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THE RIGHT TO REJECT A CANDIDATE.

IT has often been our duty, and it is by no means an agreeable one, to call attention to the number of class Lodges that have of late sprung into existence, each of which has the ostensible and avowed object of promoting the interests of a certain school of thought. And it must occur to every right balanced mind that when social, political, or other crotchets are regarded as a primary consideration, or even placed on the level of our Masonic principles, there is great danger of such Lodges degenerating into the regions of partisanship, and of their being wielded for the personal interests and purposes of a party or clique. It has been recently deplored that more than one Masonic Lodge has been utilised for the aggrandisement and assistance of a political faction, and that it has been largely made use of in promoting the candidature of brethren seeking Parliamentary benefits. We have in reference to this subject pointed out that when once the golden rule is broken, and politics are admitted within the portals of a Masonic Lodge, its influence for good must of necessity be stultified, and that controversy and discord must inevitably take the place of harmony and peace. We have no fear that this evil will be permitted to run far into our system, for its only tendency would be to sap Freemasonry of that which the brethren hold most dear, as to its universality and cosmopolitan equality. The atmosphere of a Masonic Lodge must not be vitiated by disputation, nor should a shadow of the friction of parties be found within its walls. There are again other Lodges founded upon principles that were never contemplated by the Craft, and amongst these are the so-called teetotal Lodges, of which several have been established within the last three or four years. We have all along contended that such a distinctive title and profession is not consonant with the Constitutions of our Order, nor is it conclusive or satisfactory as to the composition of such Lodges. We are fully aware that in some at least of the "Temperance" Lodges the members are not all rigid abstainers from intoxicating liquors; just the same as there are professed teetotalers included in the membership of Lodges who practise conviviality and hospitality amongst their tenets. It does not stand to reason, then, that a man who joins a teetotal Lodge must perforce be a total abstainer, any more than that men who eschew the generous grape should be excluded from these societies who mingle mirth with their pleasures "across the walnuts and the wine." We do not say that Lodges of this particular class are generally to be condemned, and, seeing they are in existence, they must, as a matter of justice and necessity, be recognised. It should be borne in mind that due respect must be paid to the absolute tenets of the persons who comprise these Lodges, and our remarks on this subject are called forth by certain matters that transpired recently at Manchester, in connection with the Callender Lodge. As reported in our issue of the 20th ultimo, a gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation who had been refused—a few weeks previously—by the Wolseley Lodge, which as our readers know was the first "teetotal" Lodge instituted in this country—because of the occupation he was engaged in, namely, because he was a publican by trade. An eminently satisfactory account was given of the antecedents of the applicant, whose nomination was supported by several brethren of the Lodge, and in the end the ballot

was unanimously in favour, so that the aspirant for participation in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry stands no longer "out in the cold." The question here very naturally crops up, as to whether it was right for a publican to force himself upon a professedly Temperance Lodge. It transpired that the person referred to was born in a public-house, and on the death of his father, the widow "sold out," and took her family of five children to America, where they settled on a farm thirty miles from any other dwelling. This particular son was engaged, through the civil war of America, in fighting for the country of his adoption, and at the close of the struggle he returned to Manchester. Being without any occupation or trade, and as a matter of course having to make a living, he commenced the only business with which he was at all acquainted, that of a publican. In that business he succeeded, and by his conduct so gained the good wishes of his fellow citizens that he was requested by them to allow himself to be nominated as a candidate for the Town Council of Salford, free of expense to himself. This honour he declined, but a greater honour—that of becoming a Freemason—was uppermost in his desire, and with this view he sought admission into the Wolseley Lodge. Why it was that he was advised to endeavour to enter the Craft across the threshold of a teetotal Lodge is a mystery to us, and we can scarcely be surprised at the rebuff which met him on his attempt to obtain an entrance by such a door. We can easily imagine the discussion which such a nomination would excite in the Wolseley Lodge, the members of which might lean to the opinion that, although the testimony as to the character of the applicant might have been all that could be desired, yet the business he was engaged in was such as to render it inadvisable to admit him. We repeat that the would-be brother had little reason to be surprised at his rejection; indeed, it was the only natural outcome of the inconsiderate counsel to which he had listened from his nominator and seconder, whom we are thus led to infer are not rigid advocates of the principles espoused by the Wolseley Lodge. It is apparent, on the face of the circumstances we have narrated, that a publican had no right to be nominated to join a teetotal Lodge; for, granting that this man bore a high character for respectability, and that his antecedents were all that could be desired, still it was hardly consistent that he should seek to intrude into a society whose principles were so diametrically at variance with his own and the avocation in which he was engaged. When it became known that the candidature was objectionable to many members of the Lodge, the most sensible—indeed the only reasonable—course to have adopted, was to withdraw the nomination, and thus not only have spared the candidate the humiliation of an adverse ballot, but the brethren of the Lodge also the pain of being conscientiously obliged to "pill" one who was desirous of joining them. A man whose sole occupation is the sale of intoxicating liquors has no reason to feel aggrieved if he is rejected by a body of men who are pronounced in their opposition to his proclivities and trade. It would have displayed a much greater amount of tact and discretion had the brethren who nominated and seconded the would-be candidate withdrawn his name as soon as they discovered "how the land lay." The question arising from this episode is, whether, seeing that a teetotal Lodge is in existence and warranted, with this specific object in view, it was becoming that such a candidate should be forced upon the

members. If men choose to unite in this way for the promotion of their own ideas of sobriety, and isolation from the "cups that cheer" and do inebriate, by all means they have a right to do so; and this persistent effort to introduce a candidate of the avocation named looks very much like an attempt to insert the thin end of the wedge to upset all their previous arrangements. It is a fact which will be admitted generally that licensed victuallers, as a body, are a most respectable class of men, and deserving of all respect; but the puzzle is to know why one of them should be so desirous of joining a Lodge where men of his ilk and calling are naturally objects of aversion. Some interesting interchange of thought on this subject, and the influence of these class Lodges in general, may be elicited, and we shall be very glad to hear what our correspondents may have to say on the points raised by the Manchester episode.

INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF ABERCORN.

