Austin Roberts P.P.G.W., C. T. Rhodes P.P.G.W., Richard Nelson Prov. G.M.O., H. R. Waghorn P.P.G.O., J. L. Pugh P. Prov. G.J.O., R. Worsick Past Provincial Grand Overseer, Rev. W. Dunn, Prov. G. Chaplain, Rev. T. C. Smythe, D.D., P.P.P. Chap., Geo. Normanton Past G.I. of Wks. Prov. G. Treasurer, G. H. Radcliffe Prov. G. Reg., H. S. Holdsworth P.P.G. Reg., Wm. Cooke Past G.S.O. Prov. G. Secretary, J. W. Bailey Prov. G.S.D., Hy. France P.P.G.S.B., Geo. Marshall P.P.G.O., W. F. Tomlinson Prov. G.D. of C., Thos. Clarke Prov. Assist. G.D. of C., J. A. Thornton P.P.G.D. of C., John Turner Prov. G. Standard Bearer, J. N. Pickering Prov. G. Org., Geo. Hill Prov. G. Steward, J. G. Lee Prov. G. Steward, W. R. Massie Prov. G. Stwd., Thos. Hodgson as Prov. G. Tyler, Wm. Watson, and brethren from every Lodge in the Province. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master having been saluted in ancient form, said—

In thanking you for your kind salutation, let me express the great pleasure it affords me in again meeting my brethren of West Yorks in Provincial Grand Lodge. The last time we met at Halifax I remember was a very melancholy occasion, for on that day we had committed to its last resting place the body of our late Prov. Grand Master, Bro. John Wordsworth, one who we must always remember with feelings of pleasure, for we, as a Province, owe much to his labours during the time he was Deputy, and also during the six years he was our Prov. Grand Master. It was also a day ever memorable to myself, for on that day you decided unanimously to recommend my name to the Most Wor. Grand Mark Master as your future Head, a recommendation I trust you will never regret. I wish personally to thank the brethren of the Fearnley Lodge, No. 58, for their kind arrangements for our comfort to-day, and also for consenting to hold our meeting in May last at Wakefield, after I had accepted their invitation to hold it in Halifax. Since we last met we have to rejoice that the eldest son of our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has joined our Order, viz., in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112, at Cambridge, on the 18th June 1885, an event which no doubt will be very beneficial to our Order.

