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THE NEXT ELECTIONS FOR THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

AFTER such a result as we were recently enabled to chronicle as the total of the contributions of English Craftsmen to the Masonic Educational Institutions for the past year, it is not to be wondered at that the Committees of the two Schools should have been enabled to recommend, not only that the existing number of pupils should be maintained, but that in each case additions should be made to the number on the establishment. Success has attended the operations of the Institutions during the past twelve months to such an extent as to call forth the approval of all who interest themselves in the work of benevolence, and to-day we are in a position to judge the effect this success will have on the more immediate future. The numbers of pupils in the two Schools are to be increased at the next elections, in April.

In the case of the Girls School the additions decided upon are but slight, still they are sufficient to mark the progress which the Institution is making. At the present time—when every one is complaining of the badness of trade, and the lack of money—anything like extension in the work of benevolence cannot be too highly applauded, and therefore the additions decided upon in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, although small, are sufficient to call forth general congratulation. It is decided (1) that in case a vacancy occurs from any cause before the newly-elected children are received into the School, the next highest unsuccessful candidate on the list may be admitted at the next Quarterly Court, and (2) that one additional girl be elected at the Quarterly General Court in April, thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 237. The former of these resolutions may be looked upon as a mere matter of detail, intended to give the supporters of the Institution an opportunity of preventing a waste of space, as well as the inconvenience of starting a half year with one or more pupils short of the capacity of the Institution. With such a number of children as two hundred and thirty-seven to be taken into consideration, it is just as well to provide for emergencies, and it is but natural to suppose that circumstances may occasionally arise to create an unexpected vacancy. Whenever this rule is taken advantage of it will imply an addition to the Institution for the six months immediately following, and thereby relieve for that period the necessities of the family to which the highest unsuccessful candidate for the time being belongs—no trivial advantage, as many a brother's widow could testify. It is such small matters as these which prove the watchfulness and thoroughly hearty manner in which the Committees of our Institutions carry out their self-imposed duties. Nothing that can be thought of is neglected in the desire to relieve the wants of others, and we are convinced it is only careful consideration for the future which prevents even greater extensions than have just been decided upon. The second proposition is, of course, an addition to the School pure and simple, and will allow of the admission of one more child to the benefits of the Institution. This will necessarily entail an additional outlay—an outlay which, although terminable at any of the periodical elections, is virtually permanent, as such a proposal as a reduction in the number of pupils must not be even thought of, much less seriously entertained. We think the Craftsmen of

England may be relied upon to maintain the Institutions in the future as ably—even if not better—as do the brethren of to-day.

Turning to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys we have an increase decided upon of a most substantial character, and one which will be hailed with delight by all who have taken a part in raising the funds which have made it possible. Ten additional children are to be admitted to the Institution, which already feeds, clothes, and educates two hundred and thirty sons of Freemasons; so that, after the election in April next, two hundred and forty boys will be on the books of this Institution. Truly a grand number, and one which, as in the case of the Girls, we hope will speedily be increased, but never decreased.

Having referred to the increases which have been decided upon, we may now look at the prospects of the elections, which, as usual, will take place in April. The coming contests promise to be exciting, if they are not deserving of being termed excessively severe, although to many of those who will take a part in them they will prove painfully severe, as it will be necessary, in spite of the eleven additional vacancies declared, to send thirty-two of the candidates back—unsuccessful. In the case of the Girls' School twenty-three candidates can be admitted from an approved list of thirty-seven applicants, while in that of the Boys School forty-eight are eligible to go to the poll, to compete for thirty places, a total of eighty-five candidates, of whom fifty-three only can be admitted. It is much to be regretted that this large proportion of deserving cases will have to be sent away disappointed, but it is hardly to be expected that members of the Craft can, or ever will be able to relieve every case of distress brought before them. It is rather a subject for rejoicing that as many as fifty-three of the eighty-five candidates can be admitted, than that we should lament the circumstances which force us to send thirty-two of them back. It is but natural that there should be more candidates than vacancies, for there are no benefits, such as the Schools confer, which can be had simply for the asking; indeed there are numberless cases in which smaller benefactions are sought after, much more than is the case with the scholarships of our Schools. This proves that the Masons of England are to be congratulated on having, comparatively speaking, so small a number of calls made on them in this respect.

As we have said before, it is the earnest desire of the Committees of the Masonic Institutions to spread their advantages over as wide an area as possible, and to make the blessings of the Charities felt to the utmost extent, but with the increasing demands which are constantly made on them, and the increased expenditure which is so frequently sanctioned, there must be a corresponding increase in the activity of those who subscribe the money to carry them on, and in these days of almost universal depression it is difficult to see in what way the contributions of the Craft can be augmented. We can hardly ask those who have already worked to do more than they have done, but we can, and do, entreat of them to continue their support as far as they are able, and, above all, to enlist the services of brethren new to the work. A brother who serves the office of Steward, for instance, should not consider his work complete until he has transferred his "representation" of one of the Institutions to another member of his Lodge. All should strive to encourage regular representation from their Lodges, and no matter

how small the list, if it could be relied upon year after year it would be particularly welcome. It is not one or two exceptionally large contributions which have placed the Institutions in their present position, or which keep them in a state of activity, but numberless small offerings from brethren all over the country. No pains, then, should be spared to render these gifts regular, and as numerous as possible. What has been done during the last few days towards increasing the number of children in the Masonic Schools has been rendered possible by the large number of small contributions which were sent up last year, and similar increases will be possible in the future if increased support of a like kind be forthcoming. The result is worth striving for, and we earnestly hope that some of our readers may find it in their power to take an active part in securing it. Let them remember that as the result of last year's good work eleven new vacancies have been declared, and that, in spite of this, thirty-two distressed families will be sent away after the next elections—unrelieved for want of funds.

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FINANCIAL TABLES FOR THE YEAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just received the reprint of a letter signed "P.M. 1607," which appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the 21st of November last. To this letter is appended a table purporting to show the sums contributed during the past seven years by each Province to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions.

I am sure that any one reading these figures and the satirical paragraph near the end of "P.M.'s" letter would infer that the Lodges and brethren of the Province of Herefordshire, which he has specially held up for derision, had during the period referred to (1879-85) contributed *nothing* to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, *nothing* to the Girls' School, and the paltry sum of £53 11s only to the Boys' School fund. Permit me, therefore, through your columns, to correct these misstatements, the fact being that during the years in question I myself have remitted £477 15s from the brethren of the Province, viz. :—

To the Boys' School	-	-	-	£194	5	0
To the Girls' School	-	-	-	152	5	0
To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	-	-	-	131	5	0
Total	-	-	-	477	15	0

To this must be added various sums contributed by Lodges and brethren, the amount of which I do not know, as it does not come before me.

Possibly the fallacious figures given by "P.M." include only the sums taken up and presented to the Annual Festivals, and he ignores remittances made through post. However this may be, they are, so far as the Province of Herefordshire is concerned, inaccurate and most unfair.

I hardly need say that before castigating his brethren "P.M." should have taken due care that the figures which he thought fit to give to the Masonic world were fair and correct, and contained all the facts necessary for an impartial judgment, or he should have added that for aught he knew, in addition to the amounts he had stated, considerable sums might have been remitted by the Lodges and brethren of a Province.

I may say that Herefordshire is a very small Province, its four Lodges containing but 110 members, so that a remittance of £477 15s from the Association referred to under my signature is very creditable, and especially so when regard is had to the fact that our claims upon the Institutions during the same period have amounted to £32 only.

"P.M." Masonically insinuates that the Province of Herefordshire would not have given even the paltry sum with which he credits it but in the hope of getting it back. If his figures and insinuation were true, how fatal they would be to any candidate from the Province; whereas, on the contrary, a full and true statement of the facts would be beneficial.

If "P.M.'s" other figures are reliable, it would appear that Herefordshire is one of the few Provinces which, during the past seven years, has remitted to the Association £440 more than it has received.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

W. EARLE P.M., Prov. G.S.

Hon. Secretary Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association.

8th January 1886.

"MASONRY" IN COURT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Flashes of humour and *lapsus linguæ* often break forth spontaneously to vary and relieve the monotony of the proceedings of our law courts, and a peculiarly funny instance came under notice not very long ago. During a recent visit to the Lord Mayor's Court, Bro. H. Wildey Wright and Mr. Lewis Glyn were the opposing counsel, and the former having addressed the jury on behalf of his client, the latter rose to reply, prefacing his observations with that bland smile for which he is noted, and sundry gesticulations which are familiar to gentlemen learned in the law. The pause being more prolonged than usual, Bro. Wright sprang to his feet and exclaimed, "If you wish to address the jury do so, but don't address them by Masonic signs." To this Mr. Glyn imploringly assured the jury, "Gentlemen, they were *not* Masonic signs to you." The foreman of the jury said, he could not understand them if they were; whereupon the learned judge (Mr. Woodthorpe Brandon) comforted the jury that it was "merely a figure of speech." It need hardly be said that the amusement in court was intense, as many there knew that Mr. Lewis Glyn is not a Mason.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

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PROFESSIONAL SINGERS AND THEIR FRIENDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the course of a lively conversation with a brother the other evening the subject turned accidentally upon the desirability or otherwise of incurring the heavy expense of engaging professional and non-Masonic "talent" at our banquets, and we mutually agreed that there is, or should, be sufficient vocal and instrumental ability amongst the members to render any such extraneous aid unnecessary. I am willing to admit that the performance of an overture during dinner adds zest to the meal, and the singing between the toasts tends materially to heighten the enjoyment of the proceedings. But whether the brethren are justified in putting a Lodge to such an expense as must accompany professional engagements of the kind to which I refer is a question which calls for very serious consideration. The subscriptions of the brethren should be devoted to none but Masonic purposes, and musical services rendered in our Lodges should be voluntary and gratuitous, not expensively charged for. But even admitting that three or four artists are engaged for, say a guinea each per night, and their banquet, which costs probably as much more, that should be the outside; and I always thought it was, until enlightened by my veteran brother, the other night, who seemed to "know the ropes." "Bless you," he remarked, "in these cases the first cost is not all. For instance, a young lady is engaged to sing. She must have a lady friend to assist her at her toilette, and a gentlemen friend to turn over the leaves of the music, and so on. The gentlemen artists frequently have their attendants, too; and of course all these *aides* expect to be entertained the same as the rest. Thus, if four professionals are engaged to take part in the musical accompaniments of a banquet, the harmonious party is very often largely increased, and it is easy to calculate the expense which is thus unnecessarily thrust upon the Lodge funds. I am aware that I shall be open to the retort that it is no business of mine, and that the brethren have a right to do as they please; but I venture to think in a majority of such cases the brethren either do not know or do not care to enquire the extent of the outlay incurred by this luxury, the payment for which, out of Lodge funds, is unjustifiable, and a waste of money. Perhaps some of the luxurious Worshipful Masters or Treasurers may take a different view of the matter, and let us know what that view is; also, whether the charge can be upheld by Masonic law.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A LOVER OF MUSIC.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—After nearly two years' severe illness, the G.A.O.T.U. has graciously restored me to health, and since my almost exhausted resources were further depleted by the cruel burglary at my residence, on Christmas Day, I am once more desirous, able and willing, to obtain some employment to assist my broken fortunes. I trust, therefore, some of the many brethren I have known in my happier and more prosperous days will be able to come to my rescue.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES J. PERCEVAL P.M. 1607.

