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SKILL AND ASSIDUITY IN A W.M.

IN former articles under this heading we have devoted ourselves to a consideration of a Worshipful Master's relation to his Lodge generally, and also to his position in regard to the Past Masters of the Lodge over which he presides; on the present occasion we shall refer to some of the points in which he and the Treasurer of his Lodge are more particularly interested; and in doing so we may at once say we consider the Treasurer of a Lodge as second only to the Worshipful Master in importance, even if in many ways he is not worthy of greater distinction. The Treasurer is really the permanent head of the Lodge—for in private Lodges it is the custom to re-elect the Treasurer year after year—while the Worshipful Master for the time being is the responsible ruler. To the Treasurer the brethren look for advice and assistance in that all-important feature of a Lodge, the management of the finances; and on his judgment much of the success of a Lodge may be said to depend. It behoves the Worshipful Master to especially consider the Treasurer at the outset of his term of office, for if it may be said that the brethren look to the custodian of their funds for advice, how much more is it the case with the Master, who should treat the Treasurer as his confidential adviser, his right hand man, and general co-operator in the government of the Lodge?

The Worshipful Master, on the day of his installation, will find an important duty devolves upon him in regard to the expenditure which he sanctions at the banquet table. He may have determined beforehand that he would be cautious in this respect, but in the excitement of his new position he may overstep the limit to which he intended to go. He will be anxious to make as good a start as his predecessors, and may worry himself that he is either falling short of what they accomplished, or that he is overstepping the bounds of prudence. Surrounded by visitors, with every desire to entertain them royally, he is aware that the day of reckoning will find the Lodge with only a small surplus available to meet the expenses of the installation day, and as a consequence he is in a continuous state of anxiety as to whether he is keeping too close, and whether the guests are receiving that welcome he knows his Lodge intended to give. In many other ways will the anxiety of financial consideration rest upon him in his new position. Under such circumstances what a relief it is to have a tried official from whom to seek advice—the Treasurer may be appealed to, and no one in the Lodge should be better able to give assistance than he. An old and tried Past Master, who, perhaps, has guarded the funds of the Lodge for many years, he knows just how much should be spent, and how it can best be distributed. He can look on composedly and form a true estimate of what is being done round the festive board; one corner may be more bountifully supplied than another; his experienced eye discerns it, and his high position in the Lodge allows him the privilege of equalising matters, and that, too, in a manner which is impossible with the Master, who cannot leave his post for such duties. Where a Treasurer will undertake the work, it is best for a Master to leave to him the management of the festive board—in so far as the Lodge is concerned; deciding beforehand the extent to which the expenditure shall go, and impressing on the Stewards the necessity for united action with the Treasurer to secure the comfort of those present.

We have gone somewhat out of order in speaking of the banquet thus early, but it is there that the new Master will, in most cases, first come in contact with his Treasurer, and it will afford him the earliest opportunity of displaying that skill and assiduity so essential in every Masonic ruler. In Lodge frequent occasion will of course arise when the Master must rely on his Treasurer. He cannot be expected to have that knowledge of what it is in the power of the Lodge to do that the Treasurer possesses, and when questions of finance require consideration, he not unnaturally looks to that official for advice as to what may be done. The Treasurer can with dignity propose an amendment when the liberality or extravagance of the members is likely to lead them beyond the means of the Lodge, and his counter proposition should be looked upon, both by the Master as well as the members, rather as official advice than anything like opposition to their wishes. It is, therefore, advisable for the Worshipful Master to ask the Treasurer for his opinion whenever a question of finance is before the Lodge.

We have said sufficient in our former articles to make it known that we recognise the Master as ruler in his own Lodge. Whatever advice he may ask from the Treasurer or other member of the Lodge he must follow, or not, as he thinks best; at least he must be prepared to accept the responsibility of what is done, and must never seek to excuse an error on the plea that it was committed under the advice of another. The Master will be answerable at the end of his year of office for the state of the finances, even though he may have left their management to the Treasurer, and while he must not expect to be relieved of any responsibility on this head, he may, by a judicious display of skill, lessen much of the anxiety which is inseparable from his position as controller of the funds of others.

WHY MASONRY IS POPULAR.

THE world recognises the fact that the Institution of Freemasonry is an ancient and honourable one; that it has received the devotion of the best men in all civilised countries; it also recognises the fact that the influences for good of this Ancient and Honourable Order have been felt in every nook and corner of the civilised world. As Masons we are proud of this recognition. We are proud to know that Freemasonry, as it is, challenges the admiration of the world.

And here it may be well to pause and ask ourselves the question, Why is Freemasonry thus recognised? It is not wholly because we can or cannot trace her history back to any particular period in the great march of time. It is not wholly because of her fraternal deeds and generous charities which have gladdened the homes and hearts of widows and orphans, and made the hearth-stones of many distressed brothers warm; for other institutions and organisations, now among the forgotten things of the past, have done noble deeds of charity. And yet, every true Mason takes a just pride in the thought and fact that the history of this great Brotherhood can thus be traced, and that her noble deeds of charity have been, according to her means, so universally bestowed.

It is a self-evident truth that the character of every institution is moulded by the moral and social standard of

the individuals composing the membership. Assuming such to be the fact, it is obvious then to every intelligent Mason that Freemasonry has derived her greatest popularity from the moral and social worth of her members. As proof of this, it is only necessary to examine her lists, where we shall find the names of men illustrious in the affairs of government, in educational institutions, and in all the benevolent enterprises and business relations of the world. I assert, then, that the Institution has drawn to it such men as have given it dignity and character, and being entitled to their confidence and support, it has won their love and devotion.

It may be said that impure and bad men have been patrons of Freemasonry. In sorrow and in deep humiliation we bow our heads and confess it to be true. And yet I assert in the face of such humiliating acknowledgment that "a tree is known by its fruit." We confess in sorrow that the unworthy have sometimes found their way into our Lodges, and that too many of that class remain in them undisturbed. And so there are tares to be found among the wheat, but the husbandman in his wisdom never fails to distinguish the wheat from the tares, nor does the world in its wisdom mistake the unworthy for the worthy Mason. It follows, therefore, that an unworthy man can be admitted to the membership of a Lodge only at the expense of such Lodge.

To you, Masters and Wardens, I would say that, if you desire your Lodges to flourish and command the respect of the best citizens of your town or city, you must insist on a degree of moral worth and exalted manhood that can admit of no doubt. Suffer no man to be admitted and to enjoy your presence whose life cannot be tested and found reasonably perfect by the square, level and plumb. If you desire a true manhood in your Lodges, you must insist on such a manhood when admitting members; and if we want to command the respect of the pure and good, we must, as individuals, conduct ourselves so as to win it. Masons should not forget that the daily life of a man is the index of his character.

By this you cannot fail to understand that Freemasonry in Maine, as in all other places, will be commended or condemned by its merits or demerits—as Masons live up to, or depart from, the tenets of their professions, and the cardinal virtues of the Institution; because it is by its fruit that every tree is known.

The keeping of Masonry, then, is in our own hands. Its prosperity and glory rest with us. As Masons, we should feel that we have a duty—a high duty—to perform in trying to maintain the dignity and glory of Freemasonry as handed down to us from the fathers. It stands before us to-day, as it has stood from time immemorial, unsullied and unscarred by vandal hands, though its would-be destroyers have continued for ages to hurl their anathemas against its fair proportions; and as such it will continue to stand, if Masons will be true to their professions, because the Institution was founded upon the eternal principles of Truth, and Truth will live for ever, for "The eternal years of God are hers."

The lesson, then, that I would impress on your minds is that the *character* of Freemasonry and its *stability* as an Institution, depend and rest upon the individual character and moral worth of its patrons. Rightly appreciating this responsibility and having that thought constantly before us, we have nothing to fear for the perpetuity of the Institution. Freemasonry which we so much prize and cherish, will be preserved in her ancient dignity and exalted character.—*Voice of Masonry.*

"LET THERE BE LIGHT!"

THE most majestic words ever uttered were those embodied in the Omnific fiat of the Grand Architect of the Universe—"Let there be light!" They marked an epoch on earth between the eternity of the past and the eternity of the future. The great geologic, formative periods, concerning which we know so little, were drawing to a close. Unorganized matter was to yield obedience to the command of Deity, and chaos was to become cosmos. There was no battle of the elements, no struggle between matter and mind, between darkness and light, but *instantly* the words "Let there be light!" were spoken by Him who was and is all-powerful in heaven and earth—the only "I Am"—our world was illumined, and

"God saw the light that it was good." This scene may not, can not, be adequately pictured, either to the eye or the understanding. It occurred once for all, never to be repeated. Material light has not ceased from the earth since the Creator spoke it into existence. Well might majestic Milton pen his apostrophe:

"Hail, holy light! offspring of heaven first-born."

And it is the minister of life as well as of light. To animal and plant it is physician and friend. The flowers turn to it, in joyful transport. In darkness lurks disease and death, while in its opposite we find that which Swift justly styled "the two noblest things, which are sweetness and light."

"Sons of Light" is in appropriate designation for members of the ancient and honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. From the time when the initiate crosses the threshold of our mystic Temple, until the period when he finally passes from the Lodge below to the presence of the light ineffable, he is continually in the light. The first lesson of the first degree is enlightenment, and the last lesson of the last degree includes the impartation of "more light." But, materially, with all the blaze of light which sun, moon and stars bestow, and, intellectually, with all the knowledge which the Craft can confer, great as all this is, it is as nothing compared with that which will be the reward to those who shall be gifted beyond the grave with a blessed immortality.

Did you ever reflect upon the Craft's gift of light? Did you ever understand its full import? Not every one who has eyes sees, or who has ears hears. Seeing may be believing, but it is not understanding. Suppose no initiate could advance from the reception of Freemasonry's lesser mysteries to the reception of its greater ones until he had comprehended this gift of light! And should he? Is any one entitled to advancement before he has shown proficiency in the preceding degree? Masonic Light is two-fold. It is material—exhibiting to the gaze the lesson teaching symbols of the Fraternity, which are intended not merely to be seen, but to be understood. But Light is itself the greatest symbol of all, being the sign or representative of Truth. Freemasonry is, in one of its leading aspects, the apostle of truth—that triad of truths, Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity or Love to the Brotherhood, and even to the entire human family. The truth of Brotherly Love is the very Corner-stone of Masonry. We are tenderly to regard each other, to be custodians of each other's fair fame, to enjoy each other's society, to aid each other in distress. The light of Masonry shines on every Craftman, and exhibits him to his Brethren either as an object of personal enjoyment, or a subject for special relief.