HIS Grace the Duke of Abercorn was installed as Grand Master of Ireland on the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin, in presence of one of the largest and most representative gatherings that has ever been held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Every part of the country was worthily represented, though the limited accommodation necessitated the exercise of considerable restrictions in the distribution of tickets of admission. Only about 400 of these could be issued, and fortunate were the few who succeeded in the ballot for them, after the wants of the G. Officers and Past Master had been satisfied. A triple row of seats extended along the hall at each side from the dais to the organ, in which the Masters and Wardens of the Metropolitan Lodges were seated, while the elevated benches behind were filled with Provincial Masters and privileged representatives. A place on the front rows near the dais was allotted to the Committee of General Purposes. The arrangements were worked out most satisfactorily, and the Stewards may be congratulated on the manner in which they acquitted themselves. Bro. J. Creed Meredith, LL.D., had the superintendence, and he was assisted by Bros. Kendal Franks, M.D., S. G. Robinson, R. S. Reeves, C. R. M'Namara, Thomas Stuart, J. G. Yeates, P. Jones, T. Atkinson, H. Leslie, J. C. Mayne, W. Grove White, LL.B., H. J. C. Tweedy, M.D., A. E. Murray, and C. Carnegie. At a quarter past eight o'clock the arrival of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland was announced, and the procession entered the hall, a march being played on the organ by Brother Joze. The chair was taken by the Right Worshipful R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master, and the roll of Grand Officers was called by Bro. S. B. Oldham Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer. The following answered to their names:—Bros. the Marquis of Headfort G.S.W., Edward H. Kinahan, J.P., G. Treasurer, the Right Hon. Lord Plunket Archbishop of Dublin, the Rev. J. A. Galbraith Grand Chaplain, George Moyers, LL.D., J.P., G.S.D., Harry Hodges G.J.D., George A. Stephens, J.P., Grand Superintendent of Works, John T. Banks, M.D., Grand Director of Ceremonies, James Creed Meredith, LL.D., Grand Steward, J. C. Crawley, LL.D., Grand Sword Bearer, Thos. S. Sibthorpe, J.P., Grand I.G., and Archibald St. George Assistant Secretary. Apologies were received from Bros. Lord Arthur Hill G.S.W., the Earl of Bandon Grand Secretary, Maxwell H. Close Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, and others. The Grand Lodge was thus officered: Bros. the Marquis of Headfort G.S.W., the Rev. Joseph A. Galbraith G.J.W., Alderman John Moyes, LL.D., G.S.D., Harry H. Hodges G.J.D., and Thomas Sibthorpe, J.P., G.I.G. The Grand Lodge having been opened, His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin invoked a blessing. The Deputy Grand Master announced the special business which had called the brethren together, and nominated the following to receive the Grand Master elect, and conduct him into their presence:—Bros. the Hon. Judge Townshend, Edward H. Kinahan, J.P., Dr. Banks Grand D.C., and James Creed Meredith Grand Steward. The Duke of Abercorn was escorted by the officers named to the dais, where he was presented to the Deputy Grand Master by Bro. Judge Townshend. The customary obligation having been duly administered, His Grace was invested with the insignia of office, and took the chair. The Deputy Grand Master then made the following proclamation:—I proclaim the most high, potent, and noble James, Duke of Abercorn, Marquis of Hamilton, Viscount Strabane, Lord Hamilton, Baron of Strabane and Baron of Mountcastle in the Peerage of Ireland, Marquis of Abercorn and Viscount Hamilton in the Peerage of Great Britain, Earl of Abercorn, Baron of Paisley, Arbroath, Abercorn, Hamilton, Mountcastle, and Kilpatrick, in the Peerage of Scotland, a baronet of Ireland, a duke of Ireland, Duke of Chatterhault in France, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county Donegal, and Companion of the Bath, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland. The Deputy Grand Master then addressed the Duke of Abercorn:—My Lord Duke and Most Worshipful Sir,—On behalf of the Freemasons of Ireland, I desire to express to your Grace our most fraternal and heartfelt congratulations on your installation as head of the Order in Ireland, and it is to myself a source of sincere pleasure and allowable pride that it has fallen to my lot, as the presiding officer, to place you in the chair of Grand Master. Though your Grace has been hitherto unable to take part in our Masonic proceedings in Dublin, the brethren are aware that you were nominated by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, and the patron of the Order of Ireland, to the post of Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and the tongue of good report has also borne testimony to the zealous and efficient manner in which you

have discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Master of Derry and Donegal. To be selected by the unanimous vote of so numerous and influential a body as the Freemasons of Ireland to preside over them is an honour of which any one, no matter how exalted his rank, might well be proud; but, my Lord Duke, to be called on to fill the place of our late revered and respected Grand Master must evoke in your mind, in addition, feelings of peculiar solemnity. It is a little more than eleven years since we were assembled in this hall to welcome amongst us, as our Grand Master, Her Most Gracious Majesty's then Viceroy of Ireland, whose noble and dignified presence and eloquent address added lustre to all assemblies in which he took part, and won the hearts of all with whom he was brought in contact, and no one who was present on that memorable occasion can forget the enthusiastic reception accorded to him by the brethren. The inscrutable dispensation of the Great Architect of the Universe has removed him, who, take him all in all, we scarce dare hope to look upon his like again, and has left his family to deplore the loss of a loving and devoted husband and father, and us, his Masonic brethren, of our valued and venerated guide and head. To you, sir, has fallen a princely heritage, a great name, and a long bead-roll of illustrious ancestors, brave and honourable men, and fair and virtuous women; but amongst them all are two pre-eminently distinguished, to whose bright example and careful training is to be attributed the exalted position their children have attained amongst the nobles of the land, and whose kind and sincere friendship it was my great privilege to have had fully and invariably accorded me. In your presence and upon this occasion I cannot trust myself to speak as I should wish of him who has gone; but for her who is left to cherish the memory of so many years of loving union, I would bespeak the continued and warm sympathy of all in this her time of deep distress. In an assemblage of Masons it may seem out of place to allude to the lessons that are inculcated amongst us in all our ceremonials; but at this juncture in the destinies of our beloved country, and especially when our Order is assailed by people who wilfully misrepresent our objects and actions, it cannot be amiss in me, who have for so many years been so closely identified with the Masonic body, to avow, as I have always done, the principles that actuate us Masons, and that unite in the bonds of Brotherhood men of every country, sect, and opinion. Brotherly love, charity and truth, universal benevolence and tolerance, are the characteristics of the Order, and we recognise no distinction of class or creed—religious or political. Our motto is—Fear God, honour the King, and love the Brotherhood. As my utterances on this occasion may be made public, I would very briefly refer to the charge—which is in print, and may be read by any one who likes—given to every Mason on his admission into the Order. The earnest study of the volume of the Sacred Law, and the constant practice of the Divine precepts therein contained, of our duty to our God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves, are first most strongly urged, and those precepts are fully explained and amplified. The charge then proceeds:—“As a citizen I enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing or countenancing anything which may disturb the peace and good order of society, by paying obedience to the laws of the State in which you reside and by which you are protected, and by never losing sight of the allegiance you owe to the Sovereign of your native land. As an individual, I would enjoin upon you the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let prudence direct you, temperance chasten you, fortitude support you, and justice be the guide of all your actions; and be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendour those truly Masonic ornaments, Benevolence and Charity.” And in closing our Lodges, when imploring the benediction of our Heavenly Father, we pray that every moral and social virtue may cement and unite us. This brief allusion to portions of our ceremonial should, in the minds of thinking people, be a complete refutation of the attacks upon us. I have, my Lord Duke and Most Worshipful Sir, occupied your time and that of the brethren present longer than I should have liked, but I felt it my duty in this public manner to repel the false charges made against the Order. In conclusion, I would wish your Grace many years of continued and unclouded happiness; and I trust that, as we can congratulate ourselves on your having undertaken the responsible office of Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, you will have no reason to regret your having done so. Before I lay aside my insignia as Deputy Grand Master, my emblem of authority over my brethren, I ask them to assist me in saluting their newly-installed Grand Master according to ancient custom. This having been done, M.W. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn said: R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Brethren,—I feel most flattered at the kind allusion with which you, Worshipful Grand Master, have been pleased to refer to myself, and also at the touching references made to the memory of my dear father, your late Worshipful Grand Master. It will be long, I am sure, before the recollection of his face and form fades from your hearts, together with the interest that he always took in the working of the Masonic Order in this country. I feel more especially the great and distinguished honour that you, brethren, have been pleased to confer upon me to-day, and I cannot help thinking that it is chiefly owing to the accident of birth that I am in the proud position of being now your Worshipful Grand Master, and not from any merits of my own arising from any great services to the Craft. I can only venture to express a hope that the brethren in Ireland may have no reason to regret this accident of birth, and for my part I shall always endeavour to discharge the important duties connected with my present position to the best of my ability; and it will be my constant desire to follow worthily in the footsteps of your late Grand Master. The position that I now occupy is one indeed to be envied by Masons, not only with regard to the United Kingdom generally, and taking into consideration the similar position that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales occupies in England, but more especially with respect to that portion of the United Kingdom in which we live, and which I pray for