At the same time, we regret the loss of brethren who have been active workers amongst us in West Yorks. Bro. Henry William Wrigley, P.M. Truth Lodge, 137, and Bro. William Beanland Spencer, S.W. Fearley Lodge, 58, have been summoned by the Great Overseer. Bro. Wrigley worked hard for Mark Masonry in Huddersfield, and to his arduous and continuous labours I believe the Truth Lodge owes much to-day. Bro. Spencer I invested as one of my Provincial Officers in October of last year, and he was one whom the brethren of Fearley Lodge anticipated would ere long have ruled over them as their Worshipful Master. Let me offer to the brethren of Truth Lodge, 137, and Fearley Lodge, 58, my deep sympathy with them in their respective loss, and may we hope that when our brethren presented their several "Life work," they received that approving mark of the Great Overseer of the Universe as fitted to dwell in that house not made with hands "eternal in the Heavens." In distributing the various collars for the ensuing year, I have endeavoured to divide them, as far as possible, equally amongst the nine Lodges in the Province. It gives me very great pleasure to offer a collar to one who has been upwards of thirty-two years a Mark Mason, one who has worked and laboured hard for the welfare of Masonry, both in England and also in India, and one to whom we, as a Province, owe a debt of gratitude for that admirable address delivered at the Consecration of Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352, at Ripon—I mean our Brother the Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smythe, D.D. I trust this Provincial Grand Lodge will long have the benefit of his services, and I desire to assure Bro. Dr. Smythe of the sincere sympathy of every member of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge in his recent severe and irreparable loss. I am happy to report a gradual increase in the Order; during 1883 there were eighteen new Lodges added to the roll, and, rather singular, a like number in 1884; and up to the commencement of August in this year a further thirteen. In our own Province, during the past year, we have added one and resuscitated two, and the whole of the Lodges are now in working order, with gradually increasing lists of members, but a more detailed statement shall be published with the balance-sheet. At the same time I cannot but regret that the Order is not so popular as in the adjoining county of Lancashire, not that I am urging any rapid increase. I much prefer solidity to rapidity, and I have no doubt that when the principles on which our Order is founded are more generally known, it will be held in higher esteem. As Mark Masters our Order points out to us and teaches us practical lessons. We are taught not to be discouraged by want of success. We as men and Masons may toil and labour, yet all seems of no avail. Our work does not meet with the approbation of our fellow citizens and brethren, and in the hour of sadness, when our motives are misconstrued, we are apt to exclaim, "Alas, alas, my labour is lost!" But is it really so? Remember those words of old, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days." Even our own Order has had to undergo great difficulties: it has been rejected and still is rejected by many worthy Masons. The merits it possesses are to them unknown, yet still we have signs that prejudice is melting away. Those who ordered it to "be cast away amongst the rubbish as useless" are now holding out the hand of friendship. Then again our Order teaches us encouragement; your labours at present are of no avail, yet still the time will come when they will be acknowledged. How many of our Craft Lodges in tracing back their records find that to one or two brethren they owe their present Lodge, and its position on the roll of Grand Lodge of England. A Craft Lodge with which I am connected owes its existence to two worthy brethren who for a few years kept the Lodge entirely together, and when the Lodge celebrates its centenary, now near at hand, the labours of those two worthy brethren will be duly appreciated and their names will be honoured and perpetuated. They laboured under great difficulties; we now reap the benefit of their labours. As Mark Masons let it be our duty to make our conduct such as shall stand the test of the Great Overseer's square, and fit ourselves for the place for which we are destined. Let us learn not to judge by appearances, let us remember our own ignorance, and be more ready to approve than condemn. Animated by these principles we shall not seek to obtain that to which we have no right, but if our work be real let us not give way to despair, even though all seem to be misunderstood and we ourselves left unnoticed. Through the sunshine of prosperity prepare for the storms of adversity, for sooner or later they will come; and when again the clouds pass away, when our work is acknowledged and approved, when what we have striven for, through good report and ill report, is able to stand the test of the criticism of our fellow citizens and brethren, then we can one and each take up the words of a Fellow Craftsman of old, "Thanks be to God, I have my reward."

The roll of Lodges was then called, and representatives from all were present. The minutes of the Provincial Mark Lodge, held at Wakefield, on the 13th May last, were confirmed; Bro. G. Normanton, Past Grand Inspector of Works, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Mark Master then appointed and invested the following Officers:—

Bros. Rev. W. Collings Lukis, M.A.	-	-	Deputy Mark Master
Henry France, 110	-	-	Senior Warden
John Lister P. Pugh, 137	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Dr. Smythe	-	-	Master Overseer
George Henry Radcliffe, 58	-	-	Senior Overseer
John William Bailey, 111	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. Edwin Castle, 111	-	-	Chaplain
George Normanton P.G.I of W., 55	-	-	Treasurer
William Frederick Tomlinson, 111	-	-	Registrar
William Cooke P.G.S.O., 58	-	-	Secretary
Thomas Clarke, 53	-	-	Senior Deacon
John Turner, Old York (T.I.)	-	-	Junior Deacon
James Henry Gratton, 137	-	-	Inspector of Works
William R. Massie, 127	-	-	Dir. of Ceremonies

George Hill, 111	-	-	Assist. D. of Cere.
James Gooding Lee, 58	-	-	Sword Bearer
Henry A. Styring, 53	-	-	Standard Bearer
John N. Pickering, 53	-	-	Organist
E. J. Massie, 127	-	-	Inner Guard
Charles Greenwood, 58	-	-	} Stewards
George Althorp, Old York (T.I.)	-	-	
F. Smith	-	-	

The Wardens and Overseers were elected to serve on the General Purposes Committee for the ensuing year, after which Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual toasts were duly proposed, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening spent. Bros. Holdsworth, Wood, Rhodes, Midgley, Greenwood, Whitaker, and Hodgson adding much to the enjoyment by their songs, recitations and music.