The "First Great Light in Masonry" is ever open on the Masonic Altar, to be a guide to our feet and a lamp to our path. Without it, so far as we now can see, there would be no Masonry. It is not merely the sanction of the initiate's obligation, but it is the fountain and source of the chiefest lessons taught in the Craft. Its very language is often used, and its spirit is everywhere in our work. It is no exaggeration of language to style Freemasonry the handmaid of religion, since it teaches the worship of the true God, and the practice of the purest morality. If a Freemason be immoral, he is so in spite of his Masonry, and as soon as he manifests immorality he should at least be debarred all preferment. Officers in Masonry should invariably be examples of moral worth. It is ribald profanity for one who is loose in life to assume to be a Mentor, and take upon his lips the words of a Master of a Lodge, the High Priest of a Chapter, or the Commander of a Commandery. Each of these offices is in some sense a consecrated office, and he who fills one of them, is set apart to exercise its functions, and is expected himself to fulfil the obligations which he administers to others. A symbol of truth in the hands of a teller of untruths is a symbol of falsehood. Solemn and serious words in the mouth of him who is profane are but ribald jests and parodies of truth. Let there be light in all Masonic officers. Let them understand the force of their official obligations, the dignity of their stations, and the import of the words which they utter in the name of the Craft; for if *they* do not understand them, neither will the initiates who are before them, nor the Brethren who are around them.

The culminating degree of Masonry, the Royal Arch, has its own peculiar light. What Royal Arch Mason can ever forget the lesson of the Burning Bush? There he realized,

if he never did before, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. No symbolism is more beautiful, or more forcible, than that of the flaming thorn-bush which declared unto Israel the Great "I Am."

Freemasons are instructed to be dispensers of light to their Brethren. Those who have mastered the mysteries are in duty bound to teach them to all privileged learners. It is in obedience to the command, "Let there be light," that the *Keystone* pays it weekly visits to the Brethren who are its patrons, and, with its messages of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, strives to teach what it is permissible to teach in print, to foster the charitable endeavours of the Craft, to incite to vigorous Masonic effort, and to open up subjects for thought and reflection which may afford both pleasure and profit to every individual Freemason. Our purpose is to advance the highest and best interests of the Fraternity, to make better Masons and in our imperfect manner, though to the best of our ability, to obey the sublime command of the Grand Architect of the Universe, "Let there be Light!"—*Keystone*.

MASONRY AND WOMEN.

THE "science" of Masonry is the science of morals—teaching us how to rear a spiritual temple, and how to perfect and adorn it, by the aid of that wisdom and strength which God supplies, for a "habitation of the spirit in which God may dwell and reign for ever and ever. Is not this science accessible to women? It is true it is not earth-born, it is of heaven's own revealment? but it is written on the arched heavens and the green earth; it is recorded on the ample pages of nature; it speaks on every tear of the great Light of Masonry—the Bible; and the Divine Spirit, like an ever present tutor, is always ready to explain and amplify and lead on from step to step, from one essential principle to another, until the great truth is reached and comprehended, and the novitiate is enabled to shout his rapturous "Eureka!"

Is woman excluded from the sociabilities of Masonry? From those which belong to the Lodge-room she is, but they are not essential to woman's welfare. She is excluded from them as man is excluded from the private interviews, communications, and associations of ladies. Men do not ask to be admitted there, for they have no business there, and it is not suitable and proper they should be there. God has stamped upon the elements of human nature the necessity, and we may all see the propriety of the exclusion. But women are not excluded from Masonic sociabilities outside the Lodge-room. And so far as sympathies are concerned a Mason's heart beats first and highest for woman's happiness. Woman is excluded from the honours of Masonry. To be honoured is to be loved; to be honoured most is to be loved most. And we assert that in the affections of all the worthy Craft, woman is the presiding divinity, next to the Deity. Our earliest and latest and purest affections are to her. Our first care is for her, and at her shrine we would offer the fairest and brightest gifts of earth. To wear a Masonic dress of peculiar shape or colour is not honour. To sit in the East, and preside over the work, is of itself but little honour. But to be enthroned in the affections; to be the object of first consideration; to be obeyed with promptness and served with pleasure, this is to be honoured. Is not woman honoured by the Craft? Does she not share in the "honours" of Masonry, and largely too?

But she is debarred from our traditions and mysteries. These two words imply almost the same thing, and as such we shall consider them. Women, we believe, have too much respect for Masonry to wish it destroyed. But were we to reveal its traditions and mysteries to ladies, it would be a violation of its laws and might prove its ruin. Besides, we cannot, without first becoming recreant to every principle of honour and integrity. Would woman be gratified with the knowledge at such a price? We think not. Nay, she would reject the coveted prize and spurn the traitor from her presence. The secrets of Masonry, among the brothers of the Craft, are like the secrets of the physician and his patient; the lawyer and his client; the husband and wife. To reveal them would be to show ourselves unworthy of them, and place on record the evidence of our own infamy. We know that women place too high a value upon the virtues of truth, honour,

and integrity to desire admission to our mysteries at such a sacrifice. The brow of her honoured father, whom we hail as a brother of the Royal Art, would darken upon her pathway at such a wish. And, after all, we are satisfied that a lady would decline the honour of becoming a brother amongst us, if that distinction were freely tendered. Her heart is with her home; and neither our mysteries nor traditions could allure her to the Lodge-room.—*Hebrew Leader*.

We have pleasure in adding our congratulations to Bro. Terry and the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on their having enlisted the services of the Marquis of Hertford to act as Chairman at the next Festival of the Institution. We sincerely hope the efforts of the noble Marquis, seconded by the brethren who will act as Stewards, will secure for our "old folks" a satisfactory subscription list.

The article "A veteran again in harness," which appeared in our last issue, was written by Brother William Watson, of Leeds, who, we are sorry to say, considers himself somewhat aggrieved because we did not publish his name last week in connection with it. The sketch was sent to us with the request that it might appear in our pages, and in accordance with our rule it was published without the name of its author; no especial request having been made to induce us to depart from our customary plan. As, however, Bro. Watson has asked us to give his name, we cheerfully comply, and only regret that his wishes in this regard were not made known to us earlier.

The members of the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, have removed from the Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C. to the Haunch of Venison, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet-street, W.C. The Lodge of Instruction is held every Wednesday, at eight o'clock.

The meetings of the Langton Lodge of Instruction have been resumed at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C. The members assemble every Thursday, at 5.30 p.m. In future the annual subscription will be 5s, and the visitors fee 6d. Bros. Joseph D. Langton and Thomas Burne are the Secretaries.

At a meeting of the Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461, held at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, Brother R. Bell S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

On Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., Bro. John W. Woodthorpe, A.C.A., was presented by his fellow clerks with an illuminated testimonial, bearing their individual signatures, accompanied by a handsome silver-plated tea and coffee service. Brother Woodthorpe has, for upwards of twelve years, been with Messrs. Cooper Brothers and Co., of 14 George-street, Mansion House, E.C., chartered accountants, during the greater part of which time he has held the position of chief clerk. He is about to commence to practise in London on his own account, and his leaving the above firm is a source of regret to the clerks associated with him. This testimonial was presented in signification of their unanimous expression of the high esteem in which he has always been held by them, and as a memento of past friendship which he has won by his cordiality and genial disposition. The donors, one and all, tendered Bro. Woodthorpe their heartiest wishes that all success and prosperity may accompany him during his future professional career.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. delivered his lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial of the first degree in the Lodge of Union, No. 414, at Reading, on Wednesday evening, 18th inst., under the presidency of Bro. M. J. Withers Prov. Grand Junior Deacon Berks and Bucks, the W.M. The lecturer's address was highly appreciated.

DEATH.

SPEIGHT.—On the 17th instant, at 9 Mona Road, Peckham, Brother CHARLES TAYLOR SPEIGHT, aged 69, after an illness of three days. For many years Tyler and Janitor of numerous Lodges and Chapters in London and the Provinces.

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FINANCIAL TABLES FOR THE YEAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to present to your readers my promised financial tables for the year ending in 1885. I think the Craft may be congratulated on the handsome manner in which our noble Institutions are supported by the Provinces generally, for out of the 44 Provinces, with London, Channel Isles, and the Colonies, there are only 17 where the demand this year is greater than the average annual amount of supply for the last seven years, inclusive of 1885. The largest annual deficiency, over £800—as might naturally be expected—is from the Colonies; when, however, this fact comes to the knowledge of the residents, they will, I feel sure, make a strong effort to relieve us of some of this heavy burden, and thus take the weight off the shoulders of those at home. The next of these highest, over £740, it will scarcely be believed—and I feel sure it cannot be generally known to the members of the Province—is Devonshire; more than six-sevenths of this sum is against the Benevolent Institution; the remainder belongs to the Boys' School; while as regards the Girls' School Institution, there is a balance of 8s 6d in favour of the Province. The next on the list is Lincolnshire, with an annual deficiency of £640. Now, this case is worse than the preceding, for while Devonshire is taking £1020 from the funds, she is contributing at the rate of nearly £378 per annum. Lincolnshire, on the other hand, is burdening the funds with £696 per annum, to which she contributes something under £60. I am given to understand this Province is starting Provincial Charities of its own, and a very good thing too; she should be just before she is generous, and not lay all the burden of her destitute Craftsmen and their belongings on the shoulders of the other Provinces. The Benevolent are short, by over £233, the Boys £246, and the Girls £156. No. 4 on the list will, I feel sure, astonish the members of the Province referred to,—if not the English Craft at large,—viz., West Yorkshire. This is one of the richest, if not the richest, Province in England; and that there should be an annual deficiency of just over £555 is certainly surprising. We

all know that Yorkshire is celebrated for the business habits of her people, and that they will have value for their money; but they are also known for punctual and ready payment for what they get. Consequently, this state of affairs has only to be known to the brethren generally, and the deficiency will soon be made good. The Benevolent, again, is the heaviest sufferer—£494; Boys £134; while the Girls have to the good £74. That West Yorkshire contributes largely, nobody can deny; but then she receives back far more largely still, as the contributions amount to £2164 against £2720. This is the last of the heavy deficiencies. We now drop down to £228, Cheshire; £220 Dorsetshire; the former neglects the Benevolent to the tune of £290; which, however, is partly counter-balanced by her contributions to the Boys and Girls. The latter is short by £198 for the Benevolent, and £92 for the Boys; while it has a balance of £69 in favour of the Girls. Then follows Suffolk, with £197, and Cornwall £191. In both these cases the Benevolent loses—£276 and £282 respectively. The Boys have a surplus of £104 and £23, while the Girls lose £23 and gain £60 in the latter case annually. Norths and Hunts lack—in regard to the Benevolent £77, Boys £104, and the Girls £34; this I suppose means inability, for one may feel sure that so energetic a member as Brother James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. of the Province, would not fail to remind them of their responsibility. I think that the Channel Islands might reduce their annual deficiency of £180 if they exerted themselves. Northumberland's special shortcoming of £168, with the exception of £8, unfortunately falls entirely on the Benevolent, to whom she has not given one penny for the last eight years, yet she scruples not to take £160 annually from that Institution. The last Province that I shall take notice of is North and East Yorkshire; she should give £56 more to the Benevolent, £64 to the Boys and £25 to the Girls to equalise supply and demand.