centuries to come may form an integral portion of that Kingdom. We live in troubled times, as your worthy Deputy Grand Master has just said—times to which it is impossible to assign any futurity of peace or tranquillity. But when we leave the outer world, with all its cares and anxieties, and enter this Hall, we feel—at least I do—that we have entered into another sphere, and for the time being are living in a bond of union, friendship, and charity with all men. And this is literally true, for have we not assembled within these walls men of all classes of society in Ireland? We are graced to-day by the presence of one of the ablest judges of the land, and the name of our brother will be handed down to posterity associated with the brightest deeds of Charity in connection with the Masonic Order. We have worthy and distinguished representatives of the legal and literary professions, of the landed interest, of the commercial and trading classes, and of the poor artizan and country labourer. And it is over these, brethren, that you have to-day elected me to preside—over this large community, with its hundreds of Lodges, ranging from the north to the south, the east to the west extended, in the area, but united in fellow feeling and love. I wish that the calumniators of our Order could for once understand the system upon which we live and let live. They would then be less willing and less desirous of finding fault with us. We are, it is true, a secret society, but a society without any political motive, but one that only works for the good of our fellow countrymen when in distress or affliction. I cannot, brethren, refrain from referring for an instant to the two great Charities that are connected with our Order—the Masonic Orphan Girls' and Boys' Schools. I have to congratulate you upon the successful working of both of these Institutions, that success being mainly attributable to the energy displayed by various members of the Craft who have the cause of these excellent Charities at heart, and also to the generous spirit evinced on their behalf by the various Lodges throughout Ireland. May the success that has hitherto attended them continue to prosper, thereby increasing year by year the number of poor orphans to be admitted within their walls. I will not detain you, brethren, further, for I have now a most pleasing duty to perform—to invest for the third time our worthy Brother Shekleton as Deputy Grand Master of the Order. In bringing under your notice the name of Bro. Shekleton I am not introducing to you the name of an unknown Mason. When I knew it fell to my lot to have the great pleasure of appointing a Deputy Grand Master, I at once felt that it would be with the sanction of all the brethren throughout this land that I should nominate Bro. Shekleton to that position. It is needless for me to say—the approbation which you have shown at the mention of his name proves—that he is a brother worthy to be accepted by you for the third time as Deputy Grand Master. It is also a matter of gratification to myself to think that I am able to propose such a worthy and excellent Mason. I beg now, brethren, to invest Brother Shekleton as Deputy Grand Master of this most distinguished Order. The Deputy Grand Master having been invested with the insignia of his office, was saluted. R.W. Bro. Robert W. Shekleton, Q.C., said: Most Worshipful Sir,—It is with feelings of the greatest diffidence that I stand amongst my brethren to return thanks, as I have so often done, for the honours that have been conferred upon me in Masonry. I confess that to a certain extent I was reluctant to undertake the office again, because I felt that, having filled it for so many years, it was my duty to give way to a younger brother, one who would be enabled to discharge the duties to your satisfaction, who would bring a larger amount of energy into the performance of those duties, and devote more time to the interests of the Order than I of late years have been able to do. But I felt, at the same time, that it was my duty when his Grace the Grand Master intimated his intention to nominate me, that I should not decline that honour unless I were thoroughly satisfied that it was not in my power to discharge the duties of the office; and, finally, I placed myself in the hands of my brethren, as I have always done, bespeaking their kind assistance and support, which have been hitherto on every occasion so generously accorded to me. To you, Most Worshipful Sir, I return my personal thanks for having entrusted me with the office. I must say that I am not unknown to your Grace, having had the honour of your friendship now for many years. To you, my brethren, I am not a stranger, having been Deputy Grand Master for a period now of nearly seventeen years. I believe it has been unprecedented in the annals of the Order that a brother has filled that important office for so many years, and that the same brother has had to discharge the duties of Grand Master on two separate occasions. I confess that thought brings melancholy reflections to me, because it reminds me of the death of two brethren, who were kind and generous and noble friends of myself; and I assure you that that alone has weighed upon me, and made me very doubtful whether I should have undertaken the office again. But, brethren, I thank you heartily for the way in which you have received my name to-night, and I can assure you that as long as I have the honour of being entrusted with the position of Deputy Grand Master I shall endeavour to discharge the duties of the office, as I have hitherto done, without regard to any man in the Order, simply actuated by a desire to do my duty to the Craft, and promote the well-being of the Order. Bro. the Hon. Judge Townshend said: Most Worshipful Grand Master,—I have been requested, as having discharged the functions for several years of the high office of Deputy Grand Master, to mention to your Grace publicly here to-night, if you did not know it already, that the Order in Ireland, on hearing that you had been pleased to nominate our R.W. Bro. Shekleton to the office of Deputy Grand Master—an office which, as I well know, requires no little care, no little attention, is encumbered with a good deal of difficulty, requires much discretion, much command of temper, and many other attributes which I do not like to enumerate lest it might look as if I wished to take credit for the possession of them myself, but which we all recognise in the D.G.M., whom we most gladly receive and welcome amongst us for the third time—determined to present him with an address which would but feebly convey their

appreciation of his high personal character, and of the eminent services he has rendered to Freemasonry in Ireland. I have to ask your Grace to present, in the name of the brethren, this very handsome testimonial to our beloved brother; and we ask you to do so, not merely because we know that it will obtain a very great enhancement in that way, but that it will be gratifying to your Grace to be able by that overt act, in the face of this great assembly, to testify to your brethren that you are gratified at the fact that they have so kindly and so cordially received the appointment that you have made. I now place the address in your hands for formal presentation, and I think you will agree with me that it is in itself not unworthy of the Order or of the state of decorative art in Ireland. The following is the text of the address:

Address from the Freemasons of Ireland to the Right Worshipful Brother Robert Wm. Skeleton, Q.C., J.P., Deputy Grand Master.

Right Worshipful and Very Dear Brother,

It is with sincere pleasure that the members of the Masonic Order in this country present their fraternal welcome and congratulation to you upon the occasion of your appointment, now for the third time, as Deputy Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, a position which you have already filled under our late Grand Masters (His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., and His Grace the Duke of Leinster) for the unprecedented period of nearly 17 years, with credit to yourself and benefit to the Craft. In order to commemorate this event, they purpose placing your portrait in the Grand Lodge room, where they trust it may long continue as a memorial of the services of one so highly esteemed and beloved by his brethren. In conclusion, they fraternally hope that much happiness is reserved for you in the future, and that you may be long spared to perform those exalted Masonic duties which you have so ably discharged in the past.