8 Thurloe Place, S.W.

The election of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, took place on Tuesday. Bro. Henry Martin S.W. was unanimously chosen as Master for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Charles Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. England, was re-elected Treasurer. The installation meeting will take place on the second Tuesday in February, when Bro. Alfred Withers P.M. will undertake the duties of Installing Master.

OUR INSTITUTIONS.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Saturday, the 9th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Horace Brook Marshall P.G. Treasurer. The minutes having been confirmed, the chairman announced that he had made an application to Grand Lodge for a grant of money towards defraying the cost of the land recently purchased by the Institution. He was pleased to say that the brethren present in Grand Lodge had unanimously voted the sum of £1,000 for that purpose. Bro. J. H. Matthews P.G.S.B. then moved the three propositions of which he had given notice, and which were detailed in our issue of the 2nd inst. All of them were carried. The Secretary reported the completion of the purchase of land recently authorised, and a resolution to provide a new box for the deeds, &c., of the Institution having been carried, a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, and the meeting terminated.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 11th inst., under the presidency of Bro. George Plucknett, Treasurer of the Institution. The whole of the motions of which notice had been given, and which will be found recorded in our last issue, were carried, and the recommendation of the General Committee as to the number of candidates to be elected at the next meeting was adopted. Considerable discussion ensued on Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's motion concerning the future of the House Committee, and notice was given that a proposition would be made for the next Quarterly Court not to confirm the minutes in regard to it. The proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the chairman.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. John L. Mather. The death of three female annuitants was announced. The reports of the Warden, and of the Finance Committee, were adopted. Votes of thanks to those who had contributed to the entertainment of the Old Folks at Croydon, on the 6th inst., were passed. A widow's application for half her late husband's annuity was granted, and then the new petitions were considered, and ultimately accepted. The thanks of the meeting having been given to the chairman, the proceedings terminated.

The installation meeting of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at 4:30 p.m. precisely. Bro. Alfred J. Henochsberg P.M. 1502 is the W.M. elect.

A Masonic Charitable Association in connection with the Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 861, to be held at the King's Head Tavern, 42 Threadneedle Street, E.C., will commence its operations on Tuesday evening next, the 19th inst, and be continued on the third Tuesday in every month. Lodge opens at seven o'clock. Brethren are cordially invited to join.

The Lord Mayor of London (Bro. Alderman Staples) was present last night (Friday), at an emergency meeting of the St. Botolph Lodge, No. 2020, held at the Albion, Aldersgate street.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 16th January 1886:—

Monday—Old Pauline's Club, St. George and Cornerstone Lodge, Royal Savoy Lodge, Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Unions. Tuesday—Piscatorial Ball, St. James's Union Lodge, Urban Lodge, Codogan Lodge. Wednesday—Royal Savoy Lodge Ball, Enoch Lodge, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge. Thursday—New Holborn Quadrilles, Elliott Lodge Ball, Caledonian Society, Lodge of Regularity, Polish Lodge, University of London Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge, Gt. Northern Lodge. Friday—London Caithness Ball, Jordan Lodge, University Lodge, Lodge of Antiquity. Saturday—London Wheelers' Soirée, City and West End Soirée.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Vaudeville. — On Wednesday last was produced here a comedy, entitled "Plebeians," by Mr. Joseph Derrick. Although the new piece was well received on the first night, the success was mainly due to the talented artists who were engaged in its production. Placed in the hands of a company not so well versed in this style of acting the piece would have been a disastrous failure. Such ideas as are expressed by the author will never be appreciated, and unless the work be almost rewritten the sooner Mr. Thorne changes his programme the better. Imagine a rich brewer, or a money lender, offering an individual £15,000 if he will marry his daughter, merely because he can place the prefix "Honourable" before his name. This, however, seems to be the idea on which Mr. Derrick has founded his comedy. The following is an outline of the plot. Mr. Basil Brown, a brewer, who resides at Candy Lodge, Brixton, calls upon an impecunious "Honourable," whom he has met at his club, and to whom he offers a cheque for £15,000, provided he will marry his daughter. In furtherance of this view, the Hon. Danby Cleeve (Mr. T. Thorne) is invited to dine on the following day at Candy Lodge, where he will have an opportunity of meeting Miss Belinda Brown. A Jewish money lender, who states his wealth to consist of a quarter of a million, also calls upon the aristocrat, and offers a bait of £20,000 if the "Honourable" will marry his daughter. This individual states it is the one hope of his life to obtain for his daughter a position in society, and that can only be obtained by marriage. The Jew adds that he and his daughter are to dine on the following day at Candy Lodge. Whilst Cleeve is meditating over these bribes, a young lady, Grace Wentworth, calls to see him. She has a tale of trouble; her affianced husband was to come to England from a far distant land, but the vessel is a fortnight overdue; she earnestly pleads the gentleman will make inquiries respecting the vessel; this he promises to do, and is about to carry out his promise, when he is told that the vessel has foundered, and the lady's lover has been drowned, and that he himself is entitled to possession of the dead man's wealth. The day for the dinner at Candy Lodge at length arrives, and here the "Honourable" falls in love with the brewer's daughter. But as he has come into a fortune, he accepts her without the proffered cheque. The joy of the brewer is unbounded, while the Israelite is wild with rage. After the engagement has been agreed upon, it turns out that the vessel in which Grace Wentworth's affianced husband is supposed to have been lost, safely arrives in port, and of course the gentleman claims his wealth, but Cleeve in turn comes in for another slice of fortune's favour. As we have before said, the success of the piece was entirely due to the excellent company that was engaged. Miss Kate Yorke takes the part of Belinda Brown, the brewer's daughter, but she has poor material to exercise her abilities upon. Miss Kate Phillips assumes the part of the Jew's daughter, and is even, if possible, in a worse plight. Miss Maude Millett seems to have been "fitted" the best; her rendering of the part of Grace Wentworth being replete with sentiment. Mr. Thomas Thorne, in selecting the part of the Honourable Danby Cleeve, has chosen one unworthy of his powers. Labouring under extreme difficulties, however, he managed to create some fun out of a bad work. The parts of the Jew (Mr. Charles Groves) and the Brewer (Mr. Fred Thorne) were both well acted; in fact, the vitality of the piece seemed to rest on the shoulders of these gentlemen. Other characters were filled by Mr. W. Lestocq (Jabez), Mr. H. Akhurst (Mr. Seldon), Mr. F. Grove (Pritchard), Mr. F. Mellish (Columbus Brown), and Miss Lavis (Mrs. Basil Brown).

SHAKESPEARE'S WILL.—Any person desirous of inspecting the actual last will and testament of the immortal Bard of Avon can do so by visiting Somerset House and paying a shilling. The visitor is conducted to a dimly-lighted room in which this precious relic is preserved, and is not a little astonished to find it securely fixed in a series of frames protected by glass. The will remained for many years without any attempt being made to protect it from the wear to which it is subjected. Indeed, the reference to the will during the period which it was unprotected has slightly worn away the writing at the folds of the paper. It is a remarkable fact that for every Englishman who visits Somerset House to inspect it, there are at least two Americans. The Will has been reproduced in fac-simile on two or three occasions at distant intervals, one of the last copies being taken in the year 1864, when a fac-simile (now out of print) was published at six shillings. Fac-similes have for many years been exceedingly scarce, and a sovereign or more has been paid for good copies. Messrs. Cassell & Company have, we learn, now reproduced the Will in a form which will enable every person to possess it, for they will issue a fac-simile copy with Part I. of "Cassell's Illustrated Shakespeare," to be published on the 26th inst., the price of the Part, including the Will, being but 7d. This new fac-simile of the Will has been very carefully executed, its permanent value being greatly enhanced by its being printed on paper of antique style, and in ink similar in colour to that of the original document.

Mr. Charles Du Val has reached India, and made his first appearance there at the Gaiety Theatre, Bombay, with unqualified success. The Indian Journals are unanimous in their favourable criticisms on Mr. Du Val's Monologue. He appears for a season at the Theatre Royal, Calcutta, after at Bombay, and will probably visit China and Japan.

Monday, the 25th instant, has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Spring Exhibition of the Nineteenth Century Art Society, at the Conduit-street Galleries.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 88.