PERCY LODGE, No. 114.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on Wednesday, 14th inst. Amongst those present being Bros. Binckes G.S., Piggott P.P.G.R., Drewitt, Wells, Collier, Day, White, Thomson, &c. The Lodge having been opened according to ancient custom by the W.M., Bro. Charles Beltou P.P.G. Supt. Wks., and the revised copy of the Bye-laws having been duly confirmed, Bro. Binckes G.S. proceeded to instal Bro. D. P. Cama Grand Steward (the well-known and much-esteemed Parsee merchant) in the chair. The ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary in his usual masterly manner, and although suffering from indisposition, he came expressly from London to instal Bro. Cama, who has done so much for our Masonic Charities. The Worshipful Master then invested his Officers and gave the addresses in the most effective and impressive manner. Several candidates for advancement, and as joining members, having been proposed, the next meeting of the Lodge was announced for the third Thursday in November. The musical arrangements, both during the ceremony, and at the subsequent banquet, were most efficiently carried out by Bro. G. S. Graham P.P.G.O.

AUSTRALIAN FREEMASONRY.

THE *Victorian Freemason*, of Australia, thus speaks of England's recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and the complications it is likely to lead to:—

"The intelligence that the Grand Lodge of South Australia has been recognised as a Sister Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of England must be pleasing to all who have watched the progress of Masonic events recently in the Colonies, and although it may be urged that as every Lodge in South Australia had joined the new organisation, England had not a leg to stand upon in refusing recognition, yet we think that the majority of Masons will be ready to forget that fact in the pleasure of finding one, at any rate, of the Colonial Grand Lodges recognised by the parent.

"To those who objected to the plan of the formation of our Colonial Grand Lodge on the plea that the authority to do so should come from the mother Grand Lodges in the first instance, the acknowledgment of South Australia must be convincing proof that the steps taken in declaring independence were the proper ones. And it must not be forgotten that South Australia followed exactly in the steps of New South Wales and Victoria in the formation of her Grand Lodge, there being only this difference—that in South Australia no despotic order was issued to restrain the Lodges from fully and freely dealing with the subject, neither was there a mendacious print issued teeming with misstatements concerning the proposal to found the Grand Lodge.

"It is not our desire, however, to rake up past things that had better be forgotten. Still we would be untrue to our calling did we not, in passing, mention the difference between the circumstances attending South Australia's Grand Lodge formation and those of New South Wales and Victoria, if only as a justification of the latter's action. We feel sure that the brethren, generally, will congratulate the South Australian brethren upon the early settlement of friendly relations with the mother country, and we think it takes not a very prophetic intelligence to foresee the beginning of the end as regards the full development of Grand Lodges for each of the colonies.

"The recognition of South Australia by England will add another peculiarity to the present position of Masonic affairs. At the present time, and until official intimation reaches the colonies, the Lodges under the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions are not allowed to co-mingle with the South Australian Masons, nor interchange visits in their Lodges. The members of the Grand Lodges of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia are in friendly relationship. We will shortly, therefore, have the peculiar state of things that the English Lodges in the colonies must admit members of the South Australian Constitution, while shutting out the New South Wales and Victorian Constitution Masons; and Irish and Scotch Lodges will, until they receive instructions, still have to exclude South Australians. Again, South Australian Masons may visit Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Victoria one evening and English Lodges the next, although English Masons are still forbidden to enter Victorian Lodges."

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CENTENNIAL OF THE CONCORD CHAPTER,
No. 37.