The remaining deficiencies do not require more than naming; they are as follows:—Durham £79, Hants £78, Wiltshire £68, Cumberland and Westmoreland £23, and Herefordshire £24 7s. This last-named Province may be said to have become Rip Van Winkled; its annual contribution for the last seven years is at the rate of £7 13s per annum, or a total of £53 11s for the full term. Certainly it is only lately that she has been taking anything, but I should be sorry to attribute any such motive as merely giving with the hope of getting back; still there must be a screw loose somewhere, if that is all they think sufficient, or can afford to give.

That these few remarks may be taken in a friendly spirit, and that they will rouse the backward ones to a sense of their responsibility, is the sincere hope of,

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Provinces.	Cost this Year.	Seven Years' Contribution from 1879-85 inclusive.			Annual Average ditto.			Surplus.			Deficiency for Current Year.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
London	4424	52448	8	0	7492	6	10	3068	6	10	—	—	—
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Berks and Bucks	—	1532	10	0	218	18	7	218	18	7	—	—	—
Bristol	72	639	17	0	91	8	2	19	8	2	—	—	—
Cambridgeshire	—	106	11	6	15	4	6	15	4	6	—	—	—
Cheshire	400	756	15	0	108	2	2	—	—	—	291	17	10
Cornwall	360	541	5	0	77	6	5	—	—	—	282	13	7
Cumberland and West-	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
moreland	64	228	18	6	32	8	4	—	—	—	31	11	8
Derbyshire	40	369	18	6	52	16	10	12	16	10	—	—	—
Devonshire	680	496	15	0	70	19	3	—	—	—	609	0	9
Dorsetshire	272	513	15	0	73	7	10	—	—	—	198	12	2
Durham	144	516	17	6	73	16	9	—	—	—	70	3	3
Essex	256	1343	7	6	191	18	3	—	—	—	66	1	9
Gloucestershire	96	2115	9	0	302	4	2	206	4	2	—	—	—
Hants and Isle of Wight	424	1915	4	2	273	12	0	—	—	—	150	8	0
Herefordshire	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	0	0
Herts	32	2269	2	6	324	3	3	292	3	3	—	—	—
Kent	592	2443	12	0	349	1	9	—	—	—	242	18	3
Lancashire (East)	720	5186	14	0	740	19	3	20	19	3	—	—	—
„ (West)	328	1506	2	0	215	3	2	—	—	—	112	16	10
Leicester and Rutland ...	—	665	4	0	95	0	7	95	0	7	—	—	—
Lincolnshire	256	158	9	0	22	12	9	—	—	—	233	7	3
Middlesex	40	2442	15	6	348	19	4	308	19	4	—	—	—
Monmouthshire	72	693	2	0	99	0	3	27	0	3	—	—	—
Norfolk	208	372	17	0	53	5	3	—	—	—	154	14	9
Norths and Hunts	160	578	5	0	82	12	2	—	—	—	77	7	10
Northumberland	160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	160	0	0
Notts	32	413	2	6	59	0	4	27	0	4	—	—	—
Oxfordshire	96	859	13	2	122	16	2	26	16	2	—	—	—
Somersetshire	112	831	15	0	118	16	5	6	16	5	—	—	—
Staffordshire	64	515	10	0	73	12	10	9	12	10	—	—	—
Suffolk	448	1202	8	6	171	15	6	—	—	—	276	4	6
Surrey	80	1824	17	0	260	13	10	180	13	10	—	—	—
Sussex	280	1336	10	0	190	18	7	—	—	—	89	1	5
Warwickshire	144	329	5	0	47	0	9	—	—	—	96	19	3
Wiltshire	128	735	13	0	105	1	10	—	—	—	22	18	2
Worcestershire	64	718	4	3	102	12	0	38	12	0	—	—	—
Yorkshire (North & East)	240	1285	5	6	183	12	3	—	—	—	56	7	9
„ (West)	1320	5777	2	0	825	6	0	—	—	—	495	14	0
Wales (North) and Salop	32	320	18	6	45	16	11	13	16	11	—	—	—
Wales (South)—East ...	—	90	0	0	12	7	2	12	7	2	—	—	—
Wales (South)—West ...	40	566	5	0	80	17	10	40	17	10	—	—	—
Channel Islands	248	517	13	0	73	19	0	—	—	—	172	1	0
Colonies	344	250	15	0	35	16	5	—	—	—	304	3	7

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Provinces.	Cost this Year.	Seven Years' Contri- bution from 1879-85 inclusive.			Annual Average ditto.			Surplus.			Deficiency for Current Year.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
London	2925	40854	2	5	5836	6	1	2911	6	1	—	—	—
Bedfordshire	—	38	17	0	5	11	0	5	11	0	—	—	—
Berks and Bucks	45	1580	5	9	225	15	1	180	15	1	—	—	—
Bristol	45	115	10	0	16	10	0	—	—	—	28	10	0
Cambridgeshire	45	174	6	0	24	18	0	—	—	—	20	2	0
Cheshire	135	975	13	0	139	7	7	4	7	7	—	—	—
Cornwall	—	167	4	0	23	17	9	23	17	9	—	—	—
Cumberland and West- moreland	180	1375	10	0	196	10	0	16	10	0	—	—	—
Derbyshire	45	2513	12	0	359	1	9	314	1	9	—	—	—
Devonshire	270	954	7	6	136	6	6	—	—	—	133	13	6
Dorsetshire	225	927	4	0	132	9	2	—	—	—	92	10	10
Durham	270	1712	7	0	244	12	5	—	—	—	25	7	7
Essex	180	1159	11	7	165	13	1	—	—	—	14	6	11
Gloucestershire	135	1928	10	0	275	10	0	140	10	0	—	—	—
Hants and Isle of Wight	315	2013	2	0	287	11	9	—	—	—	27	8	3
Hereford	—	53	11	0	7	13	0	7	13	0	—	—	—
Herts	90	775	16	0	110	16	7	20	16	7	—	—	—
Kent	270	5177	10	6	739	12	11	469	12	11	—	—	—
Lancashire (East)	360	3307	14	0	472	16	3	112	16	3	—	—	—
„ (West)	360	3874	16	0	553	10	10	193	10	10	—	—	—
Leicester and Rutland ...	45	756	15	0	108	2	2	63	2	2	—	—	—
Lincolnshire	270	161	3	0	23	0	5	—	—	—	246	19	7
Middlesex	270	2037	3	6	291	0	6	21	0	6	—	—	—
Monmouthshire	45	529	4	0	75	12	0	30	12	0	—	—	—
Norfolk	135	296	13	0	42	7	5	—	—	—	82	12	7
Norths and Hunts	135	215	5	0	30	15	0	—	—	—	104	5	0
Northumberland	224	2024	5	0	289	3	7	75	3	7	—	—	—
Notts	—	549	13	6	78	10	6	78	10	6	—	—	—
Oxfordshire	90	514	17	6	73	11	1	—	—	—	16	8	11
Somersetshire	135	985	9	0	140	15	7	15	15	7	—	—	—
Staffordshire	224	1742	5	0	248	17	11	23	17	11	—	—	—
Suffolk	45	1045	10	0	149	7	2	104	7	2	—	—	—
Surrey	135	837	8	6	129	12	8	—	—	—	15	7	4
Sussex	270	1759	4	0	251	6	3	—	—	—	18	13	9
Warwickshire	90	1227	15	0	175	7	10	85	7	10	—	—	—
Wiltshire	45	307	13	0	43	19	0	—	—	—	1	1	0
Worcestershire	135	1463	9	0	209	1	3	74	1	3	—	—	—
Yorkshire (North & East)	270	1436	12	0	205	4	7	—	—	—	64	15	5
„ (West)	720	4096	11	0	585	4	5	—	—	—	134	15	7
Wales (North) and Salop	135	1000	19	0	142	19	10	7	19	10	—	—	—
Wales (South)—East ...	45	1235	11	6	176	11	1	131	11	1	—	—	—
Wales (South)—West ...	180	671	0	0	95	17	2	—	—	—	84	2	10
Channel Islands... ..	90	400	0	0	57	3	2	—	—	—	32	16	10
Colonies	405	684	14	8	97	16	5	—	—	—	307	3	7