It was with particular pleasure that we assisted at the Installation meeting of this old and prosperous Lodge, on Monday evening, at the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, Cambridge, when there was a large gathering of Masons from all parts of the Province. On entering the Lodge room, which we found splendidly appointed, and well warmed and ventilated, in cheerful contrast to the bitter weather outside, we found a goodly number of the members assembled under the gavel of the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. McCallum P.P.G.J.D., who was well supported by his Officers. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, in accordance with ancient rites, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, a perfect galaxy of Provincial Grand Officers took their seats upon the dais, followed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire, Bro. J. Neal York, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, Bro. R. H. Holmes, both of whom were saluted with the honours accorded to their exalted rank. Amongst the Past Masters of the Lodge present were Bros. J. R. Ling P.P.G.J.W., W. I. Basham P.P.G.D.C., B. Chennell P.P.G.J.W., A. H. Moyes P.P.G.S.W. (Secretary), T. Hunnybun P.P.G.D.C., and E. Hills P.P.G. Reg. The Visitors included Bros. the Rev. T. Bartrup Nichols (president of the St. Oswald's College, Cullercoats), son of the W.M. elect, R. L. Wherry J.W. 1232, Rev. H. Bott I.G. 186, J. W. Emerson 859, G. E. Anson 705 (New Zealand), G. Tindall W.M. 242, T. Watt W.M. 441, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196, J. E. L. Whitehead S.D. 441, S. H. Sharman S.W. 441, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, J. Read P.M. 85, J. Catling 441, J. W. Wilson 685 P.P.G.S.W., E. H. Jennings P.M. 441, J. Fuller J.W. 441, C. A. Vinter I.P.M. 441, Hutchinson J.D. 2107, H. Saunders P.M. 859, J. H. Gray P.M. 859. The preliminary business, which included the adoption of a most satisfactory report by the Auditors, having been disposed of, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. the Rev. T. Bartrup Nichols, who, in company with two or three other brethren of his Province, had travelled all the way from Newcastle-on-Tyne to instal his venerable and esteemed father into the chair of K.S. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Thomas Nichols S.W. P.G. Treasurer, has for years ranked amongst the more active and distinguished Masons in Cambridgeshire, having filled the office, not only of Treasurer of his own Lodge, but also that of Provincial Grand Lodge. Those who knew him best recognise in him an energetic and discreet brother, who is ever alive to the true principles of the Craft, and it has been a matter of astonishment that he had not, long ago, aspired to the dignity of Mastership. At length, however, even having regard to his advanced age, considering the active services he had so long rendered to the Province, it was deemed by the brethren most desirable, if not absolutely necessary, that he should rank amongst the rulers of the Craft, and that desire having been communicated to him, Bro. Nichols bestirred himself, and brings to bear no perfunctory knowledge, nor self-satisfied reliance entirely upon the Past Masters, but a full conviction of the responsibilities of the position, and a determination to carry out the duties which devolve upon him. This was a source of sincere congratulation on Monday evening, on the part of those who had previously recognised Bro. Nichols' zeal and energy, and his capacity for taking command of the Lodge. Having assented, according to established usage, to undertake the responsibilities, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Nichols was duly installed into the chair by his son, who performed the ceremony in a masterly manner. On the readmission of the brethren, the newly-installed Worshipful Master was saluted with the customary honours, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. G. McCallum P.P.G.J.D. I.P.M., W. I. Pashler P.P.G. Supt. of Works S.W., Oliver Papworth P.P.G.D.C. J.W., E. Hills P.M. P.P.P.G. Chaplain, W. H. Jarrold P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, A. H. Moyes P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, W. Pnrchas P.P.G.O. S.D., F. Piggott P.P.G.S.B. J.D., T. Hunnybun P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Director of Ceremonies, J. R. Ling P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Organist, W. P. Spalding P.G. Supt. of Works I.G., W. Davidson P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Steward, and T. Wood Tyler. The addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren were then delivered by the Installing Officer, the whole ceremony being rendered in recondite and eloquent manner. Indeed, it is no figure of speech to say we have seldom seen the beautiful rite more perfectly or impressively carried out. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren then adjourned, to reassemble in the banquetting-room, where a *récherché* repast was provided by the worthy proprietor of the hotel, who is proverbial for the interest he takes in the Lodge, and his provision for the comfort of the brethren. The toast of the Queen and the Craft having been proposed, and received with loyal enthusiasm, the National Anthem was sung, and the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was followed by that of the Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Present and Past Grand Officers, these toasts being also heartily welcomed. Ample justice was done to the toast of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, the Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. Neal York, and the Prov. Grand Officers. The W.M., in proposing this toast, expressed regret that their Deputy Provincial Grand Master had been compelled to leave early, in consequence of an important business engagement; in Brother York's absence he would call upon Brother B. Chennell Prov. G.J.W. to respond. Bro. Chennell, in the course of his reply, said it was his pleasure and privilege to be at the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire, when they voted one hundred guineas towards the funds of each of the Masonic Charities. This action had been highly approved by the Craft generally, and it was hoped that other Provinces would follow the example. The I.P.M. next proposed the health of their newly-installed Worshipful Master, in doing which he sincerely congratulated the Lodge upon the wisdom and excellence of their choice. It was very gratifying

to find that so esteemed a member of the Lodge had at last been induced to accept the Mastership. Bro. Nichols was so well known to all the brethren that no eulogy was needed in presenting to them the toast. The W.M., in responding, after alluding to the difficulties he had surmounted, taking into consideration his advanced age, said it required some amount of moral courage to essay the responsibilities of the chair. It was from no selfish feeling that he had so long held aloof from that position; it was solely from the thought that it would be for the advantage of the Lodge that he should do so, and that he should not take the chair. At the same time he had a sneaking regard for the office, and pressure having been kindly placed upon him, by the solicitations of his many friends he at last gladly consented. He had not done so without consideration, and should do all he could to bring to bear upon the duties that amount of energy which he was thankful to say he still possessed, and trusted his zeal might make up for any shortcomings he might display. He referred with gratification to having been placed in the unique position of a father being installed by his son, and he felt that his labours in Freemasonry had not been in vain. He was proud to know that his son, who had installed him that day, had so far carried out his wishes, and made himself an active and honoured member of the Craft. He appreciated most highly the compliment that had been paid to him by so many distinguished brethren travelling such a distance, to be present at his installation. He reciprocated the kindly wishes which had been extended to him, and hoped to receive during his year of office the co-operation and assistance of his officers and the brethren generally. He trusted that at the end of his year, however imperfectly he might have carried out the duties, it would be recognised that he had striven to the utmost of his ability, and that the Lodge would not have suffered at his hands. Bro. O. Papworth P.P.G.D.C. then proposed the health of the Installing Master, and in doing so said from his knowledge of Bro. Nichols jun. he felt the toast would be most heartily received. He could scarcely pay that brother a higher compliment than to hope that the father might prove worthy of the son. The Installing Master, in the course of his response, said the proceedings of that day had proved a source of heartfelt happiness to him in his Masonic career. He was highly gratified at the reception the brethren had given him, and pleased at the important part that had been entrusted to him to play that day. He quite appreciated the kindness of the members of the Lodge in giving place to him, and spoke in the highest terms of the Worshipful Master, who he felt sure would never be excelled by any of the brethren for the amount of zeal and energy which he would bring to bear upon the fulfilment of his duties. He concluded an excellent and practical speech by wishing for the Scientific Lodge a long and prosperous career. The health of the Past Masters was next given from the chair, and in doing so the W.M. said the Past Masters, as the toast list indicated, were "most potent, grave and reverend signiors," and he relied upon them for their co-operation and aid. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Davidson P.P.G.J.W., who said it would be the pleasure, as well as the duty, of all the Past Masters to uphold the W.M. in the fulfilment of his onerous duties, and to sustain the prestige which the Scientific Lodge had so long enjoyed. The toast of the Visitors having been proposed in felicitous terms from the chair, Bro. Holmes, Deputy Grand Master of Northumberland, was the first to respond. He thanked the Worshipful Master for the gratifying terms in which the toast of the Visitors had been given, and for the cordial reception which had been accorded it. He had a vivid recollection that some years ago Bro. Nichols, who had so well discharged the duties of Installing Master on this occasion, visited him at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in company with his father, their worthy Worshipful Master that day. Whilst discussing why Brother Nichols had not passed the chair, he had promised, if ever the day came when their brother should be induced to accept the position of Master, he (the speaker) would make an effort to be present. In fulfilment of that promise he had gladly travelled from the north, and it was exceedingly gratifying to him to see his old and respected friend in the exalted position he now occupied. Bro. Watts, of the Three Grand Principles, and Bro. Gray, of the Isaac Newton Lodge, also responded. The Masonic Charities was the next toast, and the W.M. delivered an earnest and practical speech on the beneficent influence which the various institutions exercised on behalf of those who were in deserving need. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, who in the course of his response said he had seen the Secretaries of each of the Masonic Institutions that morning, and Bro. Binckes, the representative of the Boys' School, had authorised him (Bro. Morgan) to convey his sincere regrets to the brethren of the Scientific Lodge that he was unable to be present on that interesting occasion. As the Worshipful Master had so kindly associated his name with the toast of the Masonic Charities, and as neither of the actual representatives of the Institutions were present, he thought perhaps a few words from him as to what those Institutions were doing would not be inopportune. The munificent gift which had been voted at the last Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire had been received with the warmest approval by the Craft at large, and the work being done by the Charity Organisation scheme which was now in full operation in the Province of Cambridgeshire was a means that would be of intense value to the Masonic Institutions generally. They must all acknowledge that the past year had been one of unexampled prosperity so far as the Masonic Institutions were concerned; this would be conceded by every one who was interested in the affairs of Freemasonry; but without posing before them as an alarmist, it must not be lost sight of that in this period of universal depression in trade a reaction might occur. Bro. Morgan urged upon the brethren most seriously that they must not be led too far a-head by an exceptionally prosperous year—or years—for when a grand success was achieved in any year the executive of the various Institutions were strongly urged to increase their sphere of benevolence, and were perhaps induced to undertake responsibilities which there was a possibility they might not be able to meet. A time of adversity might come; and while he, in accord with every well wisher of the Masonic Institutions, hoped there should be no falling off in the

amount that was being expended, with that wish he coupled a sincere desire that a proper and discreet wisdom should be exercised in the outlay of the money which was placed in their hands. It undoubtedly was the desire of every brother who contributed that the capital funds of the Craft should be placed upon a more firm and solid foundation. It was most undesirable that the Institutions should exist on a "hand to mouth" principle. The absolute responsibilities entailed upon the executive of the three Institutions might be realized when it was taken into consideration what a vast amount of beneficent work was done. During the past year the amount realized on behalf of the three Masonic Institutions had amounted in the aggregate to £54,500. Even with this vast sum there were some difficulties to face. The Craft was increasing in volume, and the demands upon its bounty were multiplying. At the next election for the Benevolent Institution there would be no fewer than 136 deserving applicants for the benefits of that Institution, and Bro. Terry, in a so-called "Manifesto," issued last week, had earnestly appealed to the brethren throughout the country to assist him by every means in their power to make the approaching Festival a success. It must be remembered by the brethren that the amount of charity bestowed by the Benevolent Institution was divided amongst 190 men and over 200 widows, who received annuities—the males £40 per annum, and the widows £32. This of itself entailed a yearly expenditure of £13,804. Then they had the Girls' School, where 237 pupils were being maintained, clothed and educated. Again, at the Quarterly Court held that afternoon there was a proposal that the admissions to the Boys' School at Wood Green should be increased from 230 to 240. All these items, as a matter of course, entailed grave responsibilities, and should an evil day come, when the subscriptions on the part of the Craft might materially fall off, it would be inevitable that the scope of the Institutions must be narrowed. Those who had hitherto subscribed would only be content so long as the candidates in whom they were particularly interested were kept well to the front, but should there be any unavoidable curtailment there would certainly arise a laxity of interest, and, as a consequence, a fearful falling off in the receipts must follow. If instead of 240 pupils at the Schools the Committee should only be able to provide for 200, it would have a most depreciatory influence upon the actual income, the result of which would be appalling. Bro. Morgan said he did not urge these views in any alarmist spirit, but it was necessary that men of business experience should be fully prepared for such exigencies as might arise. In conclusion, he advised that a substantial addition should be made to the reserve fund of each Institution, in order that, should a crisis occur, they might be able to cope with the demands made. Unquestionably the executive of the three Masonic Institutions had the confidence of the Craft at large, and it afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to have had the opportunity, however imperfectly, of laying his views before the brethren as to the position of the Institutions and the duties of all true Masons to support them by every means in their power. The proceedings of the evening were fittingly closed with the Tyler's toast. The speeches throughout were interspersed by a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music, with recitations.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