THIS ancient Chapter (working from 1768, chartered 1785) celebrated its Centenary (from the date of its Charter) on Monday, 19th October, at the Masonic Hall, Swan Hotel, Bolton. The history of the Chapter has just been written by its M.E.Z., Comp. James Newton, with an introduction by Comp. W. J. Hughan, and contains a photographic portrait of Comp. G. P. Brockbank, of Bolton, Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies; the publisher of the work being Bro. George Keuning. The members of the Chapter had been hoping to obtain a Centenary Charter, having petitioned Grand Chapter for that purpose, but in consequence of an unfortunate period of ten years, from 1791 to 1801, during which no meetings of the Chapter are recorded, the Committee of Grand Chapter could not grant the Centenary Charter. The members of the Chapter, may, however, feel proud of the fact that they may justly claim to be the senior on the roll of all Chapters in England now existing as respects its origin and work by "Modern" brethren, though of course its warrant is later than several, because it for many years worked under the wing of the Lodge, without any other authority, and its legitimacy, at all events, even when independent, was directly admitted by the "regular" Grand Chapter of England in 1769, when three brethren exalted in the Chapter were granted a charter for a Chapter at Bury. The proceedings on Monday commenced at 5 o'clock, at which hour the Chapter was opened, there being present Comps. James Newton P. Prov. G.S.N. Z., Johnson Mills H., E. M. Garstang J., G. P. Brockbank Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies Scribe E., John Booth P.S., Jas. Naylor 2nd A.S., Jas. Walker Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer, Samuel Isherwood P.Z., Jas. Brown P.Z., J. W. Roiley Janitor, Thos. Higson Assistant Janitor, and Wm. Forrest; also as Visitors Comps. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Prov. G.H., J. H. Sillitoe Prov. G.J., John Chadwick Prov. G. Scribe E., G. A. Mort Z. 221, J. Boothroyd H. 221, E. G. Harwood J. 221. Nathl. Nicholson P.Z. 221, Wm. Cooper H. 348, J. F. Skelton J. 348, Thomas Grime P.Z. 345, Josh. Rawlinson 345, John Vickers 758, R. R. Lissenden 317. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the Scribe E. read a letter from the Grand Superintendent (Colonel Le G. N. Starkie) explaining that his engagements in Scotland prevented his being present, and congratulating the Chapter on the auspicious event. Scribe E. also read a letter from Comp. W. J. Hughan, expressing his regret at not being able to be present, and giving a few interesting facts relating to the Chapter. He pointed out that the Chapter was at work prior to the issue of any Warrants by the Grand Chapter of the "regular" Freemasons, London, and that as far as he could discover the Chapter has the earliest records of any Chapter supported by the regular Masons or "Moderns" of any outside the metropolis. Also that the present members had reason to be proud that their predecessors conferred the Royal Arch on three brethren from Bury, who subsequently obtained a Charter from the London Grand Chapter to hold a Chapter at Bury, and which Chapter has recently obtained a Centenary Warrant as from 1769. He also remarked that Bolton is noted in Royal Arch History for its connection with the "Atholl" Masons or "Ancients," the Lodge of "Antiquity," No. 146, being one of the only two known in this country, which had a Chapter of that degree under its wing, which kept separate records, the other being present No. 130, Southampton, whose History he had written in the *Freemason* of 12th September 1885. The M.E.Z. addressed a few words of welcome to all the Companions who had honoured the Chapter with their presence on the occasion. The Scribe E. read an epitome of the Chapter history since 1768, narrating many interesting circumstances in connection therewith. Hearty congratulations were tendered by the Prov. Grand Principals and also by the Principals of the sister Chapters in Bolton and the other visiting Companions, which were suitably acknowledged by the M.E.Z. on behalf of the Chapter. The following Companions were elected as Principals and Officers for the ensuing year, viz.—Comps. Johnson Mills Z., E. M. Garstang H., John Booth J., James Newton Scribe E., John Morris Scribe N., John Hardcastle P.S., G. P. Brockbank Treasurer, James Brown Director of Ceremonies. The hearty congratulations of the Chapter were given to Comp. G. P. Brockbank (an old and worthy member of the Chapter), on his recent appointment as Assistant Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Chapter. All business being ended, the Chapter was closed at 6.30, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 414.