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

London	2754	41908	17	3	15986	19	7	3232	19	7	—	—	—
Bedfordshire	—	48	0	0	6	17	2	6	17	2	—	—	—
Berks and Bucks	34	1432	8	6	204	12	7	170	12	7	—	—	—
Bristol	—	254	2	0	36	6	0	36	6	0	—	—	—
Cambridgeshire	—	128	2	0	18	6	0	18	6	0	—	—	—
Cheshire	102	1150	13	11	164	7	8	62	7	8	—	—	—
Cornwall	34	706	3	0	100	17	7	66	17	7	—	—	—
Cumberland and West- moreland	68	401	12	0	57	10	3	—	—	—	10	9	9
Derbyshire	68	1012	7	0	144	12	5	76	12	5	—	—	—
Devonshire	170	1192	19	8	170	8	6	0	8	6	—	—	—
Dorsetshire	—	485	1	0	69	5	10	69	5	10	—	—	—
Durham	102	797	5	0	113	17	10	11	17	10	—	—	—
Essex	102	1775	6	0	253	12	3	151	12	3	—	—	—
Gloucestershire	136	2262	0	0	323	2	10	187	2	10	—	—	—
Hants and Isle of Wight	272	2602	2	0	371	14	7	99	14	7	—	—	—
Herefordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Herts	68	937	15	6	133	19	4	65	19	4	—	—	—
Kent	510	2785	17	0	397	19	7	—	—	—	112	0	5
Lancashire (East)	136	1184	13	6	169	4	9	33	4	9	—	—	—
„ (West)	272	1709	11	6	244	4	6	—	—	—	27	15	6
Leicester and Rutland ...	34	706	16	0	100	19	5	66	19	5	—	—	—
Lincolnshire	170	94	10	0	13	10	0	—	—	—	156	10	0
Middlesex	170	2604	2	0	372	0	3	202	0	3	—	—	—
Monmouthshire	68	539	3	6	77	0	6	9	0	6	—	—	—
Norfolk	34	532	3	6	76	0	6	32	0	6	—	—	—
Norths and Hunts	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	0	0
Northumberland	102	204	15	0	29	5	0	—	—	—	72	15	0
Nottinghamshire	68	697	8	6	99	12	8	31	12	8	—	—	—
Oxfordshire	—	788	9	0	112	12	9	112	12	9	—	—	—
Somersetshire	170	1091	6	0	155	18	0	—	—	—	14	2	0
Staffordshire	136	2028	10	6	289	15	9	153	15	9	—	—	—
Suffolk	170	1012	15	0	144	13	7	—	—	—	25	6	5
Surrey	—	818	2	0	116	17	5	116	17	5	—	—	—
Sussex	136	3505	17	0	500	16	9	364	16	9	—	—	—
Warwickshire	136	1611	13	3	230	4	9	94	4	9	—	—	—
Wiltshire... ..	170	873	0	0	124	14	3	—	—	—	45	5	9
Worcestershire	68	1027	19	0	146	17	0	122	17	0	—	—	—
Yorkshire (North & East)	204	1252	15	0	178	19	3	—	—	—	25	0	9
„ (West)	680	5278	0	0	754	0	0	74	0	0	—	—	—
Wales (North) and Salop	68	978	15	6	139	14	3	71	14	3	—	—	—
Wales (South)—East ...	170	992	0	0	141	14	3	—	—	—	28	5	9
Wales (South)—West ...	34	562	10	0	80	7	2	46	7	2	—	—	—
Channel Islands... ..	—	124	19	0	17	17	0	17	14	7	—	—	—
Colonies	272	544	2	0	77	11	7	—	—	—	194	5	5

GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just received the enclosed Edict of the Great Priory of Canada, which I think will be read with interest by the numerous members of the Chivalric Orders amongst your readers.

However much many of us might regret the severance of the Great Priory of Canada from the Convent General of the Order in England, under the beneficent rule of our Supreme Grand Master the Prince of Wales, as its independence is now achieved, with the courteous consent of the Grand Master, it is necessary that the new Sovereign Great Priory should have sole jurisdiction within the vast Dominion of Canada.

In that, no doubt, all Knights Templar will agree.

Yours fraternally,

EMRA HOLMES, K.C.T.,

Hon. Provincial Prior of Canada,
and Representative in Great Priory of England.

Guernsey, 18th November 1885.

Supreme Grand Master's Office,
Prescott, Ont., 27th October 1885.

To all Knights Templar in Obedience to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

Whereas, the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was duly formed at Toronto, on the 8th day of July 1884, by the representatives of all the Preceptories but one (see Proceedings of 1884, pp 6 and 7) then existing in the Dominion of Canada, in National Great Priory assembled; and that Preceptory, before the last annual assembly of this Sovereign Great Priory, enrolled itself under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory.

Whereas, this Sovereign Great Priory there declared itself to be the sole legally constituted Sovereign Grand Templar Body, exercising absolute and supreme jurisdiction over the whole dominion of Canada, in all matters relating to the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, and Appendant Orders.

Whereas, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Convent General of the United Order of the Temple and Malta, and the Hon. J. E. Withers, the M.E. the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States, have recognised this Sovereign Great Priory as being lawfully constituted.

Whereas, notwithstanding these circumstances, there exists in the Province of New Brunswick, two Encampments of Knights Templar, viz., the St. John Encampment, at St. John, and St. Stephen Encampment, at St. Stephen, within the territory of this Sovereign Great Priory, which do not recognize its authority, but continue to hold allegiance to a foreign body, the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple for Scotland, and profess to obey its behests, and persist in violating this territory of the Sovereign Great Priory.

Whereas, at the Annual Assembly of this Sovereign Great Priory, held at Hamilton, Ontario, on the 7th July 1885, it was unanimously

Resolved,—That from and after the passing of these resolutions, all Templar intercourse between Frates owing allegiance to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and members of the said Encampments of St. John and St. Stephen, working under the authority of the Chapter General of Scotland, is prohibited; and the said Encampments are hereby declared to be irregular and clandestine; and all persons hereafter made, or attempted to be made Knights Templar, Knights of Malta and Appendant Orders, in the said Encampments, are illegal and clandestine.

Resolved,—That hereafter no Preceptory of this jurisdiction shall, without the consent of the Sovereign Great Priory, admit as a visitor, or receive as a member, any person who is now or may hereafter become a member of either of the said Encampments, now working in New Brunswick, under authority of the Chapter General of Scotland.

Resolved,—That the Grand Chancellor notify the Preceptories and Priorities working under the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, the Grand Commanderies of the several states and territories, the Convent General of England and Wales and its Dependencies, and the Great Province of England and Ireland, of this our solemn act and declaration of non-intercourse with the Scottish Encampments of Knights Templar, and all members thereof, now working in the said Province of New Brunswick.

Therefore be it known to you, that I, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, and Appendant Orders, and by virtue of the action of this Sovereign Great Priory, do hereby declare and proclaim all Encampments, Commanderies, Preceptories and Priorities, holding allegiance to any foreign Grand Templar Body, to be irregularly and illegally existing in the Dominion of Canada; and I hereby further declare and proclaim all Templar intercourse to be suspended, and to cease, between this Sovereign Great Priory and its subordinate Preceptories, and all Knights Templar in obedience thereto; and such other Templar Bodies and all members in obedience thereto, holding allegiance to any foreign Grand Templar Body.

And all Knights Templar acknowledging the authority of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada are hereby commanded to hold no intercourse, as Knights Templar, with any member or members of any Templar Body existing in the Dominion of Canada, enrolled on the register of any foreign Grand Templar Body, or owing allegiance thereto.

And this edict is to remain in full force and effect until revoked

by the Sovereign Great Priory, of which all Knights Templar of this obedience will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Sovereign Great Priory, at Prescott, Province of Ontario, Canada, this 7th day of October, A.O. 767, A.D. 1885.

W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G.C.T.,

Supreme Grand Master, United Orders of the
Temple and Malta, in Canada.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

AN emergency meeting of this body was held on Wednesday, the 4th instant, at York, for the purpose of inducting into the mysteries of the Chivalric Order Comp. A. H. G. Harris. There was a good muster of Frates at six o'clock, and the hall, which has been newly decorated, presented a very handsome appearance, the banners of the Knights above their stalls adding to the bright appearance of the apartment, whilst the new organ gave added force to the ceremonies. The Preceptory was opened at six p.m. by E. Fra. T. B. Whytehead P. as P., supported by Frates Palliser Constable, Brown Marshal, Marshall P., Simpson P., McGachen C. of G., Williamson S.B., Sellar Herald, Cowper S.B., Holdon and Pearson O.G.; and the following visitors were received:—T. W. Tew Provincial Prior West Yorkshire, Rev. W. C. Lukis E.P. 114, A. M. Broadley P.G.C., J. Quarterman 114, and other Frates. A ballot was taken for Comp. A. H. G. Harris, Maybury Lodge 969, and Royal Naval Chapter 59, and that Compuion was admitted and installed a member of the Order. After the closing of the Preceptory a Priory of Malta was opened, and Frates Williamson and Harris were admitted to the Order, and Frate A. T. B. Turner E.P. was elected and installed in the chair of Prior, the ceremonies in this degree being worked by Fra. A. M. Broadley. The Priory having been closed, the Frates retired to the refectory and partook of supper, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

THE THEATRES.