A HUNDRED years of uninterrupted Masonic existence is what few Lodges can boast of, and therefore those which do enjoy that distinction may be excused for any enthusiasm they feel in connection with the honour. Another Lodge has just attained to its centennial—the Domatic, No. 177—the one hundredth Worshipful Master of which was installed on Friday, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, and active preparations are being made to celebrate the event by a banquet after the regular meeting next month. The meeting of Friday last was presided over by the W.M. of the past year, Bro. Robert Pierpoint, who was supported by Harry Price S.W., A. Simner J.W., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, H. J. Chapman J.D., R. Harvey I.G., N. Salmon Steward, Riechelmann Organist, and the following Past Masters:—W. M. Foxcroft, W. J. Ferguson, E. White, H. Bowman Spink, J. McLean, J. R. Foulger, and J. E. Walford. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, and the Auditors' report received, the Lodge was advanced and Bro. J. Webster passed. Bro. H. B. Pardy was raised, and then Bro. Harry Nelson Price was installed as Worshipful Master, Bro. Everett, Treasurer of the Lodge, performing the ceremony with marked ability, notwithstanding the fact that he was suffering from severe indisposition. The following brethren were appointed as Officers: Simner S.W., Chapman J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, Morris Secretary, Harvey S.D., J. Sadler Wood J.D., Salmon I.G., J. E. Spurrell D.C., and J. Billingham Steward. After the completion of the Installation ceremony, Messrs. Thomas Trodd, Robert Hewetson, Anthony Fawcett Peacock, and Ernest George Arthur Smith, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. An increase in the Visitors' Fee on the occasion of the Centenary Banquet next month was then agreed to, and the report of the Centenary Committee received. Two propositions for initiation were submitted, and a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of Installation was unanimously agreed to, on the proposition of Bro. Pierpoint I.P.M. seconded by Bro. Foulger P.M. The Worshipful Master, in putting this motion, said that Bro. Everett had had a great wish to install him, the one hundredth Master of the Lodge, into the chair. So strong had this desire been that Bro. Everett had left a sick room, to which he had been confined the last two or three weeks, solely for the purpose of being present. Bro. Everett felt deeply grateful to the brethren, one and all, for their kind expressions to him. He had had a wish to install Bro. Price, because he was a brother whom he had personally introduced to Freemasonry, was a very old friend of his, and was, moreover, the one hundredth Master of the Domatic Lodge. After the customary greetings Lodge was closed and ad-

journed in due course. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the toast list was gone through. The first, the W.M. said, was a toast which for close on fifty years had been received with honour and enthusiasm by Englishmen throughout the world, and which in every assembly of Freemasons was sure of an especial welcome—it being that of the Queen. It was usual with Freemasons to couple with this toast the Masonic Craft, the prosperity of which they all desired. The toast was heartily received, and followed by the National Anthem, Madame Riechelmann singing the solo. The next toast was that of the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Worshipful Master was sure this would be received with the same cordial welcome as had been accorded to the previous toast. By the winning character of his nature, and by his geniality at all times, the Prince of Wales had won the esteem of all with whom he came in contact, while the way in which he had managed the affairs of the Craft had won for him the esteem of every member of the Order. This toast was followed by that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. In the Earl of Carnarvon the brethren had a very worthy and highly distinguished Mason; one who was always ready to fulfil any duty he might be called upon to perform in connection with the Order. The Deputy Grand Master was an equally good Mason, as any brother who had seen his working in Grand Lodge could testify; while the Grand Officers generally were men who had well earned the honorable positions to which they had been appointed. Bro. Pierpoint proposed the health of the W.M. It was a very pleasing duty to him to submit this, the health of his successor in the chair. Personally he wished the W.M. every success, and in doing so he felt he was only expressing the wish of every member of the Domatic Lodge. The support the brethren had given to the chair during the past year had ensured to him a very happy year of office, and the best wish he could express for his successor was that he might have as great prosperity during his term. He did this feeling assured that Bro. Price was fully deserving of all the honour the members of the Domatic Lodge could confer, and with the full conviction that he would merit the approval which would be showered upon him. The W.M. considered it a somewhat difficult task to reply to the many kind things which had just been said of him; but he felt that the cordial reception of the toast by the brethren proved that they endorsed the remarks of the Immediate Past Master. He felt sure the members would believe him when he said that while he was in the chair he should do his best to ensure the comfort of the brethren and the prosperity of the Lodge. He trusted that when he vacated the chair the mention of his name in connection with the Domatic Lodge would always call forth as hearty a response as it had done that night. Before resuming his seat he had much pleasure in proposing the toast of the Immediate Past Master. He felt assured the brethren would unite with him in wishing their Immediate Past Master the greatest success in his future career. He had pleasure in presenting to Bro. Pierpoint the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and he did so, feeling that no jewel was ever more deserved than this one. Bro. Pierpoint felt at a disadvantage as he was suffering from a severe cold; indeed, had it not been for the pleasure of attending the old Domatic Lodge he did not think he should have ventured from home that day. He was truly grateful for the honours which had been conferred on him during the past year. He had especially to thank the Past Masters for the kind assistance they had rendered him during his term of office. He well remembered that on the night of his Installation they had held out the right hand of fellowship, and since then they had done all they could to make his year of office a prosperous one. He did not like to mention names in such a case as this, but could not refrain from a special reference to Bro. Ferguson, who had been particularly kind during the twelve months. There was also the Treasurer, to whom he desired to address a few special words of thanks. He had done much to secure the prosperity of the Lodge during the past year. The brethren were all pleased to see him again well enough to get about, as it was at all times a pleasure to see his happy face in the Lodge. The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Initiates, whom he hoped would so act as to maintain and even add to the reputation of the old Domatic Lodge. Bro. Smith was the first to reply. The events of that evening had been looked forward to by him with infinite pleasure for some time past, and he was happy to say their realisation was fully up to his expectations. Bro. Trodd followed. The Worshipful Master had expressed a hope that the Initiates of that night might one day occupy the chair of that—their mother Lodge. He hoped he might, but he could not help thinking he was then nearer the chair than he should ever be again, or at least for very many years. He should try, however, and merit promotion from his brethren. Brothers Hewetson and Peacock also replied, after which the toast of the Charities was given from the chair. In the Charities associated with the Order the brethren had three splendid Institutions, of which they ought to be, and were justly, proud. The two Schools were worthy of especial esteem, but the third Charity—that which provided for the aged and the widows of the Craft—was if anything even more deserving than either of them. He should have the pleasure of representing his Lodge at the next Festival of this splendid Institution, and he hoped the members of the Lodge would do their best to support him in that Stewardship. Bro. James Terry replied, suggesting that it would be a very gratifying feature if the list of the Worshipful Master at the coming Festival was for as many pounds as the number of their Lodge. £177 from the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, at the hands of its one hundredth Master would be a grand result. When the brethren remembered on whose behalf their Master and he were pleading, they could not fail to do their utmost to make the appeal a success. At a later part of the evening it was announced that £34 11s 6d had been promised in the room on behalf of the Old People. The toast of the Visitors was duly honoured and replied to by several of the guests, while that of the Past Masters was acknowledged by Bros. Pierpoint and Ferguson. Bro. Morris replied for the Treasurer and Secretary, and sundry of the Officers to that proposed in their honour, after which

the Tyler was called and the final toast pledged. A capital selection of music was arranged and was well carried out under the direction of the Organist of the Lodge. The visitors were Bros. Henry Magee 174, G. Reynolds I.G. 1616, R. Templeman W.M. 1339, A. Bignold 1624, T. W. Marley, M. G. Bohrer 1627, John Bennett 1415, H. E. Ince, J. Terry P.M. 228 P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, A. D. Cohen 1017, M. Cohen 1017, T. Baxter 228, John Hayler 2030, F. Lawrence 2012, G. Price 619, J. Hill S.W. 1658, A. Wallis 2005, E. Bowles 1056, T. J. Smith 1348, W. W. Westley S.D. 186, R. La Feuillade J.W. 1381, W. H. Boys P.M. 1658, Henry Stiles P.M. and Secretary 1732, R. Walden S. 1658, H. A. Stunt W.M. 1320, John Purnell P.M. 1106 P.P.G.S.B., J. Haxell 765, Cleveland Phillips P.M. 820, G. Bigley P.M. and T. 1298, W. W. Price 1816, T. Cox 1912, J. L. Hume J.D. 144, J. J. Avery P.M. 70 P.P.G. Treasurer Devon, G. T. N. Farman 1257, G. A. Potter 1964, G. Croxton P.M. 1769, W. Williams 2005, J. D. Smith W.M. 1658, and others.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 11th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a goodly number of the brethren and visitors. Bro. W. A. Cubitt the W.M. was supported by Bros. W. Saint S.W. and W.M. elect and the Officers. Past Masters B. D. Renshaw Treasurer, J. Shackell Secretary, F. Biddle, J. E. Fells, Samuel Webb, J. Smith and F. Warne; J. G. Gilderslove acting as I.G., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, and about forty other brethren. The Visitors included Bros. G. H. Stephens P.M. 1623, J. C. Cross 902, W. Reynolds and W. Graves 1685, J. F. Simpson 1706, A. Bishop 1892, W. E. Johnson 1076, A. G. Watkinson 1728, J. Dale and G. J. Freeman 1613, J. P. Omer 1259, W. C. Scheneberger 172, H. J. Rose 1891, C. H. Kelsey 1227, J. W. Weston 1278, C. J. Woodward 1365; and others. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, when Bro. Joseph Hart was raised. Resuming in the second, Bro. Frederick Hemings was passed. It was announced with regret that Mr. Henry Middleton Alston, who was balloted for and accepted at the last meeting of the Lodge, had died somewhat suddenly, the melancholy event occurring on 27th December. Bro. W. Belchamber 1153 was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. W. Saint was then presented as the W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably carried out by Bro. Cubitt I.P.M., assisted in the charges by Bro. Samuel Webb P.M. The collars for the year were thus bestowed:—Bros. W. A. Cubitt I.P.M., F. Silvester Senior Warden, G. P. Nightingale Junior Warden, B. D. Kershaw Past Master Treasurer, J. Shackell Past Master Secretary, S. Smither S.D., H. Freeman J.D., E. J. Davey I.G., S. Webb P.M. D.C., and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. It was unanimously resolved to vote twenty guineas out of the funds of the Lodge in aid of the three Masonic Charities, and after some other business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room of the hotel, where Bro. Clemow, with his usual ability and taste, provided a really magnificent banquet. After dessert the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured. Bro. Cubitt rose; he did not intend to dilate at any great length upon the toast; time was on the wing. He should content himself with proposing the health of their Worshipful Master, whose qualifications for that office were well known and admitted by all present. Bro. Saint W.M., in acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been received, said their excellent I.P.M. had spoken many kindly words as to his capabilities, and he could only hope that during his year of office he should be able to prove that he was equal to what he had been represented to be, and that he might give satisfaction to the brethren. The health of the Visitors was the next toast. Bro. J. Freeman 1613 said this was his first visit to the Confidence Lodge, but his invitations to it was as numerous in the future as they had been in the past, he should accept them more frequently. Bros. Stephens P.M. 1623, W. E. Johnson 1076 and J. C. Cross 902 also responded. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, the Worshipful Master paid a deservedly high tribute to the zeal, assiduity, and ability of Bro. Cubitt, who during his very successful year of office had done so much to uphold the prestige of the Lodge, and to extend its usefulness. He felt perfectly certain that in his Immediate Past Master he should find every assistance he might require in the discharge of his onerous duties, and on behalf of the brethren he asked Bro. Cubitt's acceptance of a valuable Past Master's jewel, which he had richly earned by his unwearied efforts for the promotion and welfare of the Confidence Lodge. Brother Cubitt Immediate Past Master returned his very sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the Worshipful Master had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it, and also for the generous manner in which they had been pleased to vote him the handsome Past Master's jewel on his retirement from the chair. He knew it had been an established custom in this Lodge to pay a similar compliment to Masters when they retired from that position, and he had often heard them declare that when they received the jewel it was the "happiest moment of their lives." He was not going to follow those who had spoken in such terms, but he was very proud indeed to receive this jewel as a Past Master of the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters, said the toast was one which involved a great amount of goodwill. They had a goodly number of Past Masters present that night, and he repeated that during the years he had been connected with this Lodge he had ever received from them the utmost courtesy, kindness, and good feeling. That being the case he was only too pleased and happy to have the opportunity of expressing his gratitude to them for the services they had rendered him. It was a great acquisition to a Master in the chair to have Past Masters around him who were willing to support him and uphold him in the dignity of that position. Of course he considered the duties of the Mastership should be carried