THE October meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Friday, the 16th instant. Comps. J. Early Danks M.E.Z., W. T. Toms E., R. C. Mount J., presiding. The installation of the Principals, viz., Comps. W. T. Toms M.E.Z., R. C. Mount H., W. H. Belcher J., having taken place, the investiture of the other Officers followed, the installing Z. being Comp. E. G. Bruton P.Z. Oxford, who performed the ceremony in his usual able manner, and to which a vote of thanks was accorded. Comp. Danks I.P.Z. then rose and stated that since the last meeting he had had the pleasure of representing the Chapter as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and taking up the sum of £67 4s, which statement was received with acclamation. After the close of the Chapter the charge was very impressively rendered by the I.P.Z., and the Companions adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where the M.E.Z. presided; after the usual Masonic toasts the health of the M.E.Z. was proposed by the I.P.Z., and enthusiastically drunk by the Companions. The health of the I.P.Z. was given by the M.E.Z., who said he had been asked to present him with

a handsome P.Z. jewel, which had been subscribed for by his Masonic friends, and which bore this inscription:—

"Presented to Companion John Early Danks, upon his retirement as M.E.Z. in the Union Chapter, No. 414, by a few sincere Masonic Companions, to mark his valuable services to the Craft. October 1885."

The toast was most cordially received, and the I.P.Z. responded in a feeling speech, thanking the M.E.Z. and the Companions. After several other toasts, including the Janitor's, the Companions separated.

St. George's Hall.—The fogs and the north winds of coming winter are in possession of the streets; if we are not tipped by the cold we are water logged by the rain. Still a London autumn has its consolations, and, mangled the bad weather, there are few Londoners who in their hearts would care to leave it for any other place. It has its consolations. There are the Inventories, where more colds and coughs are engendered for the doctors than the thickest fogs of November could produce them. There are the winter picture galleries, where one grows reconciled to the dulness of reality by finding art is even more prosaic. There is St. George's Hall, where if one be never so pessimistic, huffed and morose,—be sure he'll come out convinced that life's worth living while Corney Grain is high priest in that bright little temple, and ever ready to discourse on the follies, fashions, and foibles of the day. This gentleman's delightful Dioky Doyle sketch, done to music, with all the figures alive and talking, if they are not singing, is one of the merriest, brightest, most laughter-provoking themes now to be found on Mr. Willing's lists. Of course, we have all heard it before, but the fun, good humour, and pretty touches of kindly satire gain with each successive representation. "Eton and Harrow" is the signature of a review of the London season, with its dear, good, fussy mamas; the girls all gushing, the chappies superior, and exhausted, meek paterfamilias, the City Cinderella keeping the domestic pot boiling whilst the family does duty to society. Mr. Corney Grain is especially happy in his outline studies of the "schoolboy" at home; his ingenuous cheekiness, and inarticulate superiority. Of course, the whole entertainment is not Mr. Corney Grain, though it might be, and yet we would willingly pay our five shillings for a stall ticket. There is a merry little comedietta, locally known as an "Illustration," called "A pretty bequest." This was played successfully during the latter months of last season, and still goes with no less favour. Mr. Alfred Reed has an excellent part in it, as a shy old bachelor, and he has a capital pendant in Mr. C. Allen, a selfish and morose one, each being bent on the other's marrying a pretty and inconvenient cousin, the actual pretty bequest. Very nice and girlish is Miss Clara Merivale in the part, and when she has acquired a little more self-possession we may find a promising comedy actress in her. Mr. North Home, as the young gentleman whose sudden admiration for the young lady relieves her cousins from their difficulty, plays with pleasant ease and sincerity. We know there are thousands of excellent people who would not enter a theatre, yet are constant visitors to St. George's Hall; most heartily we congratulate them on their investing their money in these consolation stakes.