Signed, on behalf of the brethren, this 3rd day of March, 1886.

ABERCORN, Grand Master.

BANDON, Grand Secretary.

The Duke of Abercorn, in presenting the address, said the acclamation with which the brethren had received the words of Brother Judge Townshend furnished a further proof—if such were wanting—that to no one could such a testimonial be more fittingly presented than to their, for the third time, newly-elected Deputy Grand Master. Without further preface, he begged to hand to Brother Shekleton the address which had been presented to him so heartily and so unanimously by the brethren. Bro. Theophilus St. George was formally presented as representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, U.S., and, having been invested with the insignia of that office, Bro. St. George took his seat on the dais. Bro. Shekleton said Bro. St. George had been for many years a most active member of the Order. He had filled all the subordinate offices in the Grand Lodge, and had now retired into the ranks of the illustrious Past Grand Officers; but the choice of the Grand Lodge of Virginia could not—as all the brethren well knew—have fallen upon a better or more deserving Mason. During the evening a collection for the Masonic Orphan Schools was made, the National Anthem was sung, and the Grand Lodge was closed with customary formalities.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards in connection with the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer. Bro. Terry, as Secretary, submitted the statement of accounts, and payment of the bills having been ordered, votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman of the Festival (the Most Noble the Marquis of Hertford S.G.W.), the President, Treasurer, and other Officers of the Board for their services, and to Bros. Martin and Flatteley for their efforts on behalf of the Institution, which had resulted in their bringing up lists of £150 and £400 respectively. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys assembled on Saturday, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer V.P. P.G. Standard Beaver. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, those of the House Committee were read for information. Two petitions were received, and after consideration they were approved, the lads thereby becoming eligible for the October election. A grant was made to a former pupil of the Institution, and a vote of thanks having been passed to the chairman the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

The lads who were sent up from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to the Cambridge Middle Class Examinations in December last acquitted themselves most satisfactorily, all of them having satisfied the examiners, while a large majority were placed in the Honours Classes. Thirteen boys went up for examination, with the following result:—Honours: Class I.—A. S. Haworth, distinguished in Latin and Mathematics. Class II.—J. J. Johnson, G. N. C. Keighley, A. J. Kennedy, and S. W. Richardson. Class III.—H. R. Hounslow, J. Langdon, W. W. Lucas, and W. J. Pringle. Satisfied the Examiners: H. W. N. Knott, H. V. N. Scrope-Shrapnel, G. W. Southam, and F. T. Tanner.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE first meeting of this substantial old Lodge since the installation of Bro. W. Saint as Worshipful Master was held on Monday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The W.M. was supported by Bros. F. Silvester S.W., G. P. Nightingale J.W., S. Smither S.D., J. Gildersleve I.G., W. A. Cubitt I.P.M., Past Masters R. Kershaw, T. B. Biddle, H. T. Reed, Bedford Lemero, S. Webb, and J. Smith; Bros. H. F. Jones, J. Dongray, A. W. South, J. Egan, W. Belchamber, J. W. Garwood, W. J. Parker, J. Grundy, J. H. Clare, G. Masters, H. King, J. Little, W. Colyer, E. Carey, E. H. Walden, W. G. Farnley, F. Westoby, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. George Sadler 172, S. M. Pipe 1306, G. Andrews 1420, and others. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. Frederick Hemmings was raised, the ceremony being performed in most creditable manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Lodge was then resumed in the second, but the candidate, Brother A. F. Jones, being unavoidably absent, the ceremony was rehearsed. The manner in which this was done reflected the utmost credit on all who participated in the rite, and augurs well for the success which may be anticipated next meeting. A candidate for initiation was nominated, and after the transaction of some matters of business Lodge was closed in due form, amidst the heartiest good wishes. The brethren afterwards partook of a *récherché* supper, provided by Bro. Clemow in that style of elegance and refinement for which Anderton's has long been proverbial. This being an off-night, the W.M. said he intended to be brief in proposing the customary toasts; but in drinking to the Queen and the Craft, he said it would not be in any body of Freemasons that the name of her Majesty would be received with any expression of disloyalty such as had been alleged to have taken place elsewhere. The toast was received with enthusiasm, as also were those of the Most Worshipful Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The I.P.M. then rose, and said this was the second time he had been entrusted with the gavel, and in proposing the health of their Worshipful Master, he confessed he had great pleasure in doing so on this occasion. Being an off-night they must congratulate themselves upon the very pleasant gathering they were now enjoying. He was pleased to tell the brethren that they were not likely to be long without an initiate into the good old Lodge of Confidence, for, as they had heard, a candidate would be brought forward at the next meeting. The toast having been heartily received, the Worshipful Master briefly returned thanks, and in so doing said he felt a debt of gratitude to the brethren for the kindness with which they had greeted the mention of his name. He trusted the Lodge might go forward during his term of office, and that they might have a still further increase of members. It was always gratifying to see "new blood" coming into the Lodge, because it kept them up to the standard, and made them feel, as others felt, an interest in the Lodge of Confidence, in addition to the older members. He was a little disappointed that matters were not quite so glowing at the opening of his year as he could have wished, yet he hoped on the next occasion of their meeting there would be a more numerous attendance. He then proposed the Visitors, observing that they were not numerous that evening, as might have been expected. Nevertheless, they were most heartily welcome, and he was pleased to think that although their gathering was a small one, yet he trusted their Visitors would perceive that this welcome was a genuine one. There was the same spirit and good feeling pervading all the brethren, and he was sure that would be appreciated by those present. If there was not that enthusiasm which marked some of their gatherings when a larger number was present, still he was pleased to see the Visitors, and as to the way in which the business had been conducted, both at the Lodge and at the festive board, he hoped they would think it creditable to the Confidence Lodge, and to all parties concerned. They endeavoured to carry out the business in a proper and dignified manner, and he trusted the Visitors would go away with a favourable impression of what they had seen. Bro. Sadler, in responding, said he was sorry he could not be present in time to see the working in Lodge, but he thanked them for the hospitality which had been extended to the Visitors. He came there as a stranger within their gates, with only Freemasonry to recommend him; and he hoped to have an opportunity before long of again meeting the brethren of this excellent Lodge, which had such a reputation for good working. Bro. Pipe also replied, stating that he had had the honour and pleasure of knowing their Worshipful Master for 20 years, Bro. Saint, in his estimation, was a worthy of worthies, both in public and private life. He wished continued prosperity to the Lodge, and a year of happiness and success to their Worshipful Master. Bro. Andrews added his quota to the thanks of the Visitors for the hospitality they had enjoyed, and spoke in the highest terms of the work he had witnessed in the Lodge room. The W.M. then gave the Immediate Past Master, and the Past Masters of the Lodge present. He thanked Brother Cubitt for his counsel and assistance, and for his willingness at all times to help forward the work of the Lodge. It was a source of satisfaction to see so many of the Past Masters in attendance, ready to support the efforts of the Officers and himself in the carrying out of their duties. They were all so well known that it would be superfluous on his part to say anything in their commendation; but it was satisfactory to know that they did not retire upon their laurels after they had passed the chair, but continued their active interest in the Lodge, as they had done hitherto. The toast was heartily drunk, and Bro. Cubitt I.P.M., responding to the toast, said he was very pleased to see they had a numerous gathering of Past Masters, this being an