out in a way that was becoming and dignified, combined with respect and good feeling, without which they could not have unanimity in the Lodge. It should be his study to promote a feeling of goodwill amongst the members during his year of office, and especially to work in harmony with the Past Masters. Bro. Walter Wood said the rest of the Past Masters had placed upon his shoulders the duty of responding to the toast. He could not but thank the company for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received. Every speaker had observed that it was too late to say everything he had intended to say; and with such excellent examples before him it would be rash on his part to attempt a lengthy speech. Therefore, sheltering himself under their excuses, he would merely say the Past Masters of the Confidence Lodge had in the past done all in their power to forward its interests, and nothing on their parts would be wanting in the future in the same direction. Bro. Shackell; briefly replied to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. He had risen to respond to that toast a good many times during the 21 years he had been a member of this Lodge, and hoped to do so a good many more. He trusted he might be deserving of all the good things that had been said of him. The Officers of the Lodge came next, and on their behalf suitable acknowledgments were made by Bros. F. Silvester and G. P. Nightingale, soon after which the list was closed by the Tyler. During the evening selections of music and recitations were given, amongst those who contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren being Bros. Weston, Silvester, Davey, and Watkinson. Bro. Graves presided ably at the pianoforte.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 309.

ON Thursday evening, 7th instant, at the Red Lion Hotel, Bro. Douglas G. Gilmour, of Gosport, was installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year. There was an unusually large attendance, including representatives of every Lodge in the district. The ceremony was performed in a most efficient manner by Bro. J. W. Gieve, the retiring W.M., to whom a special vote of thanks was accorded for the ability displayed by him on the occasion. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. J. W. Gieve I.P.M., W. A. Hill S.W., Henry Cooke J.W., Rev. A. C. Hervey P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith P.M. P.G.J.W. Treasurer, Rev. A. A. Headley P.M. P.P.G.C. Secretary, Dr. E. T. Cronch S.D., G. Harry J.D., Rev. F. J. Ashmall I.G., Harry Love Dir. of Cers., C. Smith and T. W. Haydon Stewards, E. H. Cooper Organist, R. Eames Tyler. The Worshipful Master, in the name of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Gieve I.P.M. a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. Subsequently a banquet was served in the large hall, the excellent catering of Bro. G. Bond P.M. giving unqualified satisfaction. Amongst the members of the Lodge present, in addition to those named, were Bros. Edgar Goblo P.M. P.G. Sec., A. R. Holbrook P.M., E. Goldsmith P.M., J. Mason P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Lyon, W. G. Leath, Leaver, H. E. Bate, Fraser, House, Worthington, Robins, and Broughall. The Visitors included Bros. Mark E. Frost P.P.G.S.W., Captain W. H. St. Clair, R.N., W.M. 2074 P.G. Reg., W. Gunnell W.M. 312 P.G. Supt. Wks., J. Gieve P.M. 1039 P.G.D.C., J. G. L. Stobbs W.M. 175, and E. Naylor W.M. 928 P.G. Stewards, Dupree W.M. 1069, T. P. Palsgrave P.M. 487, H. E. Loader W.M. 487, J. M. Foster W.M. 1776, G. T. Cunningham W.M. 1834, G. D. Lovegrove Organist 257, Thornton S.W. 903, Senior S.W. 1705, Waters, C. Reader, Chalcraft, and G. Bird.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 9th inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. Fendick W.M. presided, supported by his Officers, several members and Past Masters, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Ousby W.M. 59, J. Langdon 1457, J. Terry Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Tomlin 1815, Brecknell 1633, J. T. Duffery 1275, J. G. Deacon 39, A. J. Hudson 1627. The minutes of the last Lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. Fraser, a candidate for passing, was examined as to his proficiency and afterwards passed to the degree of F.C. The next business was to ballot for the admission of Mr. Alfred Joseph Coleman; this being unanimous in his favour and he being in attendance, was impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. An appeal was made to the Lodge by a distressed brother, and a very handsome response was made to it by a contribution amongst the members. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed, and an adjournment took place to the dining hall, where a substantial dinner was served. At its conclusion grace having been said, the Worshipful Master remarked that as that was an off-night he should give the customary toasts in a very brief and comprehensive form, which embraced the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. Bro. Baber I.P.M. said, that having assumed the Worshipful Master's gavel the brethren knew to what use he should apply it; this was to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. In doing so he should adopt his suggestion, and that was to be very brief in the observations he should make in proposing the toast. There was no doubt that he had filled the office with very great ability, and therefore he asked the brethren to drink his health with great cordiality, a request which was heartily responded to. The Worshipful Master, in responding to the toast, thanked Bro. Baber for the very kind terms in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the cordiality with which it had been received; he could assure them that he would discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability. He said the next toast he had to propose was that of their brother initiate. At all times The Great City Lodge was proud to receive the infusion of fresh blood amongst them, and he felt sure that their brother initiate would never regret the day when

he was made a Mason. Bro. Stevens P.M. sang the "Entered Apprentice." Bro. Colman thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which his name had been received, and said that he was determined to prove himself a good Mason. The Worshipful Master next gave the Past Masters of the Lodge, to which Bros. Baber, Stevens, Headon, Freeman, Kibble, Keeble, and Blackie severally responded. The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was that of the Visitors, who were always welcome at The Great City Lodge. That night they had not so many as usual, but those who were present might well bear comparison in point of quality, and in the name of the Lodge he gave them a hearty welcome. The Visitors severally returned thanks, expressing the pleasure they had experienced in seeing the working of the Lodge, as well as the hospitality which had been extended towards them. Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, speaking on behalf of the Masonic Charities, said, that was not the first time he had been the guest and received the hospitality of The Great City Lodge, as he was present at its consecration and saw Bro. Stevens, its first Master, installed into the chair, and he believed that he was the first Steward, when the Lodge gave £50 to appear on his list. Their Worshipful Master would this year represent the Lodge as its Steward, and he hoped that his list would be a successful one on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The list of applications was now closed, and numbered 136, but there were only 16 vacancies. That was a very unwelcome state of things, and especially so as amongst the candidates there were several over 60, some over 70, and some over 80 years of age, all seeking the benefits of this Institution. As all these candidates were men and women treading the down hill of life, it was a very serious thing to think of; also how such a state of things could be met. Boys and girls were often adopted by charitable and benevolent people, but he had never yet heard of any one adopting an old man or a woman, and there was no other place than the workhouse that was open to them unless this Institution took them in hand. It was an injunction impressed upon them, and indeed it was the duty of all to assist them in the declining years of their life, and make the closing days of it happy and comfortable. He felt sure that if the brethren could see the painful and distressing cases which were brought before the Committee of this Institution they would double the amount of the subscriptions they intended to place in the hands of their Worshipful Master. He wished to mention one fact which had occurred, when a brother 80 years of age applied to the Committee to become a candidate for the benefits of this Institution, but it appeared that he had only subscribed for 8½ years, whereas a subscription of 10 years was required to give him a qualification. He accordingly continued to subscribe, and at 84 years of age he was placed upon the funds, which he enjoyed for 18 years, and recently died, being then 102 years of age. This venerable centarian held a certificate of his birth, and therefore his age was known to be a fact. It is also a remarkable circumstance that this man left a widow upwards of 70 years of age, who now finds a home in the Institution. Let them see what they could do in support of the Worshipful Master's list, and aid the cause which they had so much at heart. Many could help one, and as he was addressing City men he knew that if a good case was brought before them they would support their Worshipful Master in a successful manner, and the first fruits of it would be to bring relief to their poor and distressed members. Several other toasts were given.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

THE members of this popular Lodge, which is mainly composed of the officials of the Corporation of the City of London, met, for the first time since the installation of Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright as Worshipful Master, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday evening last. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Colonel T. Davies Sewell P.M., J. Perkins S.W., C. W. Bowley P.M. acting as J.W., R. Pawley P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Turner P.M. Secretary, Major J. Perry Godfrey J.D., T. Whiddington D.C., T. Lovell Tyler, Lieut. V. Dunfee, E. F. Fitch, W. E. Bush, E. Pugh, H. E. Richards, Roberts, Williams (Visitor), and others. After the usual preliminaries, some routine business was transacted, but in consequence of many members of the Lodge having accepted invitations to the Lady Mayoress's juvenile fancy dress ball at the Mansion House, it was deemed advisable to postpone the more important business on the agenda until the emergency meeting convened for Wednesday. At the close of the Lodge the brethren and visitors dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., an excellent repast being provided, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Newton. In proposing the loyal toasts the W.M. observed that on an occasion like the present he did not propose to make any lengthy set speeches, but there was one toast which was always drunk wherever loyal Englishmen, Scotchmen, and Irishmen assembled, and that was the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. Her Majesty, as Patron of the Craft, took a deep interest in Freemasonry, and testified that interest by becoming a patron of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. In proposing the health of the Prince of Wales the W.M. expressed the hope that His Royal Highness might long continue in the capacity of Most Worshipful Grand Master. He had succeeded to a long line of Grand Masters. His predecessor, the Marquis of Ripon, was a most popular member of the Fraternity; before him was the Earl of Zetland; and in earlier times the office was held by uncles of the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Sussex and the Duke of York. The Prince of Wales did not appear quite so frequently amongst them as a Most Worshipful Grand Master might do were he a commoner, but he took a great interest in all that concerned Freemasonry, and they knew also that although he was not often amongst them, yet he was cognizant of all that transpired in connection with the Craft. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, in doing which he alluded to the Earl of Carnarvon as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and