Crystal Palace.—ILLUMINATED EVENING INDOOR FETES.—A few facts with reference to these fetes, which will for the present take place tri-weekly, on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, may be interesting. The normal lighting of the building, by about 5,000 ordinary gas burners, and 75 large electric arc lamps, each of a nominal 2,000 candle-power, will be supplemented by 10,000 gas jets in lamps of various beautiful hues, and 4,000 "bucket" oil lamps. The tinted glass lamps, arranged in festoons and other graceful devices along the girders and at other points of vantage in the building, have been specially manufactured at Stourbridge for the Crystal Palace Company, many of the tints being quite novel. Amongst the most effective of these may be mentioned ruby, sapphire, emerald, canary, opal, opalescent, amber, "oriental," "aurora," &c., &c. The bucket lamps are for the most part arranged in the vases of flowers and amongst the flowering plants, which form an important part of the decorations, for which the Company's rich resources in the direction both of nature and art have been largely drawn upon. Statuary, both in groups and in single figures, forms an important element of the decorations. The music will be mainly furnished by military bands, and these will play on an elegant newly-constructed decagonal orchestra in the Centre Transept. This orchestra alone will be lighted by about 2,000 coloured lamps. The electric arc lamps in the centre will be masked, so to speak, by Chinese lamps encircling them, the object being to add picturesqueness to the general scene, and to prevent the milder lights from being overpowered by the electric light. The great stage which forms the background to the scene has been decorated by Mr. F. Fenton, and represents a semi-oriental interior. This also will be brilliantly lighted. It may be added that the whole has been designed and executed by the Company's staff.

HUGHAN'S MASONIC WORKS.—In evidence of how Bro. Hughan's Masonic works are sought after, a second hand bookseller issued a catalogue lately, which contained Hughan's "Masonic Memorials" (1874). To his surprise, he had orders by telegraph, private buyers, and half-a-dozen from the trade for the single copy. Bro. Hughan's last work, "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," issued in October 1884, from the press of Bro. George Kenning, is now out of print, and already is quoted at nearly double the published price.

The Revised Book of Constitutions; Critically Considered and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps, One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville.

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

WE allude, with great caution, to the so-called infidel or agnostic question that at the present time is so thoroughly arousing the attention of the Craft throughout our jurisdiction. It is a pity that terms "infidel or agnostic" were introduced into the subject, as neither, in this case, are applicable. The brother, who has appealed against what we must consider a most unjust and partizan decision of his Lodge, is neither the one nor the other, and has as good a right to his own religious opinions, so long as they do not conflict with the constitutional requirements of our Order, as our Hebrew or Mahomedan brother has.

The question is, *not* in what "Book of the Law" a brother places his belief, and, with all due respect to the M.W. the Grand Master, we fail entirely to understand upon what grounds or by what authority he rules that the applicant to our mysteries must profess a belief in "the God of the Bible"—the Bible meaning the Old and New Testaments. If this be the case, we proclaim ourselves a *sectarian society*, and drive from our ranks the thousands of Hebrews, who, according to our traditions, were the founders of our Fraternity, because they do not and cannot believe in "the God of the Bible" as revealed to and understood by the followers of the Christ in the New Testament.

The special pleading of M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and the eloquent sophistry of the Grand Secretary were excellent, but not Masonic. What right have we to put *special* questions in *special* cases? Could the centenarian, our late brother Sir Moses Montefiore, whose noble deeds and character have excited the admiration of thousands, have answered the questions upon which these distinguished brethren laid such stress in a manner satisfactory to them? No! certainly not—because he, like all his Hebrew brethren, denounces a belief in "the God of the Bible" as worshipped by the Christian.

Well may we ask then, "Whither are we drifting?" when so conservative a Grand Lodge as the Premier Colonial Grand Lodge of the world allows religion to be discussed within her portals. Once we permit the creed of any brother to be attacked or denounced *within the Lodge*, we throw open wide our doors to *sectarianism*, bigotry and intolerance. Every Mason has the right to believe in the Book of the Law he likes, so long as that book teaches him that there is a Supreme Ruler, who has revealed His will to man and will reward or punish us as we have obeyed or disobeyed His divine commands. Beyond that no Mason, Grand Master or otherwise, has the right to inquire. This brother, however, who was tried (?) was catechised and badgered by a series of questions that he should *have declined to answer at all*. Questions merely asked for the purpose of extorting an unfavourable expression, and which, when declined, *as he very properly did*, to answer, were twisted into an *expression of his belief*. In our opinion a most unfair and unjust advantage was thus taken of his very proper answer to a very improper question, when he said, "I decline to answer."