"off-night." Sometimes brethren, after they had passed the chair, found it convenient to have other business to prevent them from attending on these small occasions; but that was not so in the Confidence. The Worshipful Master had said he was somewhat disappointed at the results of his first night's work, but he had no need to be upset in that respect. His (the speaker's) predecessor had no initiate on the first two occasions of his sitting, but had eleven during his year; and he (Bro. Cubitt) had no initiate on his first night, but finished up the year with ten. Bro. Saint had none that evening, but one had been nominated for the next meeting, and there was a prospect that he would have as successful a year as any of his predecessors. This was a strong Lodge, having 86 subscribing members, but they must have an infusion of new blood to take the place of those who would inevitably drop off through death or from other causes. He trusted their W.M. would have health and strength to carry out his duties, with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M. expressed regret that their esteemed Secretary, Bro. J. Shackell P.M. was prevented from being present that night, and was sure the brethren all wished for him a speedy restoration to health. He then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, observing that it was a source of great pleasure to be surrounded by so efficient and competent a body. Many other brethren were working up to the chair, so there need be no fear as to the way in which the business of the Confidence Lodge would be conducted in the future. Bro. Silvester was sure that he and his brother Officers were anxious to do all they could to make themselves efficient, and to qualify themselves for the high position they one and all aspired to occupy. Everything he did for the Lodge he did with a great deal of pleasure, and he was sure the same spirit actuated the whole of the Officers of the Lodge. He had worked from the very lowest rung of the ladder, and it was his aim to attain to the proud position which the Worshipful Master now so worthily held. Bro. Nightingale also responded. He felt very grateful to the W.M. for mentioning his name in connection with the toast. He assured him that it would be a pleasant duty to exert his utmost efforts to assist in carrying out the work of the Lodge, and to promote its best interests; and it was also his ambition to make himself worthy of the chair when his turn should come. He also had taken the lowest step of the ladder, but hoped in time to fill the position which Bro. Saint so worthily and honourably occupied. Bros. Smither, Egan, and Colyer expressed themselves in similar terms, and the proceedings were closed at an early hour with the Tyler's toast. During the evening some capital songs were given, the humorous vein being, as usual, irresistibly sustained by Bro. Silvester.

GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

ON Monday evening, the 1st inst., there was a large and representative gathering of the Masons of West Yorkshire on the occasion of the initiation of Mr. G. W. Balfour, M.P., into this Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds. Bro. Charles Scriven was in the Master's chair, and the other Officers of the Lodge present were Bros. John Jacques I.P.M., A. W. Youngs S.W., W. H. Bradford J.W., J. W. Fourness P.M. Treasurer, William Smith Secretary, W. Ward S.D., J. Ellis J.D., W. B. Townsend P.M. Organist, T. Craistor I.G., A. K. Scattergood and W. J. Gwillam Stewards, and J. Calverley P.M. The Visitors, who came from all parts of the Province, included Bros. T. W. Tew Past G.D. of England Prov. G.M., Henry Smith D.P.G.M., Rev. Canon Bullock P.P.G. Chap., Rev. J. J. Needham P.G. Chap., Rev. J. A. Naylor P.G. Chap., J. Menzies P.P.G.W., C. L. Mason P.P.G. Treasurer, A. W. Stanfield Prov. G. Reg., W. F. Smithson P.P.G.D., G. F. Crowe P.P.G.D., D. R. Glover P.P.G.D., Thos. Winn P.P.G. Sup. of W., T. Bateman Fox Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Alfred Austin P.P.G.S.B., J. Richardson P.P.G.A.P., Saml. Slack P.P.G.D. of C., H. T. Gardiner Prov. G. Steward, Jas. Milnes W.M. 289, Thos. Myers W.M. 304, John Thrippleton W.M. 306, Wm. Tyers W.M. 1042, Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., P.D.D.G.M. East. Arch. W.M. 2069, A. Williamson P.M. 289, Wm. Greaves P.M. 289, J. Dobson P.M. 289, John Dyson P.M. 306, J. B. Hargreaves P.M. 1311, W. Watson P.M. 2069, Henry Oxley P.M. 495, H. Carr W.M. 1085, Thos. Ecroyd P.M. 439, and many others. Bro. Thos. Winn P.M. P.P.G. Sup. of W. acted as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. W. B. Townsend P.M. had charge of the musical arrangements of the evening. Letters of apology were received from Bros. W. L. Jackson, M.P., P.M. Prov. G.S.W., Colonel A. Charlesworth P.M. Prov. G.J.W., Ald. Thos. Hill P.M., Mayor of Bradford, Ald. John Rhodes, Mayor of Pontefract, Herbert G. E. Green P.M. Prov. G. Sec., and others. The ceremony of initiating Mr. G. W. Balfour, M.P., into the mysteries of Freemasonry was performed by Bro. Scriven, assisted by Bros. Tew, Bradford, and Ward. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Tew said that he was deeply obliged for the compliment accorded to him of enabling him to take part in the interesting ceremony of that evening, and to mark the accession to the Craft of a gentleman distinguished by many and varied qualifications, one whose eloquence and ability had so endeared him to the people of Leeds that in the autumn of last year he was elected as Parliamentary representative of the Central Division of the borough, and their satisfaction was greatly added to by the fact that they were welcoming so talented a representative to the ranks of Freemasonry. Goderich Lodge had that evening shown its appreciation of personal worth by admitting Bro. Balfour as a member, and it had recognised the justness of the selection made by the outside public of his fitness for a political career. That Bro. Balfour would uphold the principles of the Craft they knew full well. In conclusion, he wished prosperity to the Goderich Lodge, and complimented the W.M. (Bro. Scriven) on the large gathering of Masons over which he had been called upon to preside. The scroll was then taken, when Bro. Youngs was announced as W.M. elect. After "hearty good wishes" had been exchanged, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, admirably served by Bro. A. Wood. Bro. Scriven in felicitous terms proposed the health of R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire Bro. T.