said his name would no doubt be frequently mentioned during the next few months, and he would have great anxiety on his mind. His lordship was known as a man of worth in the region of politics, and in Masonry, and more especially so in respect of antiquarian researches as vice-president of the Society of Antiquarians. The Earl of Lathom was also well-known in the Craft and in society. Both took a deep interest in all that concerned Freemasonry. They were not merely formal members, but both knew the ritual from beginning to end. There were many members of Grand Lodge belonging to the Alliance, but other duties had prevented them from attending on this occasion. Bro. C. W. Bowley P.M. then assumed the gavel, and in proposing the health of the W.M. sincerely congratulated the Lodge upon having so able and zealous a president; and said the manner in which he lately performed the ceremony of the investiture of his officers was something to be remembered. The Worshipful Master, after returning thanks for the compliment paid him, hoped that during his term of office he should merit the confidence and esteem of the brethren, if so, he should feel he had not occupied the chair in vain. Of course it was a very laudable ambition on the part of every Mason to become Master of his Lodge. He had looked forward to that distinction with considerable pleasure, and hoped to hand down the warrant of the Lodge pure and unsullied as he received it from his predecessors. He regretted that during the year there had been apparently a lack of interest in the working, but that arose from the fact of the Lodge being full. They were limited to 40 members, and that number was completed by the nomination that evening of Mr. Homewood Crauford, the City Solicitor. He knew there were several other gentlemen desirous of joining the Alliance Lodge, but unless the bye-laws were extended they could not be admitted. He should like the bye-laws to be extended, so as to have more work to do, but there seemed to be a feeling against it, though some were of a different opinion. He did not wish, however, having begun his Mastership so well, to hurt the feelings of any one, and, as two or three members had said they were not in favour of increasing their number at the present time, he should not propose that they do so. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given from the chair, and in doing so the W.M. expressed regret that their esteemed Secretary Bro. Turner had been called away early in the evening. Speaking of Bro. Pawley, as Treasurer of the Lodge since its commencement, he referred to the recognition of that brother's services by the presentation to him of a special jewel, voted to him unanimously by the brethren. By his kindness and courtesy Bro. Pawley had won the esteem of the brethren generally, and was in every respect one of its most active and valued members. Bro. Pawley P.M. in responding, returned his heartfelt and fraternal thanks for his name having been associated with the toast. He was one of the first instigators of the Lodge, and ever since he joined it the utmost kindness and respect had been shown towards him by every one of its members. It was to him a matter of satisfaction that in no single instance had a black mark been brought against him in respect of anything he had proposed or done in the Lodge. All he had done had been with the greatest possible earnestness, for the purpose of seeing the Alliance Lodge second to none; and he hoped to see it still better than it was. He was told he had given the greatest satisfaction to all the brethren, and hoped they would never find a blot upon his escutcheon as their Treasurer. The W.M. next proposed the Officers of the Lodge, in doing which he said no man, however efficient he might be, could carry on the duties of his office unless he were ably seconded by those under him. He was thankful to say that the Officers he had chosen were quite equal to the duties they were called upon to perform, though he was sorry many of them were absent this evening, having accepted invitations to the Lady Mayoress's ball at the Mansion House. He then stated that it was through the kindness of Bro. Sir John Monckton that he had risen to the position he now occupied, and he hoped all the Officers would work up to the chair, and fulfil their duty to the Alliance Lodge. Next Saturday (the 9th inst.) he was to have the honour of installing the successor of Dr. Benjamin Ward Richardson, as Master of the King Solomon Lodge, No. 2029, at St. Red Lion Square. That was a Temperance Lodge, the only one in London, and a large gathering of Masons was expected. In conclusion he invited as many of the brethren as could make it convenient to be present on that occasion. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. C. W. Bowley P.M., Major Godfrey, and Bro. Whiddington; and Bros. H. C. Richards, E. Pugh, W. E. Bush, and Roberts responded for the lay members of the Lodge. The W.M. coupled with the Visitors the name of Bro. Williams, whose acquaintance he had made at The Great City Lodge of Instruction, which was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall Street, every Thursday evening, at 6.30 p.m. Bro. Williams had passed through the chair of his Lodge at Esher, the parish in which the late Bro. the Duke of Albany P.G.W. and Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire resided, and he had recently installed his successor there, according to established custom. Bro. Williams, after returning thanks, said from the way in which he had heard Bro. Lieut. Wright's working, he was sure he would prove a credit to Masonry, and to this Lodge in particular; and it would be a great loss to the Lodge if he had no initiates to take through the various ceremonies. He echoed what the W.M. had said respecting the excellence of The Great City Lodge of Instruction, and recommended all who wished to advance in the Craft to attend it. Some other complimentary toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening was diversified with singing and recitations. At the close of the meeting the W.M. and Bro. H. C. Richards, by invitation of Bro. Augustus Harris, attended the Baddeley Festival at Drury Lane Theatre.

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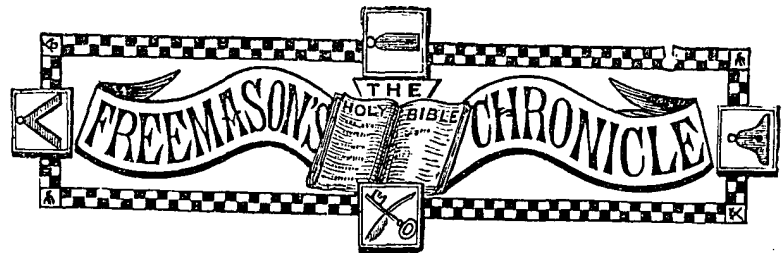
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DALCHO'S CONFLICTING OPINIONS ABOUT MASONRY.

BY BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

FROM the very start of our Society the brethren have been grossly deceived, firstly by romancers, secondly by dreamers; the former supplied the legends, symbols and degrees; and the latter somehow managed to find meanings for the symbols and explanations for the legends, about which the original romancer never dreamed of, and as we had a succession of romancers we had also a succession of dreamers; and hence the ritual underwent a succession of changes; for instance, in the earliest Masonic catechism I find as follows—

Q.—What Lodge are you of?

A.—I am of the Lodge of St. Stephen.

St. John is not at all mentioned in the first ritual. But ritual tinker No. 2 made it "from the Lodge of St. John," and tinker No. 3 made it "from the Lodge of the Holy St. John at Jerusalem;" and this improved answer convinced the dreamer that St. John was an eminent Mason, a Grand Master, and what not. Thus, even Mackey, in his Lexicon, assures us that "we do not dedicate our Lodges to the Saints because they were Christian Saints, but because they were eminent Masons." And when once such a notion is fastened upon the Fraternity it is at once

claimed to be ancient, and, as a rule, everybody believes whatever the luminous Master tells him. Bro. Frederic Dalcho, though he was a scholar, philosopher, and a theologian, was not an exception to the rule; indeed, he even laboured under a disadvantage with which the earlier generation of dreamers were not troubled, for Dalcho's mind was further confirmed by the number of high degrees it was crammed with. But Dalcho was an extraordinary man, and, I believe, an honest man too; hence, while in his early Masonic days he was exceedingly superstitious, in the latter part of his Masonic days he became exceedingly rational. I shall, therefore, give specimens from Dalcho's orations of 1801, 1802 and 1803, and afterwards I shall quote from Dalcho's Ahiman Rezon of 1822. Briefly then, in his early days he said—

"I am of opinion that the ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons was never a body of architects; that is, they were not originally embodied for the purpose of building, but were associated for moral and religious purposes." He then goes on to say that our manner of teaching was derived from the Druids, our emblems from Egypt, some things came from Basidides, and other things from the Greeks, and other things were derived from the Crusaders, the Pope, and what not; and after referring to the vast number of Masons accompanying the Crusaders to the holy land, he then goes on to explain how the original pious or philosophic society became associated with the building fraternity, viz., that "when Moses ordained the erection of the sanctuary, and afterwards, when Solomon was about to build the temple . . . they chose from among the people those whose wisdom and zeal for the true faith attached them to the worship of the Most High, and committed to them the erection of those works of piety. It was on these great occasions that our predecessors appeared to the world as architects.

These notions Bro. Dalcho probably derived from high freedom, and they seem to have stuck to him. In the next oration he is very emphatic on the same topic. He says—

"It has been generally reported, and as generally believed, that our Society was instituted for architectural purposes by handicraftsmen. What gave rise to this idea I am at a loss to determine, as the blue degrees have no written records to explain the difficulty; and tradition is too lame to give satisfaction to the scientific mind."

After referring to the famous circular issued by the Charleston High Degree Ritters in 1802, of which new concern Dalcho was the first Sov. G. Commander,—and poor Dalcho of course believed in all the new cock and bull stories appertaining to the new Rite,—Bro. Dalcho goes on to reason after the following fashion. He says—

"We are, in a nameless Masonic degree, informed that a word was lost. If then Masonry took its rise from the creation, as our ancient records import (what records?) Masons must have been in possession of a word; hence, the changing of the word in the time of Solomon was an innovation of the fundamental principles of the Craft; this, however, we are unwilling to allow. It is well-known to the Blue Master that Solomon and his royal visitor were in possession of the real pristine word, but of which he (the Blue Master) must remain ignorant, unless initiated into the sublime degrees. The authenticity of this mystic word, as known to us, and for which our most respected Master died, is proven to the most sceptic mind from the sacred pages of Holy Writ, and the Jewish history from the earliest period of time."

After some more puffing up of the sublime degrees, and stating that the Talmud throws light upon these degrees, he goes on to say—

"It is well known that about 27,000 Masons accompanied the Christian Princes in the Crusades . . . While in Palestine they discovered several important Masonic manuscripts, among the descendants of the ancient Jews, which enriched our archives with authentic written records (who saw those records?) and on which some of the degrees are founded.

"In the year 1311 some very extraordinary discoveries were made, and occurrences took place which renders the Masonic history of the period of the highest importance; a period dear to the Mason's heart, who is zealous for the course of the Order, his country, and his God." (Is not this a grand piece of bunkum?)

"Another very important discovery was made in the year 1553, of a record in Syriac characters, belonging to the most remote antiquity, and from which it would appear

that the world is many thousand years older than given by the Mosaic account, an opinion entertained by many learned men. Few of the characters were translated until the reign of our illustrious and most enlightened Bro. Frederic, second King of Prussia, whose well-known zeal for the Craft was the cause of so much improvement in the Society over which he condescended to preside.

"From such of our records as are authentic" (where are they?) "we are informed of the establishment of the sublime and ineffable degrees in Scotland, France, and Prussia, immediately after the first Crusades, but from some circumstances, which are to us unknown, after the year 1658 they fell into neglect until the year 1744, when a nobleman from Scotland" (what nobleman?) "visited France, and re-established the Lodge of Perfection in Bordeaux."