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Opera Comique.—This theatre, under the management of Miss A. Consuelo and Mr. F. J. Harris, opened its doors last Saturday evening, with a new romantic opera, "The Fay o' Fire." Mr. Henry Herman provides the libretto, while Mr. Edward Jones is responsible for the musical portion of the work. Mr. Herman has worked up a legend thoroughly German in its spirit—with much that is commonplace, even vulgar in its travesty of high life, as this gentleman supposes it to exist at the present day. Throughout the idea is much better than the expression; the conception of the work is refined and poetical, whilst the language in which it is expressed is trashy. Of Mr. Jones's music in its entirety we can scarcely speak well; sometimes its trips merrily along, like opera bonfide melodies should; at others it does not deserve to be classed as music at all. This is to be regretted, the more so as Mr. Jones has capacity for better things. His finale to the first act and a sextet in the second show ability of the highest order. The legend tells of a malevolent fairy, known as the Fay o' Fire, who falls in love with the chief of a band of minstrel singers, known as Egobart. Unluckily for the Fay the man she loves has given his affections to a beautiful lady bearing the name of Blanche, who reciprocates the compliment. Egobart and Blanche arrange to meet, at midnight, in the adjoining wood, but the Fay causes a storm to rise, and makes Blanche so nervous that she hesitates to proceed. She, however, starts on her journey, but is met by the Fay, who decoys her to another part of the wood, and appears to Egobart disguised as Blanche. The deception holds until the rivals are confronted with their swain, when the fairy, rejected by the man she loves, reveals her identity and dooms him to live, unloved, for five hundred years. This sentence, with the confusion it causes, brings to a close the first act. By the time the curtain rises for the second act the five hundred years are supposed to have elapsed. All the personages of the first act, except the minstrel, who has existed in the meanwhile in perennial youth, are duplicated in their lineal descendants, who turn up at a kind of summer festival. While the visitors are enjoying themselves, the Fay o' Fire, with her attendant, contrives to join the company. The minstrel, changed through all these centuries in nought save garb, has also gained admission. The Fay renews her blandishments, but in vain. Ultimately, moved by the sorrow she has caused Egobart and the lady he now loves—a descendant of his earlier flame—the fairy resigns the minstrel and returns to her domains. Mdlle. de Laporte, as the Fay, was well received; her acting and singing are exceptionally good. She exercises the high notes of her voice with great judgment. Miss Marie Tempest was deservedly appreciated as the lady Blanche. Natural in her acting, she sang with the taste and skill of a true vocalist. The part of Lady Allthere, in the second act, played by Miss Consuelo, rather impeded the progress of the opera, and, to our thinking, the sooner the part is "cut" the better. Mr. Henry Walsham, as the minstrel, worked most successfully; he was frequently recalled for his singing. Mr. F. Leslie made the most of the fiery Earl, singing and acting throughout with much spirit. The Fay's attendant, Flaromen, was undertaken by Mr. Cooper Cliffe; while the other principals were cast as follow:—Mr. Fred Wood as Viscount Ceruleum, Mr. H. M. Clifford as Ben Burrows, Miss Marion Grahame as Alice, a village girl. A special word of praise must be awarded to Mr. Alfred Collier, the conductor of the orchestra, who carries out his duties to the satisfaction of every one.

Obituary.

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BRO. C. T. SPEIGHT.

ONE of the best known brethren of London and the surrounding districts—in the person of Bro. C. T. Speight—has been taken from among us by the hand of death. Bro. Speight has for years past been known as Tyler of many Lodges, and made for himself a number of friends in the Craft who will long miss him from their midst. Bro. Speight was initiated in the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, in 1837, and some six years later rose to the dignity of its Worshipful Master. We desire to offer to his relatives our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At Bro. Lashbrook's, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, 18th inst. Present—Bros. Saint W.M., McMillan S.W., Egan J.W., Jacobs I.G., Campbell S.D.; also Bros. Simmonds, McDougall, Harris, Hewlett, Belchamber. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Lashbrook answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Belchamber worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Belchamber 1158, E. Jacobs 1437, McDougall, St. George's, No. 12, New Brunswick, were duly elected members. Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Wednesday next, at seven o'clock.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday 10th inst. Bros. Rose W.M., T. Clark S.W., Cushing J.W., A. J. Clark S.D., Baker J.D., West I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Brasted P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Watkinson, Catling, Pearce, Christian, LeCrane, Bunker, Smyth, G. Clark, Lowe, Robinson. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Clark candidate. This brother offered himself as candidate for passing, was interrogated, and entrusted. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Christian, who opened the Lodge in the second degree and rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Rose then resumed the chair, and the brethren assisted Bro. Watkinson to work the first section of the lecture. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Pearce was elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Rose for his efficient duties in the chair, for the first time in this Lodge. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—On Thursday, 12th instant, at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool road. Present—Bros. Cross W.M., Crawley S.W., McMillen J.W. Hughes Secretary, Garner S.D., Weeden Preceptor, Baker I.G.; and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The first section was worked by Bro. McMillen, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Patient candidate. Bro. Crawley was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Weeden proposed that a vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to Bro. Cross for his able working in the chair, this being the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. This was carried unanimously. Nothing else offering, Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Thursday, 19th inst.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Monday, 9th inst. Bros. Trewinnard W.M. 228 W.M., Cooper W.M. 1693 S.W., Dixie J.W., Weeden acting Preceptor, Collingridge (Secretary) J.D., Forge Treasurer, Brett I.G., P.M. Elliott, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Garner acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of installation rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the third, and the W.M. was saluted in the different degrees. Bro. Elliott gave the various addresses in a very able manner. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

On Monday, 16th inst., Bros. J. Cooper W.M., J. J. Ware S.W., J. W. Collingridge J.W., A. W. Fenner acting Secretary, H. C. Turner S.D., R. Garner J.D., A. Baker I.G., A. Trewinnard Preceptor; also Bros. T. J. Cusworth, W. T. Garrad, W. Moorhouse, C. Weeden, R. W. Galer, A. J. Dixie, H. Hall. After preliminaries, Lodge was advanced to the second, when Bro. A. Baker answered the questions, but being only a F.C. was not entrusted. Bro. N. L. Western kindly offered himself as candidate; he was duly entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by Bro. Cooper (W.M. of the mother Lodge). Lodge being resumed, Bro. Ware was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 7th inst., at the Tabard Hotel, Bedford Park, W., Bros. Williams W.M., Gammell S.W., Gomm J.W., Gardner Treasurer, Johnson Secretary, Dowling S.D., Sims J.D., Hopkins I.G., Ayling P.M. Preceptor, Weeks Tyler; also Bros. Gammell, Brown, and

Furze. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, and resumed in the first, when the ceremony was rehearsed. Questions leading to second degree were put, and answered by Bro. Gammell. Lodge was resumed to the second degree. Bro. Gardoer and Brown occupied the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs respectively, when the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Gammell was unanimously elected a member.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

In the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, on Wednesday, 2nd December, at the Haunch of Venison, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet-street, W.C., at 7 p.m. precisely. Bro. J. Hemming J.D. 1287 W.M., D. T. Davies 72 S.W., B. Kauffmann J.W. 1732 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Bromley, Kauffmann, Nickolls, Drury, Stroud, Burgess, Davies. Second Lecture—Bros. Bathard, Greenway, Suodin, Paul, Day. Third Lecture—Bros. Kershaw, Smith, Solomon. Bro. E. Walker I.P.M. 72 is the Preceptor. Brethren are fraternally invited.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 21st November 1885:—

Monday—British Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge, Salisbury Chapter, Ebury Chapter. Wednesday—Oak Lodge, Grand Steward's Lodge, Noviomagus. Thursday—St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, Globe Lodge, United Pilgrim Chapter. Friday—Jordan Lodge, University Lodge.

A TESTIMONY.

THE Rt. Rev. Alex. V. Griswold, the first Bishop in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Eastern Diocese, in 1811, afterwards the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, and for ten years Chancellor of Brown University, was a thorough Freemason. During the Anti-Masonic persecution of 1828-35, a wealthy layman accosted the Bishop, and made sundry insinuations to the discredit of a certain clergyman, winding up with the remark—

"And now, Bishop, you will be shocked—much shocked, at hearing what I am quite prepared to prove; this man is—I have no doubt of it—a Mason!"

"A Mason, is he? I am one myself," replied Bishop Griswold. The villifier was completely flabbergasted. But the Bishop continued—"I wish all my clergy were Masons; I wish they all belonged to the Craft, providing they would act up to its obligations, and fulfil its engagements."

"And in what may these consist?" said the talebearer.

The Bishop replied:—

"I will show you practically. You have sought me with a long and laboured statement; you have said much that has had a tendency to injure another. Now, I will believe that you have been actuated by no other than perfectly pure and disinterested feelings, I will believe that no personal animosity in any degree moved you. This conclusion you owe to Masonry. That teaches me charity—that charity which bids us invariably put the best construction upon the acts and motives of others. This I learned from Masonry."

Bro. Bishop Griswold was not only a learned theologian, but the greatest American mathematician after Dr. Bowditch. He was born at Simsbury, Conn., in 1766, and died at Boston, in 1843.—*Keystone.*

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Dinner will be provided at Seven o'clock for those who intimate their intention to be present not later than Monday, 30th inst.

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YORK LODGE, No. 236.

A MEETING was held on the 16th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Dancombe-place, York. Bros. W. Draper W.M., Henry Foster S.W., Thomas G. Hodgson J.W., James Todd P.M., &c. Treasurer, W. Smith Secretary, Samuel Border S.D., H. S. Hopton J.D., C. M. Forbes I.G., S. J. Grummack Steward, W. G. Calvert Tyler, Mark Rooke P.M., A. H. H. McGachen P.M., George Kirby P.M., J. Toes, W. J. Kirkpatrick, E. W. Purnell, J. Clarke, John Biscoomb, T. J. Russell, C. Linley, W. Ward, M. Bryson, Tom Archey, and William Page. Visitors—Bros. J. P. Bell 57 D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, M. C. Peck P.G. Secretary North and East Yorkshire, W. Reynolds P.G. Treasurer North and East Yorkshire, W. Tesseymann P.P.G. Superintendent of Works North and East Yorkshire, G. Sims P.P.G.D.C. North and East Yorkshire, A. Jones 250 P.S.W., J. Martin J.W. 1991, and W. G. Fricker 455. The ballot was successfully taken for Dr. Farbraie Sidney Grumshaw. Bro. Mongs Bryson was raised. Bro. Dr. Bell D.P.G.M. congratulated the Worshipful Master and brethren on the exquisite appearance of the Lodge, and the very great pleasure it had afforded himself and his brother visitors at having been present during the ceremonies that evening; he paid a very high compliment to Bro. Rooke on the masterly manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the third degree; to Bro. Todd for the explanation of the tools, &c.; and to the Officers generally on the efficient manner in which they performed their respective duties. These expressions were endorsed by several other visiting brethren. Bro. Todd was elected a representative of the Lodge on the Charities Association for North and East Yorkshire.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 511.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their annual festival on the 4th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when Brother J. H. Taylor was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, the W.M., opened the Lodge, and was supported during the meeting by the following brethren:—Taylor as S.W., Lock J.W., Barfield P.M. Treas., Read P.M. Sec., Side J.D., Fisher I.G., Schuler and Death Stewards; Game, Whittick, Avery, Ward, Wehlen and Blum P.M.'s. Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. Pocock W.M. 1891, Honeyball P.M. 1681, McLeod P.M. 1624, Hart S.W. 1582, White 2020, Francon 1623, and others. The usual preliminaries having been disposed of, the W.M. elect was presented and duly installed, the ceremony being most ably performed by the outgoing Master. The W.M. having been saluted in the three degrees, appointed the following brethren as the Officers for the year:—Lock S.W., Side J.W., Barfield P.M. Treasurer, Read P.M. Secretary, Fisher S.D., Schuler J.D., Death I.G., Wehlen P.M. D.C., Barker and Cuff Stewards, Oliver Organist, Schofield Tyler. The ceremony was then completed in due form, the addresses to the Officers and members being given in a most impressive manner by Brother Parkhouse, who was subsequently presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. The Treasurer of the Lodge, Brother A. Barfield P.M., proposed that Brother D. Cama should be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, as a slight recognition of his kindness and liberality to the Lodge, and as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members of it. The proposition was seconded by the Secretary and carried unanimously. A capital banquet followed, and later in the evening the customary toast list was honoured.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 524.