W. Tew P.G.D. of England, and W. Deputy P.G.M. Bro. H. Smith, and the P.G. Officers Present and Past. The R.W. P.G.M., in responding, said that the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was never in a finer condition of prosperity than now. The largest proportion of Lodges had already sent in their returns, from which it appeared that there were a larger number of Freemasons in the province than he had ever known to be the case in the twenty-three years during which he had been connected with the province. He had the honour to be present at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in London, under the presidency of the Marquis of Hertford. He was proud to find himself so well supported by Stewards from West Yorkshire, when the announcement was made that the province had contributed to the funds of the Institution the magnificent sum of about £735, the second largest amount that had been sent up from the Provinces. There were many candidates for that admirable charity, and he believed that West Yorkshire would be always found supporting their candidates, both by their votes and their purse, to the best of their ability. He alluded to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Sheffield, on the 14th of April next, when business of great importance was to be dealt with, and he hoped the Leeds brethren in large numbers would be present. Freemasonry was in a very flourishing condition in Leeds, and he hoped to see the day when all the eight Lodges of the town would meet under one roof. He hoped Freemasonry would always thrive in Leeds, and that all the brethren would work together in harmony, with one great object in view, namely, brotherly love, relief, and truth. In conclusion, he called upon the brethren not to forget the late P.G.M., Bro. Sir H. Edwards, who was lying on a bed of sickness. It was their bounden duty to remember one who had done so nobly in the past, and to express the hope that he might be long spared. The Prov. G.M. then gave the initiate's toast, which was received with enthusiasm. Bro. G. W. Balfour, M.P., in returning thanks, said that he had discovered that though not building in a material sense they were Masons in a spiritual sense, and he rejoiced to think that he had become a member of that great body. He trusted to remain not merely a sleeping partner, but an active member of the great society, and in due time to merit the kind and cordial reception they had accorded to him. Other toasts followed.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Tuesday, the 23rd ult., an emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate, York. The W.M. and brethren of the Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, had expressed a desire to visit the Eboracum Lodge for the purpose of exchanging fraternal courtesies and seeing the working of the Lodge, and accordingly a special meeting was arranged for their convenience. The Lodge having been opened, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.W., in the absence of Bro. A. T. B. Turner W.M., who is in bad health. There were present also Bros. J. Blenkin P.M. as I.P.M., J. T. Sellar P.M., Geo. Ayre P.M. P.P.G.D., W. Brown S.W., Geo. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer P.P.G.O. as J.W., J. Kay Secretary, S. J. Dalton S.D., W. Lackenby J.D., W. Storey Steward, W. Stephenson I.G., P. Pearson and J. D. Irving Assistant Stewards, J. Hall Tyler, W. T. Nance, W. B. Dyson, J. W. Blenkin, J. E. Wilkinson, H. Mennell, W. G. Carter, W. Sharp, C. Tuff, W. Routledge, Geo. Hebblethwaite, T. Horsley, B. Stephenson, and H. Shonksmith; and the following visitors: Bros. Geo. Kirby P.M. 236, Major McGachen P.M. 1991, R. C. Fankner, S. G. Crummack, T. Watkinson, J. Biscoomb 236, and G. Manton 279. The W.M. and brethren of the Falcon Lodge, 1416, were announced, entered the room, and took their places to the number of 11, including Bros. Z. Wright W.M., Dr. Longford S.W., Dr. Hartley J.W., J. T. Hansell Secretary, T. J. Wilkinson P.M. and Treasurer, C. Greensides P.M., Rev. E. Richardson J.D., Rev. Canon Camidge P.M. P.P.G.C. Chap., F. R. Hansell D.C., W. W. Hall I.G., and J. S. Farmery Tyler. Bro. Whytehead welcomed the Visitors in the name of the Lodge, expressed regret at the absence of the W.M., and hoped that the practice of interchanging visits between Lodges would become more frequent. Bro. Z. Wright replied, expressing the pleasure it gave himself and his brethren to be present. Bro. Blenkin P.M. then took the chair, and proceeded to initiate a candidate who had been balloted for at the last regular Lodge, and subsequently Bro. Whytehead resumed the chair, and initiated a second candidate, the charge being given by the Senior Warden. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the arrival was announced of Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram Grand Chaplain and D.P.G.M. of Durham, and that distinguished brother was introduced by a deputation under the direction of Bro. Ayre P.M. as D.C., and was saluted. At the request of the Visitors, the Lodge was then raised to the second and third degrees, and again lowered, after which Bro. T. B. Whytehead said that, as usual, he had a pleasant duty to perform, namely, to present to the Lodge more gifts on the part of its members. Bro. G. Lamb had done a quantity of painting, staining, &c., for the Lodge on entering its new premises, and had forwarded to the Treasurer a receipted bill for the whole amount. Bro. Shonksmith had presented a quantity of glasses engraved with Masonic emblems and the number of the Lodge. Bro. W. Stephenson had given a set of match trays for the smoke room table, and three antique goblets engraved with Masonic emblems; and he himself begged to present to the library the Abbé Barruel's "History of Jacobinism," in four volumes. Votes of thanks were passed for these gifts and the Lodge was closed with "hearty good wishes." The brethren then adjourned to the supper room, the capacity of which was tried to its utmost limits. An excellent supper had been provided by the Tyler, to which justice was done, and after the wreck had been removed the usual loyal toasts were given. Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave the toast of the Falcons. He said for some years it had been an annual pleasure to him to visit Thirsk at a certain period and to instal the Worshipful Masters of the Falcon Lodge, whom he regarded as his Masonic children, the youngest of whom he was pleased to see smiling on his left. The Falcon Lodge had shown

marvellous activity considering its dimensions and locality. It had a beautiful little hall of its own and did good and intelligent work in Masonry. He hoped that they had that night inaugurated in York a new feature in the way of Masonic visiting, which would be continued and extended. Bro. Z. Wright responded, saying how gratified he and his brethren had been in witnessing the clean working of the Eboracum Lodge, and how much surprise they had felt at the beautiful details of the furniture and the general excellence of the new premises. He said that the Falcon Lodge had not as much work on hand as their entertainers, but they kept their working tools in good order, and ready to work up any good material that was presented to them. Bro. Canon Camidge proposed Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge, and referred to his early friendship with Bro. Whytehead, when as schoolfellows they often rowed up the river Ouse against stream and wind. Now, however, they were embarked on the stream of Masonry, with both wind and stream in their favour, and he trusted that the voyage so auspiciously begun would continue as happily. He congratulated the Eboracum Lodge upon its success and the good work it was doing, and concluded by speaking in the highest terms of Freemasonry, its value to society, and its influence on the happiness of mankind. The toast was responded to by Bro. J. Blenkin P.M. The toast of the Visitors was given by Bro. W. Brown S.W., and responded to by Bro. G. Kirby P.M. Bro. J. T. Sellar P.M. proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and Bro. G. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer responded. Bro. W. B. Dyson gave the Health of the Candidates, and both of them responded. Bro. Whytehead gave the Masonic Charities, and spoke of the work done by the Lodge in that direction, which had been mainly owing to the efforts of their Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M., whom he had hoped to have seen amongst them that evening. Bro. T. Horsley responded, and after the Tyler's toast the meeting broke up. During the evening several songs were given by Bros. G. Kirby P.M., Major McGachen P.M., J. E. Wilkinson, H. Mennell, and others.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