So much of Dalcho the superstitious. And now for Dalcho the rationalist. In 1822, Dalcho wrote—

"Various indeed have been the speculations on this subject, the origin of Masonry, and great has been the labour . . . of many . . . to prove that every man of note, from Adam down to the present day, were Freemasons. But such round assertions are beneath the dignity of the Order, and would not be urged by men of letters. Neither Adam, nor Noah, nor Nimrod, nor Moses, nor Joshua, nor David, nor Solomon, nor Hiram, nor St. John the Baptist, nor St. John the Evangelist, belonged to the Masonic Order. . . . It is unwise to assert what we cannot prove. Hypothesis in history is absurd. There is no record, sacred or profane, to induce us to believe that these holy men were Freemasons, and our traditions do not go back to their days. To assert that they were Freemasons may make the vulgar stare, but will rather excite the contempt than admiration of the wise.

"It has been the practice of ingenious and zealous Masons to trace Freemasonry as far as probability extends, and then to call everything preceding that period 'Speculative Masonry.' This may satisfy a young Mason, but not an historian, nor an antiquary. Only allow me the liberty of writing on 'Speculative Masonry,' and like Milton, I would go into the invisible world, before the creation of man, and show that the cherubims and seraphims . . . are Royal Arch Masons . . . and yet this is just as probable as the far-fetched stories of many writers on Freemasonry."

Bro. Dalcho next pitches into the tradition that the world is indebted to Freemasons for preserving the Pentateuch, showing that the book was never lost, that Daniel, Ezra, and others possessed copies of the said book, and he says—

"To assert, therefore, that Freemasons preserved the law is as ridiculous as to assert that Saint Augustin, likewise called St. Austin, a Roman Catholic Bishop, &c., was at the head of the Fraternity, A.D. 600. He certainly appeared in England at the head of a fraternity, but it was of forty monks, who accompanied him from Rome, and not of Freemasons.

"Freemasonry has likewise been identified by some zealous Masons with the Eleusinian mysteries, for no other reason, as far as I can discover, than to prove its antiquity. These mysteries were of Egyptian origin, and were probably instituted about 1390 B.C. They were at first religious, and taught the unity of the Supreme God. . . . But at length the symbols which they used to denote the Spiritual regeneration of the initiated, were forgotten, and the most horrid impurities were practised under cover of night; God forbid, therefore, that Masonry should ever have been identified with these mysteries," &c.

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Dalcho, it seems from the above remarks that even in 1822 he was not altogether free from the habit—dreaming or guessing—which he acquired during his early Masonic days; for how did he know what the Eleusinian mysteries taught, first or last? The fact is, he knew nothing about them. He also could not entirely divest himself of the notion that the origin of Masonry was for doctrinal purposes. He did not indeed believe in the very greatest antiquity of Masonry, but ascribed it to the Christian era; he imagined that the custom of dedicating Lodges to St. John was very old, and that the ritual was also old, and like many cranky dreamers who see the Trinity in everything where the word three occurs, Dalcho of course discovered any number of Trinities in the ritual. This, together with the dedication of Lodges to St. John, to say the least, puzzled him. Dalcho did not know what Bro. Lyon has disclosed, viz.:—that in the middle ages every Lodge had a different patron

saint. He did not know that there is no evidence whatever that the system of dedicating Lodges is older than 1723, and he did not notice that in Anderson's form of dedicating Lodges, the St. Johns are not mentioned. To which I must add, that we now have five Masonic rituals, ranging between the years 1723 and 1730, each containing an O.B., and each O.B. is minus of the words "dedicated to St. John." Hence we may rationally infer that Lodges were not dedicated to St. John even as late as 1730; at what precise period the fashion of dedicating to the Saint began I know not, perhaps Bro. Gould, who discovered several early rituals, will be kind enough to enlighten us upon the subject. Any how, it cannot be denied that Dalcho did not know as much about Masonic history as we know now. But, on the other hand, when we take into consideration the historic cloud of darkness in which the Craft was enveloped in the time of Dalcho, we should not feel surprised at what Dalcho did not know, but at what he did know. Dalcho may truly be called the pioneer of Masonic rationalism; for his conclusions have since then been confirmed by the best Masonic historians of Germany, Scotland, and England.

Bro. Dalcho also called attention to a paper written by Sir Christopher Wren in the *Philosophical Transactions*, which paper was criticised in the *Quarterly Review*, Vol. 24, p 145 (should be Vol. 25). In that paper Sir Christopher ascribed the origin of the Masonic Fraternity, not to Adam, nor Solomon, nor the Saints John, nor King Athelstan, nor to a religious, moral, or philosophical society, but he says:

"That the holy war gave the Christians, who had been there, an idea of the Saracenic works. . . . The Italians (among whom were yet some Greek refugees), and with them the French, Germans, and Flemings, joined into a fraternity of architects, procuring papal bulls for their encouragement. . . . They styled themselves Free Masons, and ranged from one nation to another, as they found churches to be built."

In Halliwell's poem it is stated that Aubrey received the above tradition from Sir William Dugdale, and that the said event took place about the time of Henry III. of England. Sir Christopher, therefore, most probably got the above story from Aubrey. Whether this story is true or not is immaterial, but it furnishes presumptive evidence that when Sir Christopher wrote that paper he was not a Mason, for otherwise he would at least have referred to the old Masons' legends. I took the trouble to consult the *Quarterly Review*, but I could not learn the year when Sir Christopher wrote the said paper. But anyhow, whether Wren was a Mason or not, it is certain that he did not believe in our so-called "Masonic traditions."

BOSTON, U.S., 25th December 1885.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 12th ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, when a goodly number attended. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M. Bro. H. W. Casperd, assisted by Brothers R. A. Kinsbury S.W., B. Fuld J.W., J. S. Miller S.D., S. Lancaster J.D., T. Levy I.G., Past Master Baron D. Barnett Secretary and Organist, Moss D.C., A. Oberdoerffer Tyler. Visitors—Bros. A. J. Martin I.P.M. 188, Newton Truscott 1593, J. Wynman W.S. 188. After the minutes had been confirmed, it was proposed by Bro. Clabou and seconded by the W.M. that a vote of sympathy and condolence should be placed on the minutes with regard to the death of a son of Past Master Baron D. Barnett, which was unanimously agreed to. Afterwards the ballot was taken for Mr. Isaac Reel, proposed for initiation by Bro. Levy, and seconded by Bro. Lancaster; Mr. Alfred H. Marks, proposed by Bro. Lancaster, seconded by Bro. Levy; Mr. Jacob Benjamin, proposed by Bro. Fuld, seconded by Bro. Barnett. The initiation was conducted by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. Bro. Joseph Van Praagh, after having answered the usual questions in a perfect manner, was passed. Here again the working was excellent. Some other business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Past Master Loewenstark, in responding for the Past Masters, thanked the W.M. for his kindness in proposing the toast; he had the pleasure to inform the brethren he was the first W.M. of the Samson Lodge and was delighted to see it so prosperous, the excellent working of the W.M. that evening had given great satisfaction. Other P.M.'s also replied. The W.M. next proposed the health of the three Initiates; by the earnest attention they had shown that evening there was no doubt that in due time they would occupy honourable positions in the Craft. After suitable responses had been made, Bro. Quincey P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., which was most cordially received and responded to; Bro. Jaques Wyman

making special allusion to the compliment paid by the W.M., who had spoken of him as one of the representatives of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Songs by Bros. Moss, Miller and others added to the enjoyment of a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1780.

AT the meeting held in the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Tuesday afternoon, the 5th instant, Bro. W. A. Algan was duly installed Worshipful Master, and afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. P.M. James Ireland I.P.M., J. W. Bailey S.W., Geo. Heathcote J.W., W. Foster S.D., E. Warren J.D., G. Longshaw I.G., W. Berry Secretary, James Ireland Treasurer, B. Tanner D. of C., James McKie and H. Hussey Stewards, and Vere Tyler. The installation ceremony was performed by Brother P.M. Berry, and there were present the Past Masters of the Royal Gloucester, Peace and Harmony, Southampton, Clausentum, Shirley, Aldershot, Lymington, and other Lodges. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, supplied by Bro. Dartnell, of which 60 partook, including the Mayor of Southampton, Bro. H. Coles, and ex-Mayor, Bro. James Bishop. Bro. P.M. Ireland was unable to be present on account of an accident he received about a month ago, and the Sheriff of Southampton, Bro. E. Brown, also sent a letter of apology for inability to attend.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their annual meeting on Monday, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, under the presidency of Bro. Charles H. Everett, the W.M. of the past year, who was supported by Bros. George Everett I.P.M., George Gardner S.W., Richard Harvey J.W., F. Lawrence Treasurer, Harry Price Secretary, W. Gomm S.D., W. A. Dowling J.D., J. Brown D.C., H. Furze I.G., C. Riechelmann Organist, A. H. Strong Steward, T. C. Walls Hon P.M., George Rowe Tyler, and the following Visitors: John Jacobs W.M. 1614, S. Hewett 1614, E. A. Tilbury 975, Arthur Williams I.G. 2090, A. H. Shephard I.G. 781, D. P. Cama W.M. 2105, H. J. Stollery S.W. 209, L. A. Da Costa J.D. 1349, E. Ayling P.M. 995, H. Jackson 780, J. A. Blount 1471, R. J. Petley 1471, W. Johnson P.M. 865, C. A. Walter P.M. 865 P.G.D. Middlesex, R. Whitley 946 P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, L. Hollingsworth 1501, E. F. Crowe 1828, W. M. Adamson P.M. 834, H. E. Price 1744, G. Reynolds I.G. 1614, W. Causton P.M. 162, N. Defries P.M. 185, G. A. Payne P.M. 933, V. Wing J.D. 1585, G. Thomas I.G. 1194, A. Pringle J.W. 92, E. Gilbert P.M. 1326, J. E. Riach 1150, W. H. Norman 144, Alfred Barden W.M. 11, C. Parnacott 145, W. Regatur 14, F. Binckes P.G.S., John Edwards W.M. 1662, R. White P.M. 26, G. T. King W.M. 749, and others. The business before the Lodge comprised the confirmation of the minutes, the reception of the Auditors' report, the admission of Lord George Hamilton as a joining member, the raising of Bro. John Thomas Wood, and the passing of Bros. William Henry Meacock, and John Ellis; after which Bro. George Gardner was regularly installed as Worshipful Master for the year, Bro. George Everett, the Father of the Lodge, performing the work in a very graceful manner. The following were appointed as the Officers:—Harvey S.W., Gomm, J.W., Dr. Lawrence Treasurer, Furze Secretary, Dowling S.D., Brown J.D., &c. The installation ceremony having been completed, in due course Messrs. Alfred James Murray, Frederick Will Dodson, and Richard Newton Stollery were introduced as candidates for initiation. Brother Gardner admitted them to the mysteries of Masonry in regular form, and then proceeded to close the Lodge. Two propositions were handed in from gentlemen desirous of being initiated. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Brother George Everett for the way in which he had that day performed the ceremony of installation. A vote of ten guineas was made from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for which Charity Brother Gardner W.M. will act as Steward at the next Festival. A vote of thanks was also passed to Brother Harry Price for the way in which he had fulfilled the duties of Secretary. In proposing this the Worshipful Master felt that the brethren would regret, with him, that Brother Price found his numerous engagements precluded him continuing in office. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet. At its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured. The Worshipful Master made a special toast of the newly affiliated member, Brother Lord George Hamilton, who he was pleased to welcome as a member of English Craft Masonry. It was an especial pleasure to receive him in their midst, because he came of so good a Masonic family. His late father had reigned for the last ten years of his life as the Masonic ruler of Ireland, and had been followed in that office by his son, the elder brother of their joining member that evening. This was the only instance, but one, in which a son had succeeded his father as a Grand Master of Freemasons in the United Kingdom, the other instance being when the Duke of Atholl succeeded his father as Grand Master of England. It was an especial honour to the Chiswick Lodge that so distinguished a family should be represented on its roll, and the Worshipful Master hoped that they might prove themselves worthy of the honour. Lord George Hamilton, in the course of his reply, thanked the Worshipful Master for having deviated from his programme in order to allow him to leave somewhat early. He should have no objection to spend the jovial evening with them—should rather enjoy it—but other business had to be attended to and he was obliged to leave. As their Master had said, his family had taken a great interest in Freemasonry for many years past. He and his brothers had been initiated, and had taken their several steps in the Order in Ireland, where, especially in the Northern parts, no institution tended more to unite men together in good fellowship than did Freemasonry. Referring to the universality of Freemasonry Lord G. Hamilton said that during last autumn he and his brother had been travelling in America. Among other places they visited Chicago,