"I decline to answer" would not be the reply of our Hindoo, our Parsee, our Mahomedan and our Hebrew brethren, and, thank God, we have tens of thousands of them who range themselves under our banners. To think that we, the children of the Grand Lodge of England, whose liberty without bigotry, whose advocacy of a broad freedom of thought without the least tendency to infidelity, should at this late day and in this enlightened age lend ourselves to a principle, which, if adopted by Grand Lodges, would land us on the quicksands of bigotry and intolerance, or smash our bark upon the sunken rocks of narrow-minded sectarianism or canting Phariseism.

This question, then, at the present time is one that must be discussed from a calm and dispassionate standpoint. The brethren must weigh well the great importance of the matter before them. No eloquence or sophistry, or special pleading must be permitted to carry them away from *common sense and justice*. *Every Mason's religious views must be protected!* The glory and boast of our Institution is that around our altars men of every colour, country and creed can kneel, and there offer up their adoration to the Most High God—T.G.A.O.T.U. Are we by one fell swoop to throw aside this heritage, handed down to us by our forefathers, and for which many of them have suffered persecution, martyrdom and

death? Surely not. We have within the last quarter of a century been obliged to burn our diplomas and charters to save ourselves from the cruelty of the myrmidons of a Russian fanatic, who sees in our Institution the germ of liberty, and in priest-ridden Cuba our brethren have been cast into prison and irons by the Church because of our freedom of expression and avowed liberality of thought.

And now we are actually asked to throw aside this glorious heritage, bequeathed to us by the founders of Masonry, and accept in its place the doctrines of a sect or the dogmas of a church. It is time, indeed, to ask "Whither are we drifting?" That noble and Christian Mason, the Rev. and Rt. W. Bro. Oliver, when alluding to his Hebrew brother—and the remarks apply with equal force to the Hindoo, Mahomedan or Parsee brother—said:—

"I cannot throw odium or even doubt on the cross of Christ, nor can I allow any contempt to be cast on that sacred atonement by which I trust to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, either by my silence or connivance. I will admit my Hebrew brother into a Mason's Lodge—I will exchange with him freely all the courtesies of civil and social life; but as he will not abandon his faith at my command, neither will I; we each pursue our own path, under the consequences of our own free choice, like Thalaba and his companion in the caverns of Haruth and Maruth. It is a false species of liberality which influences the feelings of many good and estimable men at the present day, and induces them to concede, out of respect to the prejudices of others, what they ought to hold most sacred. Ask your Hebrew brother to lay aside his prejudices and eat with you, and he will reject your proposal with abhorrence. And he acts on a correct and laudable principle—for it is in accordance with the injunctions of his religion."

In conclusion then we can only express the hope that the day may be far distant before the Grand Lodge of Canada will ever stultify herself by drifting into *sectarianism* or *narrow-minded intolerant cliquism*. It is a matter of the greatest importance, and must be judged upon a fair and open basis. Once open our portals to arguments upon theological points and it will be next to impossible to close them. Our Constitution and traditions and unwritten law lay down *certain requirements* for the neophyte before he can be received into our mysteries and become a member of the Craft. Beyond that we have neither the right nor power to go. Let us then guard well the outer door, and we need fear neither the encroachment of the infidel, the intolerance of the churchman, or the bigotry of the sectarian. But let us be very careful, for we are now stepping on dangerous ground.—*Canadian Craftsman*.

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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, 24th OCTOBER.