IN consequence of a fire which occurred at the Club adjoining the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, the regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, on the 4th March. Bros. H. Baber W.M., W. H. Ranson S.W., C. Tarry J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, H. M. Hobbs Secretary, F. T. Ridpath S.D., J. Killington J.D., W. Best and C. A. Wadsworth Stewards, F. C. Pascall P.M., C. Daniel P.M. 65, H. E. Philips, and W. Lane Tyler. Lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the dispensation from the M.W. the Grand Master, authorising the Lodge to meet at the above address. Bro. Philips was passed to the second degree. Great regret was expressed by the brethren at the fire, which had taken place on the previous Tuesday, whereby the regalia of the Lodge had been destroyed, and the furniture and fittings injured, but above all at the loss of the oil painting of Bro. W. Foulsham, which had been presented to the Lodge at the February meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and sent to Bro. T. Turquand Fillan, W.M. of the Langton Lodge, for allowing the use of the furniture and regalia of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, and to Bro. G. Anderson P.G.S., at whose premises the meeting was held. After some other business Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was largely attended, on Wednesday, 3rd inst., among those present being Bros. H. Long W.M., William Royston Pike J.W., A. L. Emanuel Secretary, G. Backer Treasurer, W. Maybour J.D., G. Sylvester Organist, W. C. Ford, J. Elverston, T. Page, A. Austin, J. Gieve, E. Hill, E. H. Bayley, C. Reider, F. Bevis, J. Johns, and J. Galt. The visitors were Bro. E. Goble Provincial Grand Secretary, E. Naylor Provincial Grand Steward, J. Wallingford, J. W. Gieve, J. Wedlock, W. Clarke, A. Ashby, G. Grant, G. Barnden, R. H. Jee, G. F. Brown, and P. H. Emanuel. After the Lodge was closed the brethren partook of a banquet well served by Bro. Maybour. The loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Long, who presided, said he had a most pleasing duty to perform, the most pleasing during his year of office. It was to make a presentation to Bro. Emanuel, their honorary Secretary. Bro. Emanuel, like many others, had "tied" himself up. The members thought they should mark that event. He was connected with several societies in the town, all of which had recognised the great event of his life. The brethren had therefore met together that evening to present Bro. Emanuel with a handsome Dresden China clock and pair of candelabra to match, and hoped he would live for many years with his wife, and have some little ones about him, who in the coming by-and-bye would be able to look on the presentation with love and pride. Bro. Emanuel had been a most hardworking and zealous Secretary, and had always evinced an interest in the welfare of the Lodge. Might the One above spare him to be amongst them for many years. Bro. Emanuel, who was enthusiastically received, thanked the W.M. for the presentation, made on behalf of himself and the brethren, of such a handsome marriage gift. He was connected with many societies, all of which had recognised his humble services, but he could assure the brethren that none were more appreciated than the one received that evening from many dear brethren, whose friendship he thoroughly appreciated. Regarding his marriage, he felt he had done a wise and sensible thing, and hoped that he might be spared amongst them for many years to come. He had had a good example set him in Masonry by his late esteemed father, and he assured the brethren that if it was their will, he would always officiate as Secretary with that faithfulness and zeal he had hitherto. Beneath the base of the clock was a silver plate bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. A. L. Emanuel, on his marriage, by the members

of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, as a token of respect and to mark their appreciation of his services as Secretary from the formation of the Lodge, 1881 to date 1886."

Other toasts followed, and with the aid of harmony, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Monday, 8th instant, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors, though, possibly by reason of the inclement weather, the gathering was not so numerous as usual. There was a considerable amount of business on the agenda paper, including four raisings, a passing, and three initiations, besides balloting for a joining member and the election of Master, Treasurer, &c. for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Baker W.M., at four o'clock, and was fully engaged until 7 p.m. The only item on the list of business that was not effected was the passing, the candidate for which ceremony was not in attendance. Bros. Gammon, De Pinna, Gersell and Hoffman were raised to the third degree; Mr. Francis Charles Morgan, Mr. John Irving, and Mr. Charles Thomas Cowley were initiated into the first degree, and Bro. C. C. Morgan, 1257, was elected a joining member. The ballot was then taken for the Worshipful Master, to be installed in May next, and Bro. Senger-Hunt S.W. was unanimously elected to that honourable office. Bro. Rogers, Treasurer of the Lodge from its commencement, was also unanimously re-elected, as was also Bro. Walkley the Tyler. The I.P.M. Bro. Burdett-Contts moved that on the termination of his year of office a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Baker. It is more than usually well deserved in the case of Bro. Baker, by reason of the admirable manner in which he has fulfilled the general duties of Master, and the especially correct working of the ceremonies in Lodge. Though doubtless Bro. Baker would fully appreciate this reward when presented to him, it must be a still greater satisfaction to him to note the increased prosperity and prestige which the Lodge has obtained during his term of office. Bro. Baker announced that since the last meeting of the Lodge they had lost one of their earliest members—Bro. Brinckmann—by death. Bro. Baker said he had taken upon himself to write a letter of sympathy to the family on behalf of the Abbey Lodge. He had been invited to be present at the interment, but had been unable to attend; he had, however, on behalf of the Lodge, sent a wreath of flowers, feeling sure that the brethren would endorse what he had done. Bro. Burdett-Contts reported that he had, on the previous Wednesday, attended Grand Lodge, where he had had the honour of being selected to propose the re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons. Speaking after the dinner which followed the closing of the Lodge, the I.P.M. further said that he had no idea why he was selected on Wednesday to perform that very high and dignified office, unless it was attributable to the fact that he was the first Master of the Abbey Lodge, which by its rapid growth and vigour, and by the admirable part it had played in the history of Freemasonry for the last two years, had won for itself a very honourable position in the Craft. The Grand Officers present were Bro. Simpson Past Grand Chaplain, Chaplain to the Abbey Lodge, and Bro. Jekyll Past Grand Organist. Among the Visitors were Bros. Russell W.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge, Goldstein and Bliss, also from the Carnarvon, Kaye W.M. of the Crystal Palace Lodge, Dr. Forbes, Griffith, Cave, Fisher, Thompson, and many others.

EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Cock Hotel, Epping. The Officers present were Bros. J. Salmon W.M., E. G. Lewis I.P.M., J. Woodruff S.W., J. London J.W., Fraser S.D., Fletcher J.D., Hughes I.G., E. J. Acworth P.M. Treasurer, Fletcher Organist, Parkinson Tyler; also Bros. Noakes, Tucker, Lawrence, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the meetings of January 2nd and 30th were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Tucker, a candidate for raising, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Tucker was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. in due form. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. Noakes and Smith having answered the questions leading to the second degree, and by permission of the W.M., Bro. Acworth P.M. and Treasurer performed the ceremony of passing Bros. Noakes and Smith to the P.C. degree. Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, and the chair taken by the W.M., the ballot was taken for Mr. Sutton Abbott, and proving unanimously in his favour, he was initiated according to ancient custom. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and Bro. J. Salmon was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Charity Committee. No further business offering, Lodge was closed in due form. The usual banquet followed.

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

A REGULAR meeting of this old and sound Lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 9th inst., at the Golden Lion Tavern, Green Lane Street, when there was a numerous attendance, under the presidency of Bro. G. H. Ed W.M. There were also present Bros. J. F. Quilly P.M., W. Booth J.W., H. Longley S.D., A. Woodley D.C., J. Carter Organist, G. C. Jupp I.G., Past Masters B. Griggs, A. H. Hickman, J. Hillhouse, and B. H. Harford. C. Thomas Prop. G. T. Harris Tyler, G. Brooker, J. P. Ashby, W. Ware, G. R. Lambert, C. Taylor, J. Jennings, W. Chamberlain, B. G. Brinkley, J. Holland, C. Reape, J. Bruton, W. J. Randall, C. Jolley, W. H. Bromby, H. Paice, T.