and the mere fact that two Freemason visitors were among them was sufficient to arouse the kindest sentiments among the brethren of that city. They decided to give a grand banquet in honour of their guests, but this was prevented, as he and his brother were unable to stay for it. When he found it was all but certain he should spend a greater part of the coming year in England, he decided he should like to join an English Lodge, where he might have an opportunity of continuing the pleasant associations which were always connected with such an Institution; there was then no wonder he should select a Lodge in a district with which he was intimately associated, and thus he had joined the Chiswick Lodge, to the members of which he was deeply grateful for the hearty reception they had accorded him. The knowledge of the great influence which Masonry exercised was the reason why he and other members of his family were so pleased to be associated with it, and he hoped that the same friendly relations might always continue. He concluded by again thanking the members for the readiness and cordiality with which they had welcomed him—a Lodgeless wanderer in Britain—to a participation in their benefits. As we have already said, the usual toast list was gone through, but the exigencies of the train service necessitated several of the brethren leaving at this part of the evening's proceedings.

EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Saturday, the 2nd instant, at the Cock Hotel, Epping, the following members being present:—Bros. E. Lewis W.M., James Salmon S.W., J. Woodrow J.W., J. London S.D., H. Fletcher J.D., Fraser I.G., J. Fletcher Org., W. Dance P.M. Sec., E. J. Acworth P.M. Treas., Parkinson Tyler, and others. Among the Visitors were Bros. Fidler P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. 1237 &c., Buck P.P.S.G.W. Essex P.M. 453 &c., Vincent P.G.S.B. Surrey, T. Ralling P.G. Secretary Essex, J. Edwardes P.M. 1457, Nunn W.M. 1457, Corble W.M. 453, Medwin P.M. 192, Gibbs W.M. 1613, Haig-Brown P.M. 174 W.M. 1962, Reid 1364, Dale 1613, and many others. Bro. F. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M. Essex being detained, did not arrive until after the ceremony of installation. After the usual business of the Lodge the W.M. elect, Bro. James Salmon, was installed into the chair of K.S. in ancient form by Bro. Holloway P.M. 1457, &c. The W.M. was pleased to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—E. J. Lewis P.M. I.P.M., Acworth P.M. Treas., Dance P.M. Sec., J. Woodrow S.W., J. London J.W., Fraser S.D., F. Johnson J.D., Hughes I.G., J. Fletcher Org., Parkinson Tyler. No further business offering, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, Bro. Lawrence, the host, providing a capital dinner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Philbrick D.G.M., in responding for the Provincial Grand Master, &c., said: It is no slight honour to return thanks for the head of the Masonic Province of Essex, and of those who are associated with him in governing the Craft of the Province. I am sure that we Masons of Essex can look with the greatest pride upon our present Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke, and I am quite sure that the more he shows himself amongst us, and the better opportunities we have of becoming acquainted with him, the better we shall like him. For myself, I am extremely glad to be once more amongst my Epping brethren, and I may tell you that this is the first time that I have been able and permitted to be out of my house after a severe illness. I am glad to be with you because I do not forget that just twelve months ago I had the privilege of taking part in the consecration of this Lodge. I am glad to know that the Lodge is prosperous, and I am sure that a steady increase of members who will become good working Masons and maintain the principles of the Craft, is the best guarantee for its success; and I trust that the progress of this Lodge will support a good foundation, for if you hurry the foundation you may endanger the stability of the superstructure. In conclusion, I have to tender your W.M. my sincere good wishes upon his accession to the chair. In response to the toast of the W.M., Bro. Salmon said:—I am very pleased to have been elected W.M. of this Lodge. It has been my ambition to occupy the chair, and now that I do so, I hope that during my year of office I shall have plenty of initiates. I shall endeavour to carry out my duties to your satisfaction, and I trust that at the end of the period I shall merit that meed of praise which is always so welcome to the retiring Master of a Lodge. Other toasts followed. The proceedings were enlivened by vocal and instrumental music, contributed by Miss Madeleine Hardy, Miss Venning, Bro. Latta, and others. A pleasant item was the rendering of a song, "The Men of England," composed by the W.M. The brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

AN emergency meeting of the above Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion-square, Holborn, for the purpose of initiating Mr. W. H. Bullock jun., a Lewis. The ceremony was very impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yeaks who at its close presented the newly-made brother with a handsome Bible, decorated with Masonic emblems, and suitably inscribed, on account of his being the first initiate of the new Lodge. The draft Bye-laws were afterwards discussed, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Fredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th instant, at the Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E. Present—Bros. Randall W.M., Isaacs S.W., Maloney J.W., Cox Treasurer, Da Costa S.D., Fort (Secretary) J.D., Cohen I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes

of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. Brother Levine acting as candidate. Bro. Da Costa worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had rehearsed the ceremony. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No 1693.—At the meeting held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Cock Tavern, High-bury, N. Present:—Bros. Kirk W.M., Flack S.W., Patter J.W., Forge Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Brett J.D., Keogh I.G. After preliminaries, Bro. Forge, as candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Forge candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first, when a guinea was voted to the Aged Freemasons' Entertainment Fund. Lodge was closed in due form.

We are compelled to hold over several items of news, reports, &c., in consequence of pressure on our space.

AMUSEMENTS.

- PRINCESS'S.—At 8, HOODMAN BLIND.
 HAYMARKET.—At 8, NADJEZDA.
 LYCEUM.—At 7.45, FAUST.
 PRINCE'S.—At 8, ANDY BLAKE. At 9, THE GREAT PINK PEARL.
 ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, IMPULSE.
 AVENUE.—At 8, KENILWORTH.
 CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 9, THE CANDIDATE.
 SADLER'S WELLS.—At 7.30, THE SHAUGHRAUN.
 HENGLER'S GRAND CIRQUE.—Every evening at 7.30; Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 2.30 and 7.30.
 ST. GEORGE'S HALL.—Mr. and Mrs. GERMAN REED'S entertainment, every evening at 8.
 MOHAWK MINSTRELS, Royal Agricultural Hall.—Every evening at 8.
 MOORE AND BURGESS MINSTRELS, St. James's Hall.—Every evening at 8; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, at 3 and 8.
 EGYPTIAN HALL.—Messrs. MASKELYNE AND COOKE. Every afternoon at 3. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 3.0 and 8.0.
 CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, CINDERELLA, ILLUMINATED INDOOR FETE. Open Daily. Dr. LYNN; PANORAMA, Aquarium, Picture Gallery, &c.
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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, 16th JANUARY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, Louisa St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, 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)
 St. John's Chapter of Improvement, Union, Ar-treet, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 142—St. Thom's's, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 18th JANUARY.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1555—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 350—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoncleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1020—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1203—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1443—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1542—Legionum, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1973—Saxe and Sele, Masonic Hall, Elyvale, Kent
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 218—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bohon Street, Brixham
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Elrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Everton
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 19th JANUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 1
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitution, Waterloo Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 74—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 96—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 14—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 17—Immaculate, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 5704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 829—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, The-ure-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 448—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 960—Buto, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Balley
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1761—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
 1944—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing

- R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
 R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos, Cornwall
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 R.C. 51—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 20th JANUARY.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Burnbury, 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, Southwick Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 110—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Inst)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, St. Whope Street, Regent's Park, 3 (Inst)
 534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 731—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pudding-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 939—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

- 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Old Mill Road, Cubitt Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 544 Old Kent-road, at 3. (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Town & Ward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1694—Wanderers, Adon and Eve Tavern, Palace St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1692—Eaton-Field, Chapsars, Marsh Street, Watlington, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Vindict Hotel, Holborn
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Via Inet
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
 1822—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 142—Emblematic, Union, Finsbury Pavement, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction).
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 923—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, S.oreditch
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire

- 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 312—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwaite
 1692—Horvey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1797—Southdown, Hurtlepier Point, Sussex
 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
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- R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parnment Street, Winchester
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 R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
 R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
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 R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 21st JANUARY.

- House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Staunton, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Counts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Claydon, E., S. (Instruction)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1723—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creston, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
- R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
 R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

- 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 313—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-on-Dun, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smalldridge
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
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 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
- 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1132—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Creyton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 9. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheddle
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
- R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 253—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Heblen Bridge
 M.M. —Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Patrons, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 766—Winnam, Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 9. (In)
 759—Royal Alfred, Star and Cartor, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1154—Belgrave, Jersey-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Canford Bridge, Lewisham
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Piccadilly, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. —Pannure 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 Pav., Londenhall St.
 M.M. —Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, Londen Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
- 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
- 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 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, Music Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
- R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swinton
 R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gray, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggerside, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chigwell
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 M.M. 11—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Toilmorden

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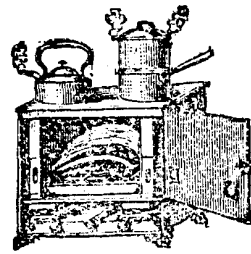
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