- 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)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Tarnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Melfham
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 11—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

- 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 171—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1125—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1125—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1189—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredgar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 118—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Dove Hotel, Mullion.
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonchouse
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 211—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonchouse
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 51—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 265—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 65—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 82—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 88—Dalhousie, Sister's Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Ebury, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Hensley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury, P. & Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Fleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1741—Royal Saxe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1269—St. Andrew, Fleet Hotel, Anorley
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
 M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)

- 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Darford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst)
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 183—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
 R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 91—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Huddley
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 867—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cannon-row New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 12—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., W. at 8 (Instruction.)
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 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
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 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1249—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
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 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1322—Egeron, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1541—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 23—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
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 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
 M.M. 17—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T. 16—F.udence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Erythraean, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 117—Jassee, Brown Bear, High Street, Dearford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Waridon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Phoenix, St. Dunstons, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Quarts, Swan Tavern, Bedford Green Road, E., at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1349—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1533—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Medley, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell, (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)

- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 171—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheat-sheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 195—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
- 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
- R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
 R.A. 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Heblen Bridge
 M.M. 31—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
 14—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 76—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 83—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 913—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Leves
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
- R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire

SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 136—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2012—Chiswick, The Old Tabernacle, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

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According to the *Hebrew Leader* Tennessee has furnished three Presidents to the United States, all of whom were Freemasons. Bro. General Andrew Jackson was Grand Master in 1822-3. Bro. James D. Polk was made a Mason in Columbia Lodge, No. 11, 4th September 1820; he died 13th June 1849. Bro. Andrew Johnson was also made a Mason in Tennessee, and received the Order of Knighthood in Washington, while he was Vice-President. At his funeral the services of both Lodge and Commandery were performed at his grave.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the Moor-gate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Monday, at seven precisely. Bros. D. T. Davies 72 W.M., James Hemming J.D. 1287 S.W., Lewis Solomon P.M. 1732 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Spon, Saunders, Duncan, Barling, Greenway, Paul, Smith. Second Lecture—Bros. Emblin, Edmonds, Procter, Hemming, Day. Third Lecture—Bros. Smith, Storr, Lane. Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507 1732, &c. Preceptor.

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. Dunston, Webb, Wardell, Watkinson, and Allen. Third Lecture—Bros. Carr, Smyth, and Brasted. Bro. F. Carr P.M. 1607 Secretary.

The following Festivities took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 24th October:—

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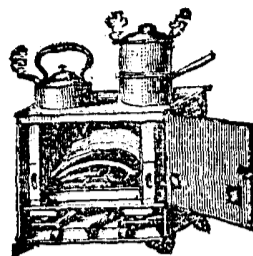
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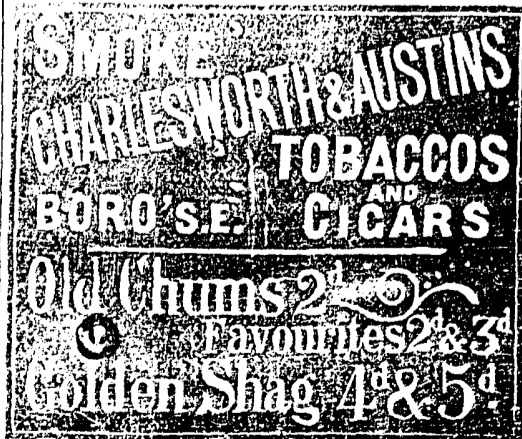
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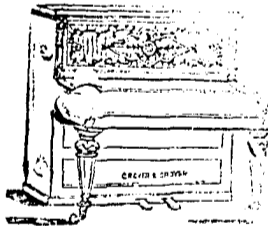
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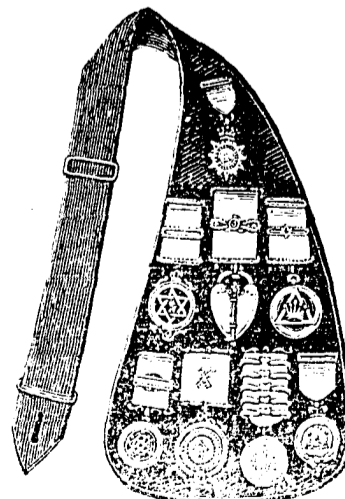
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