THE first meeting of the present session of this popular Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 12th inst. The brethren assembled at 5 p.m., with Bro. Birling in the chair, supported by Bros. Smith I.P.M., O. Bryant S.W., Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. J.W. Lodge being opened to the second degree, Brother Bailly was examined, entrusted and afterwards raised by the W.M. in a very careful and impressive way. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and the ballot for Mr. Harry Wilkinson Brooks having been successful, this gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The name of Mr. William Taylor, L.D.S., of 28 Store-street, was proposed as a candidate by Dr. Jackson, and seconded by Dr. Jagielski. All other business being completed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren assembled at the banquet table and enjoyed a repast which showed improvement on previous occasions. It is to be hoped that the management will keep up to this standard of excellence. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been drunk, Dr. Jackson, acting I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M., in fitting terms alluding to the able manner in which the ceremonies had been performed. The W.M. having suitably replied, he proposed the health of the Initiate, who thanked the brethren for having accepted him into their Society; he would endeavour to live up to the noble tenets which he had heard advocated.

The health of the Visitors was proposed and responded to, and the brethren soon afterwards separated, having spent a very pleasant evening. The following were the visitors who attended:—Bros. W. Saegart P.M. Wellington, W. W. Westley S.D. Industry, P. S. Levi W.M. Adelphi, John Dale 1613, J. A. Taylor J.W. Ivy Lodge 1411.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THE brethren of this popular Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 11th instant, for the purpose of installing a Master for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened punctually to the time named on the summons, viz., 3.30, by Brother John H. Hawkes the Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. R. C. Prickett S.W., W. Ravenscroft J.W., T. J. Stransom Treasurer, J. Greenaway Secretary, Henry Creed S.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., W. Hickie Organist, Charles Slaughter Steward. The following Past Masters of the Lodge were also in attendance:—Bros. W. Ferguson, E. Margrett, W. W. Ridley I.P.M., R. C. Hurley, E. J. Blackwell, R. Dowsett, J. E. Danks P.P.G.S. of W. P.Z., W. G. Flanagan, Arthur Welch. Amongst others present were Bros. H. D. Jones, W. Margrett, J. Sparrow, W. E. Parkes, G. Shaw-Lefevre, T. P. Stewart, E. W. Ridley, S. Knight, F. Brown, W. J. James, R. S. Kemp, H. E. Cottrell; with the following Visitors:—Bros. G. Tottle W.M. 1501, C. H. Tench S.W. 2043, T. Murphy 841, W. E. Beale W.M. 1566, F. R. Spender J.D. 1566, J. Williams P.M. 1791, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, F. J. Ferguson P.M. 414, M. J. Withers W.M. 414, G. Gadd 1247, T. Blake 77, F. Kirk P.M. 1328, R. Bradley P.G.Sec., W. Sexton 1321, F. H. Cozens Organist 907, F. Bevan 1706, J. Weightman P.M. 414, G. H. Stubington Secretary 2043, J. W. Martin S.D. 414, J. Wilson P.M. 209, F. Binckes P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge, J. W. Lindars 1714, D. Webb W.M. 1894. After the minutes of the last regular Lodge had been read and confirmed, Mr. George Smedley Smallwood, of Reading, was ballotted for and accepted as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Richard Carless Prickett, the W.M. elect, was then presented and duly obligated by Bro. Hawkes the W.M. Bro. Margrett then took the chair and proceeded with the ceremony of installation, which he carried out in a masterly manner, fully sustaining the reputation of the Reading Lodges for excellence of working. On the re-admission of the brethren below the rank of Installed Master, Brother Prickett was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Hawkes Immediate Past Master, Ravenscroft Senior Warden, Creed Junior Warden, Stransom Treas., Greenaway Secretary, Vowles S.D., Hickie J.D., Pulley P.M. D.C., Slaughter I.G., Sands Senior Steward, Sparrow Steward, Brown Assistant Steward, Hemmings Tyler. Bro. Ferguson P.M. gave the address to the Master, Bro. Flanagan that to the Wardens, while Brother Margrett gave the one to the general body of the brethren. An artistically executed portrait of Brother W. P. Ivey P.M., for so many years associated with this Lodge in the capacity of Secretary, was offered to the Lodge by Brother Ridley, and was accepted on behalf of the members by the Worshipful Master, a vote of thanks being accorded to Brother Ridley for his gift. A notice of motion was given to vote £10 from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge on behalf of a distressed brother; this will be fully considered at the next meeting. A communication was announced from Brother Dixon, who is the Charity representative of the Province, reminding the Lodge that the Province was indebted for votes borrowed, and urging the members to use their best endeavours to relieve themselves of this responsibility. After the transaction of some other business, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where banquet was served. The usual toasts followed, the names of the Queen, the Prince of Wales and the Grand Officers being cordially greeted. The third toast on the list was the health of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.; the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and Grand Officers of the Province, past and present. With this toast was associated the name of Bro. Bradley, Prov. G. Secretary, who in due course acknowledged the compliment paid to the Provincial Officers. Bro. Bradley, as usual, made an interesting speech, touching on the Masonic topics of the hour, and expressing his approval of the manner in which the work had been carried out during the day in the Grey Friars Lodge. Bro. Hawkes next gave the toast of the Worshipful Master, and the compliment was fittingly acknowledged by Bro. Prickett, who announced his intention to serve as a Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. For the Visitors Bros. Kirk, Wilson, Williams and Spender replied. To Bro. Danks was entrusted the proposition of the toast on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. He quoted some interesting statistics in reference to what was being done, and claimed that Berks and Bucks was justly entitled to be considered in the foremost rank among those who interested themselves in the cause of Charity. Bro. Binckes replied in a sound, practical speech, in the course of which he made reference to the utterances made at a recent meeting, which we fully referred to in our last issue. The health of the Installing Master was proposed by Bro. Blackwell, who referred to the pleasant feature that five Past Masters had taken part in the ceremony of the day—all had acquitted themselves most creditably. As was known to many present, it had long been the custom for all installations in Reading to be conducted by Bro. Moxhay; this rule had now been broken through, and it was a matter of congratulation to all concerned that so many Past Masters were among them capable of fulfilling the duties in a satisfactory manner. This toast was acknowledged by Brother Margrett. The remaining toasts included the Immediate Past Master, and the other Past Masters of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101; the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Lodge of Union, No. 411, and Kendrick Lodge, No. 2043; the Treasurer and the other Officers of the Grey Friars' Lodge; the Initiate; the Tyler's toast. All of these were honoured in true Masonic spirit, and the proceedings

were brought to a conclusion in a most harmonious and satisfactory manner. The following is the programme of the music, &c., which was capitally carried out by the brethren enumerated, under the direction of Brother W. Hickie J.D. Grace, "Non Nobis," Bird; National Anthem; Glee, "Just like Love," Davy; Song, "My lass and I," Watson, Bro. Bevan; Song, "Sally," Carey, Bro. Sexton; Glee, "How merrily we live," Este; Song, Humorous, M.S., Bro. F. H. Cozens; Song, "Peggy of Yarmouth Town," Bevan, Bro. Bevan; Song, "She wore a wreath of Roses," Knight, Bro. Sexton; Song, Humorous, M.S., Bro. Fred H. Cozens; Glee, "Ye Gentlemen of England," Callcott.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE second regular meeting of this Lodge for the present session was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, 14th instant. The attendance on this occasion was not so large as usual, owing primarily to a moderate agenda for work, and in many cases to important engagements in connection with the forthcoming General Election. On these accounts it had been considered proper to look upon this meeting as an "off night." The W.M., Bro. R. H. Fendick, opened the Lodge at half-past four, and was supported by nearly all his Officers, viz.;—Bros. F. W. Potter S.W., H. Bertram J.W., R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, F. T. C. Keeble P.M. Secretary, J. A. W. Stephens S.D., J. K. Gwyn J.D., W. Cook P.M. D.C., R. Greening I.G., C. T. Smith Steward. There were also present Bros. W. Baber I.P.M., James Stevens P.M., John Seex P.M., W. F. Kibble P.M., Paul Metz, P. McNiven, F. Bailey, G. W. Robson, E. Wesley, Julian Hartley, R. Potter P.M. Tyler, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge was passed to the Fellow Craft degree, and, by request of the W.M. of the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, Bro. R. F. Tomlin, of that Lodge, having proved his proficiency, was raised to the third degree. The Lodge having been "worked down," a notice of motion by Bro. Potter S.W., for the presentation of a Past Secretary's jewel to Bro. G. W. Blackie P.M. on his retirement from the office of Secretary of the Lodge, and in slight acknowledgment of his past earnest services and courtesy, was considered and unanimously agreed to. The W.M. announced his intention to represent the Lodge as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and was promised support. He also proposed a candidate for initiation at the next meeting of the Lodge. No further business offering, the Lodge was closed and the brethren separated.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE installation day was duly celebrated at this Lodge on the 11th inst., at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors was present. On this occasion the beautiful oak chairs and pedestals, the gifts of various brethren, were used for the first time, and subsequently formally presented to the Lodge, and were greatly admired by those present. The furnishing of the Lodge is now nearly completed, and the spacious rooms admit of all the work in connection with the Lodge being carried out efficiently. The brethren and visitors assembled at the hall at three o'clock, and the Lodge was opened by Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., Worshipful Master. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. F. Smith P.M. Ripon, J. Barker P.M. 1102 P.P.G.S.W. West Yorks., C. Anderson D. of Cer. 236, W. Purnell 236, J. Barwick, T. M. Goldie W.M. 660, J. B. Nicholls S.W. 660, A. A. H. McGachen P.M. 1991, C. L. Burdekin 236, H. Darley 643, W. Smith 236, T. Archey 236, T. C. Clough D. of C. 660, G. W. Pattinson 602, J. McNay P.M. 236; and others. The Installing Officer was Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C. North and East Yorkshire, and he was assisted by an esteemed Past Master, Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W. Bro. A. T. B. Turner S.W. was presented for installation as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the ceremony was carried out in all its details. On the conclusion of the ceremony the following brethren were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W. I.P.M., W. Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., Rev. R. Blackeney, M.A., Chaplain, J. Kay Sec., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. Treasurer, S. J. Dalton S.D., W. Lakenby J.D., T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.W. D. of C., W. Stephenson I.G., C. C. Padel P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, W. Storey Steward, P. Pearson and J. D. Irving Assistant Stewards, and J. Hall Tyler. Various presentations were then made by the brethren present towards the furnishing of the Lodge, and votes of thanks were accorded to the donors. The installation banquet afterwards took place at Harker's Hotel, where a large number of brethren assembled, and the catering gave great satisfaction at the hands of Bro. Matthews. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., I.P.M., the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of York, J. Terry; P.M.'s T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.D.C., J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W., Seller, Blenkin, Balmford P.P.G.O., Barker, Mirfield, M. Rooke 236, McNay, Smith (Ripon), and a large number of the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge. After the banquet the following toasts were proposed and duly responded to:—The Queen and the Craft; the Prince of Wales Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of England; the Earl of Zetland Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire; the Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred T. Bywater Turner; the Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W.; the I.P.M., Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W. and the Past Masters of the Lodge; the Lord Mayor of York; the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, and the Officers of the Lodge; the Sister Lodges and the Visitors; the Masonic Charities; Masons' Wives, Mothers, Sisters, and Daughters; and the Tyler's toast. During the evening a musical programme was efficiently given by Bros. Child, Wilkinson, Sample, and Cumberland.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th instant, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, under the presidency of Brother J. Bartle W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Woodmason W.M. 1637 S.W., W. W. Buckland J.W., S. H. Parkhouse P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Secretary, E. M. Lander P.M., S. Smout P.M., G. Davis P.M., and others; among the Visitors were the following brethren:—Bros. R. G. Barton P.M. 60 P.G.S., T. C. Pratt P.M. 957, J. C. Conway 1891, C. J. Morse D.C. 1257, J. Brittain W.M. 1385, R. Fisher Young P.M. and Secretary 1385, P. Monson S.D. 1194, J. Webb W.M. 55, J. N. Hill 1168, H. D. Smith 2045, E. J. D. Bromley 179, C. Webster S.W. 1637, E. J. Day Organist 1641, R. Clench D.C. 901, J. N. Frye P.M. 1694, J. Wells 1612, W. C. Williams 1585, H. Whittich P.M. 511, W. Windsor W.M. 1585, J. W. Belsham 733, J. Mason P.M. 1567 P.P.G.S.D., J. Fisher 733, J. H. Pearson P.M. 1567, G. Britton P.M. 22, &c. The usual formalities having been observed, the Lodge was advanced, and Brother T. P. Rider raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Brother Buckland was then installed as Worshipful Master and he appointed as Officers:—Bros. J. H. Wood S.W., R. H. Pearson P.M. J.W., S. H. Parkhouse P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Secretary, &c. The installation ceremony was then completed, and several matters of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by the National Anthem. The health of the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master was next honoured. The Worshipful Master felt that the conduct of the Prince of Wales commended itself to the general body of his countrymen, but more especially so to his brother Masons. The Prince of Wales at all times did his duty, and as Grand Master of Freemasons endeavoured to uphold the dignity and high importance of the Craft. The health of the Earl of Carnarvon was next drunk. In some respects the Earl of Carnarvon might be looked upon as the patron Saint of the Lodge—if the Master might be excused the expression. He was a man of courage and a man of discretion—qualities which Freemasons were always pleased to recognise. The toast of the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers was next proposed. The Craft was unanimous in the respect shown to the Grand Officers, and the Master therefore felt no hesitation in calling upon the members of his Lodge to drink heartily to their health. Brother Bartle proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. The brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had elected a grand man to rule over them—one who would fulfil the duties as they should be fulfilled. They could but be pleased to see Bro. Buckland in the chair of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, as it was a position any Mason might be proud of. The W.M. briefly returned thanks, he hoped the brethren would accept his thanks in the spirit they were offered—would take the will for the deed; for he was not in the habit of making long speeches. He was deeply indebted to the members for many acts of kindness during the years he had been associated with the Lodge. He had accepted the office of Master with some amount of trepidation, he might almost say diffidence, but the way in which he had that day been received among them had given him confidence—confidence that he should have their support during the coming year—while it had imbued him with the hope that he should be able to conduct the affairs of the Lodge in such a way as to merit the approbation of the members. He next proposed what he considered was the toast of the evening, the setting sun—the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, Bro. Bartle, who had been the first initiate of the Lodge. He was a thoroughly genial man and Mason, one whom it was a pleasure to know. The Master had the high honour and privilege of bestowing on Bro. Bartle, in the name, and on behalf of the members of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel. In doing so he felt sure the members, one and all, wished, as he did, that Bro. Bartle might live long to wear it, and enjoy the esteem and regard of those with whom he had been associated in the past. He had additional pleasure in presenting to his predecessor an illuminated address, expressive of the thanks of the brethren, which they hoped he would prize as he would the jewel, and which would serve to remind him of their appreciation when he was enjoying the comforts of home. The address, which was handsomely illuminated was as follows:—

THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

At a meeting of the members of the above Lodge, held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on Thursday, the 20th day of September 1885, it was resolved, That a Past Master's Jewel and the best thanks of the Lodge be presented to Bro. James Bartle P.M. (first initiate of the Lodge) for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Worshipful Master during his year of office, in recognition of his unvarying course, and unflinching support of the various Masonic Charities and interests, and with the cordial and sincere wish of all the brethren for his future health, happiness, and prosperity.

WALTER W. BUCKLAND W.M.
J. H. WOOD S.W.
R. H. PEARSON P.M. J.W.
S. H. PARKHOUSE, Treasurer.
W. J. MURLIS, Secretary.

Bro. Bartle acknowledged the toast. He had to thank every one of the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge for the very kind gifts which he had received at the hands of the Worshipful Master that night. He intended to try and assist in keeping up the honour and reputation of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge in the future, and with this object had determined on representing the Lodge as a Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He felt sure that the members desired that the Lodge should maintain its reputation as a supporter of the Charities, and he should do his best as a representative to second those wishes. The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of the Visitors. It was a pleasure to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge members to have a number of guests around them. He had been associated with the Lodge for some nine years, but

could not remember any meeting at which there were not several visitors. He regretted the absence of many he had personally invited, but assured those present they were cordially welcome—his regret was they were not more numerous supported. Bro. Brittain replied. The visitors were one and all pleased to be present. The work in the Lodge had been carried on in a highly satisfactory manner, while the provision made for the comfort and entertainment of the brethren at the banquet table was all that could be desired. He hoped the Lodge might have a prosperous future, and the Worshipful Master a successful year of office. Bro. Young followed, referring to what was to him an innovation in the installation ceremony—the giving of the addresses by different brethren. This was a feature he thought might well be adopted in other quarters; it would relieve the pressure of work on the Installing Officer, would give some of the Past Masters an opportunity of displaying their elocutionary powers, and would relieve the tedium sometimes experienced when listening so much to any one speaker. Bros. Webb, Whitlock, Hill, Pearson, Pratt, and others also spoke to the toast, which was followed by that of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Parkhouse and Murlis. Those brethren were much respected in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and, indeed, anywhere where they were known. Brother Murlis was the first Master of the Lodge, and Brother Parkhouse the third. The former, who had initiated the present Worshipful Master, had fulfilled the duties of Secretary since leaving the chair, while the latter had for many years discharged those of Treasurer. Bro. Buckland had been present at every meeting of the Lodge but one since his initiation, and had seen its present Secretary and Treasurer growing in the respect and esteem of the members of the Lodge and of Freemasons generally; so highly had they become esteemed that it was impossible to find words in which to express one's feelings in regard to them. Bro. Murlis was exceedingly obliged for the reception accorded to the toast. The hearty welcome given to it at the many meetings of the Lodge proved the he and his brother Officer were successful in their endeavours to properly discharge the duties of their respective offices. Brother Parkhouse followed, adding his thanks for the hearty way in which he was always received in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He then referred to the question of the election of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, which, he said would shortly require the attention of the brethren. At the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge it would be the privilege of one of them to nominate their esteemed Brother Cama for the office, and they hoped that when the election came on it would prove that the choice of the Craft had fallen on that brother. Several members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge were taking an active part in securing the election of Brother Cama, who was well known among them and who had done great service for the Lodge. His election to the important position of Grand Treasurer of England would be a graceful recognition of Colonial Freemasonry, and of India especially, for it was there that Brother Cama had won most of the honour which was inseparable with his name. Bro. Parkhouse trusted that every brother who had the power, would assist in promoting the desire he had at heart—to see Bro. Cama elected as Grand Treasurer of England. Bro. Cama had been among them that night in Lodge, but ill-health had prevented his staying to the after proceedings, a disappointment to very many of them. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of the Charities of the Order. The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had done great things on behalf of the Institutions of Freemasonry, but it was not sufficient to rest on the laurels of the past. Work for the present time and for the future was what was needed, and he hoped that the members of his Lodge would do their share. Their esteemed Immediate Past Master Bro. Bartle had undertaken the office of Steward for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and had already secured contributions for his list of close on seventy guineas, a good start, but an amount capable of great enlargement. The brethren had just heard from Bro. Parkhouse that it was the desire of many of the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge that Bro. Cama should be elected Grand Treasurer of England. Bro. Parkhouse had omitted one little point which might well be referred to in connection with this toast; Bro. Cama was well known for his liberal support of the Charities, and if he was elected to the high office for which he would shortly be nominated it might be looked upon as a gratifying tribute to the cause of Masonic Charity. Bro. Mason replied to the toast in an exhaustive speech, and then the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge was proposed from the chair. This was a toast which commended itself at all times to the members of the Lodge. Looking back, they saw much for which they had to thank those who were now included in this toast. On the present occasion they desired to especially honour Bro. Smout, who had faithfully and zealously discharged his duties when in the chair of the Lodge, and who had done much for its welfare in many other ways. The Worshipful Master had much pleasure in now presenting an engrossed testimonial on behalf of the members of the Lodge. This presentation would have been made earlier but for an accident, but it was none the less sincere now that it was made. It was far better to do right late than not at all, and accordingly he was heartily pleased it had fallen to his lot to make the presentation to Bro. Smout. The address read as follows, and like the one previously presented to Bro. Bartle was an excellent example of artistic workmanship:—

THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

Presented, together with a P.M.'s Jewel, to Samuel Smout P.M., by the brethren of the above Lodge, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of services rendered during the time in which he fulfilled the various offices; but more especially during the year in which he presided as Worshipful Master.

FRED. C. FRYE W.M.
JAMES BARTLE S.W.
JOHN WOODMASON J.W.
SAMUEL H. PARKHOUSE, Treasurer.
W. J. MURLIS Secretary.

In presenting this Bro. Buckland said it was the hope of the members that Bro. Smout would for many years remain a member of the Lodge, and that he might long have health to continue the good work he had so long carried on in the interest of the Craft in general, and of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge in particular. Bro. Smout was exceedingly gratified at the presentation just made by the W.M., his only regret in connection with it was that it had not been made during the lifetime of his father. He took it as a great mark of their appreciation that they had that night made him so handsome a present—it was indeed a pleasure to receive it. He could not express all he felt, but thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their kindness on that and many other occasions. It had always given him the greatest pleasure to have his name associated with the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge—a state of affairs he hoped would continue for many years to come. Bro. Lander followed, congratulating the Master on his accession to that Office. He hoped he might have as pleasant a term in the chair as his predecessors had enjoyed, and that the lamp of honour lighted by those who had preceded him would burn as bright during the coming year as at any time in the history of the Lodge. He wished that peace and harmony might continue in the future as it had in the past, and felt it was the desire of every Past Master to uphold the honour and dignity of the Lodge. The lay members of the Lodge were next honoured with a toast, and then the Officers received their meed of praise, after which the Tyler concluded the proceedings.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

UNDER circumstances which necessitated a temporary removal from the customary place of meeting at Honor Oak, this Lodge met in accordance with the terms of a dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, on Wednesday, 11th instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The W.M., Bro. H. M. Williams opened the Lodge at five o'clock, supported by Bro. C. H. Phillips I.P.M., and the following Officers and members, viz.:—Bros. H. Stokes S.W., J. W. Hartley J.W., G. R. Langley Assistant Secretary, H. Hooper S.D., A. Darch P.M. J.D., Fuller as I.G., F. France D.C., J. H. Worstencroft Assistant D.C., W. Bartlett W.S., W. H. Simons Organist, A. Pitman Assistant Organist; Brothers Cloake, Pearson, Cox, Mordey, Andrews, O'Reilly, Letchford, Cooper, Lawson, E. Bye sen., B. Forster, Wootton, &c. During the evening the following Visitors were welcomed, viz.: Bros. John Richardson P.M. 1001 P.P.G.P. West Yorkshire, W. Smith P.M. 1538, Henry Baldwin W.M. 1949 P.P.G. Standard Bearer Middlesex, James Stevens P.M. 720 1216 1426, Thomas Harper P.M. 1216, A. R. Cranch P.M. 1669, W. H. Williams (father of the W.M.) P.M. 104, F. C. Greaves 1922, E. Bye jun. 141, Sidney Hill Organist 1216, W. Wilson 1837, and D. Baird late 1886. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and the dispensation for the temporary removal of the Lodge was read and ordered to be recorded. Ballots were taken in favour of Mr. Charles W. Bennett and Walter W. Arber, who were severally introduced into the Lodge, and received the benefit of individual initiation. The W.M. performed his task with the utmost fidelity, and left nothing to be desired by either members or Visitors in regard to correct and impressive ritual. The after-dinner speeches of the newly-initiated brethren proved how greatly they appreciated the solemn and appropriate introduction into Freemasonry they had received at the W.M.'s hands, with the assistance of his Officers. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Phillips I.P.M., for presentation of a suitable jewel to the W.M. at the expiration of his term of office, and a committee was appointed to report to the next meeting as to a more suitable place for the future gatherings of the Lodge. Several apologies for non-attendance were read, regret being expressed that the candidate for passing should again find it necessary to excuse himself, and also that illness should have prevented both Bros. John Hammond and W. Hopekirk P.M.'s from being present. Lodge was then closed in due form, and refreshment followed labour. Under the genial presidency of the W.M., a very agreeable evening was passed in social converse and harmony, and there being amongst the members of the Lodges and its frequent visitors many having both gift of song and of recitation, there was no lack of enjoyment up to the time of the Tyler's toast and necessary separation.

MARK MASONRY.

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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 199.

THIS Lodge held its usual meeting at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 18th instant. The Officers were J. Funston W.M., Henry Stephens P.M. P.G.S. S.W., J. Aillud J.W., S. Smither, W. L. Doddrell and W. J. Meek P.M. P.G.S. Overseers, G. Mitchell I.G., J. Garwood, A. P. Little, R. Marshall, G. Andrews, W. Beasley P.M. P.P.G.S. Secretary, and others. Bros. H. J. Thrower 1766, Robert Arthur Germaine 2033, and Edward Thomas Holloway 15 were advanced. The Secretary read the summons of the Grand Lodge for the 1st prox., and the W.M. urged the attendance of the Officers and brethren. Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

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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, 21st NOVEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 715—Pannure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham 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. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
 2149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 174—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.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 2002—Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
 2005—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)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 189—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.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, 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)
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 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
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Milton.
 R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
 R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

- 214—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 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)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 8861—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—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canina Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1446—Mount Edgembe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, 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. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

- R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
 R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
 R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk

- R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 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.
 1233—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)
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palace 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. (Instruction)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
 R.A. 934—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 129—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 274—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

- 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1638—Browrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 9. (Instruction)
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slough
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

- R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
 R.A. 329—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
 R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
 R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford
 R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
 R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, 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)
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 853—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 8. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington

- R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
 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. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
 R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

- R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 3 (In)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—R. yal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hall, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbur, at 8. (In)
 1395—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St
 R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1395—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

- R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 915—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

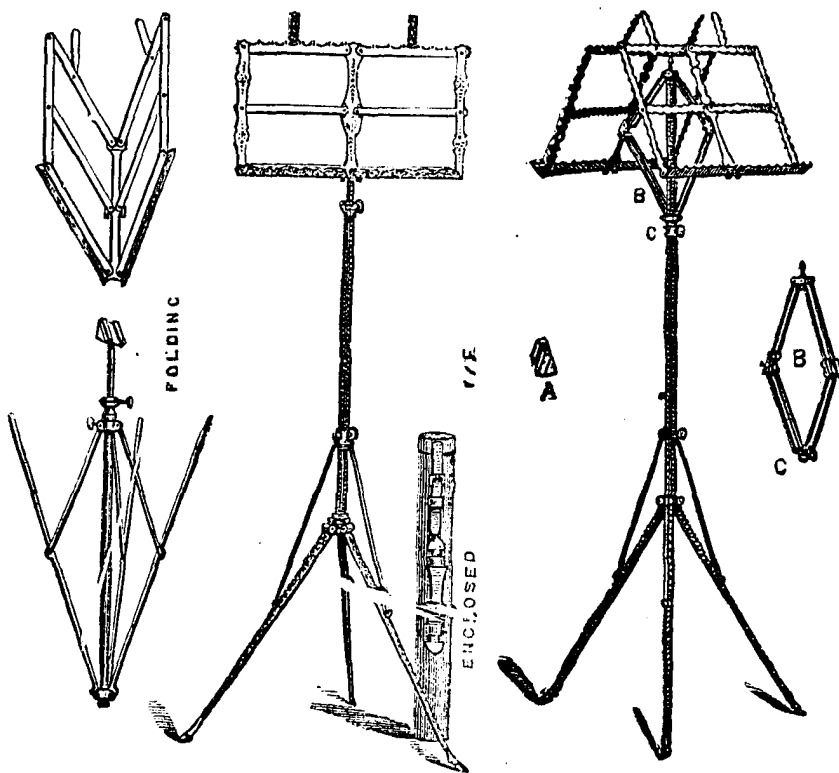
SATURDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gray, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1375—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turaham Green, at 7.30 (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

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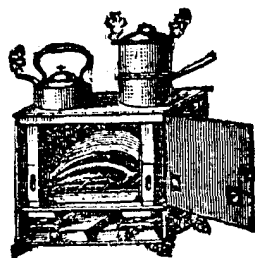
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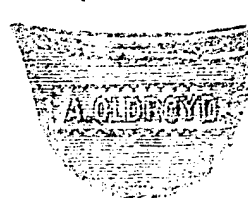
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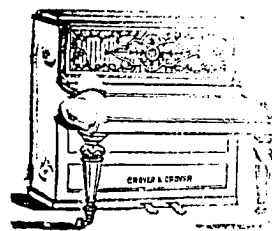
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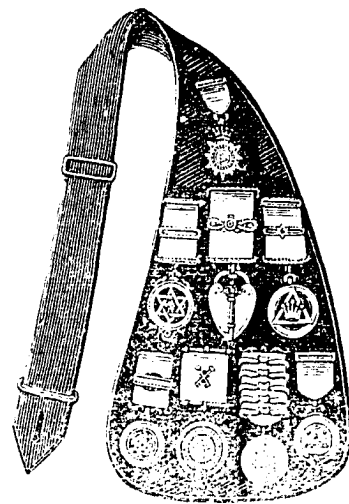
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