Baxter, J. Billingham, and others. Among the Visitors were Bros. Fredk. Edgington P.M. 1321, and H. Parry 1319. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was then advanced to the third, and Bros. W. H. Cook and Walter Ware were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being well carried out. Resuming in the second, Bros. J. Bruton and C. Jolley were passed, the working being, as in the former degree, most creditable to the W.M. and his Officers. The ballot was then opened for Mr. Benjamin Geo. Brinkley, who had been proposed by Bro. W. Smith J.W., and seconded by Bro. Edward Davies P.M. The voting being unanimously in favour, the candidate was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, in accordance with ancient rites. There was some discussion on the bye-laws, on a point raised by Bro. Hillhouse, which having been satisfactorily disposed of, and other business of minor importance gone through, the members and visitors supped together, when the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, amidst a pleasant sprinkling of vocal and instrumental music and recitations.

ST. JAMES' LODGE, No. 765.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., there being present on the occasion Bros. W. H. Tilling W.M., Geo. Tilling S.W., E. J. Rawle J.W., H. W. Mitten, Richard Tilling, J. Child, and Past Masters J. E. Costello S.D., Carnes, Perkins, Spencer, Alfred Tilling, Prior, Samuels, Miels, Roberts, Travers, Geo. Carter, J. Williams, Spaulding, Walker, Brinkley, Rudd, and other members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. Martin W.M. 879, Marsh W.M. 1587, Chamberlain and Venables 1587, and Fountain 879. There was no ceremonial work before the Lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and the bye-laws of the Lodge read, the brethren at once proceeded to the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler. Bro. George Tilling, the present esteemed S.W., received the unanimous vote of the members as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Child P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Rowe Tyler, Auditors having been appointed and date of meeting arranged, a grant of ten guineas was unanimously voted to a former Past Master of the Lodge, now in need of assistance. On the proposition of Bro. H. W. Mitten, who in an excellent speech set forth the merits of the Worshipful Master and the praiseworthy manner in which he had discharged the duties of his exalted position, a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. W. H. Tilling, to be presented at the ensuing meeting of the Lodge. No further business offering, the Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer. Refreshment followed labour, and the usual toasts were given, that of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. George Tilling, being most cordially received, and to which the newly-elected brother made appropriate response. For the Visitors, to whom a hearty welcome was accorded, the several brethren named replied in terms of high appreciation of their reception. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, whose term of office has been marked with a zealous endeavour to uphold the well-known character of this excellent Lodge.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—At the Portland Arms, Great Portland Street, W., on Wednesday last. Present: Bros. Latreille W.M., Burgess S.W., Thom J.W., Wilby S.D., Lonsdale J.D., J. H. Price I.G., J. Paul Preceptor, Fowles Treasurer, W. Langdon P.M. Secretary. Visitors: Bros. Chalmers P.M., Hemmings, Dobson, Smale W.M. of the mother Lodge, and several others. This being the night for the rehearsal of the ceremony of installation by Bro. Latreille P.M., Bro. Taylor was placed in the chair. Bro. Taylor afterwards appointed the Officers, in a perfect manner. Bro. Latreille gave the addresses, to the great pleasure and instruction of the brethren. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. John Paul Preceptor. Bro. Dobson of the Ranelagh Lodge was elected a member; the Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary were unanimously re-elected to serve for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks to Bro. Latreille for his kindness in attending to rehearse the ceremony of installation, was cordially agreed to. Bro. Latreille made suitable reply, and this brought the proceedings to a close. Bro. Burgess P.M. will be the W.M. for the ensuing week.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.

—On Thursday, 4th inst., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road. Present—Bros. Baker W.M., Garner S.W., Rev. R. N. Sanderson J.W., Hughes Secretary, Jordan J.D., Weeden Preceptor, Welsford I.G., and other brethren. Lodge was honoured by a visit from Bro. Rev. Robert Nicholas Sanderson, Grand Chaplain, who kindly acted as J.W. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hughes acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Weeden, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Weeden then took the chair, and after preliminaries, rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Welsford acting as candidate. Bro. Baker then resumed the chair. Bro. Jordan 1580 was elected a member. Bro. Garner was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Baker for his able working in the chair, this being the first time in any Lodge of Instruction. Nothing else offering, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday, the 1st instant. Brothers Cooper W.M., Fluck S.W., Snook J.W., Turner S.D., Hancock I.D., Collingridge Secretary, Stockhall I.G. After preliminaries, the W.M. was obligated and entrusted, and the ceremony of instal-

lation rehearsed. After the customary salutations, the W.M. invested his Officers, and the Installing Master gave the addresses in an able manner, for which a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes, and Lodge closed in due form.

Monday, 8th instant.—Bros. Edis W.M., Hancock S.W., Fluck J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Keogh I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Moore acting as candidate for the former, and Bro. Collingridge for the latter. Bro. Hancock was elected W.M. for 15th instant. Bro. Brunton, Euphrates Lodge, was elected a member. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

The Fifth Annual Supper of the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, will take place on Monday, 22nd instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bro. J. Cooper W.M. 1693 in the chair, and Bro. R. P. Forge S.W. 1693 in the vice chair. Bro. J. H. Collingridge 1677 Secretary. Supper on table at 7:30.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed at the Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489, held at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road, Hackney, on Monday, the 22nd March, by Brother James Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, &c. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

The W.M. (Bro. Chas F. Pardon), the Wardens, and Brethren of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928—the only Press Lodge in the world—will give their first evening concert on Saturday, the 20th instant, at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton, in aid of the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The Lord Chancellor (Bro. Baron Herschell), who, when Her Majesty's Solicitor General, visited the Lodge has, at his own request, been supplied with tickets. Bros. W. Ganz P.G. Organist, W. L. Barrett, and Frederick Cundy have promised their assistance. Amongst the other artistes who will give their services are Madame Thayer, Misses Bene Powell, Alma Evelyn, Lizzie Mulholland, and Alice Farren; Messrs. Percy Palmer, Herbert Jewell, and Henry Horscroft, Messrs. F. F. Buffen, Lee Davies, Sidney F. Hill (piano-forte), M. Theodore Werner (violin), Herr Otto Langly (violoncello). Following the Masonic principle of equality, there are to be no reserved seats. It is expected that many public men who are members of the Craft will take this opportunity of extending the right hand of fellowship to the members of the Fourth Estate.

The first meeting of the Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place on Monday next, 15th inst., at 4 o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, London, when the preliminary arrangements will be considered, and other business transacted.

At the meeting of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, at the White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, Cannon Street, on Thursday, the 18th of March, Bro. Langton will rehearse the installation ceremony, after which the meeting of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association (which now numbers 115 members) will be held.

We regret to hear that Bro. Charles Godtschalk, who in his day has been one of the most zealous and consistent workers on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, still remains in a serious condition as regards his health. Consequent on a further attack of paralysis, which occurred some four months since, our worthy brother is now bedridden, and the greater part of his time is spent in an almost unconscious state. Bro. Charles Godtschalk was always an attentive correspondent, and many of those who had business connections with him, in association with the several Committees of the Province of Devon, will accept this as an explanation for any delay that may have arisen in their communications not being replied to with that promptness that hitherto has characterised our brother. Acting on the advice of his physician, Bro. Godtschalk has removed from London, and we trust the change will produce the beneficial result so much desired.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ABBEY LODGE, No. 2129.

ANOTHER Lodge was added to the roll of Surrey on Tuesday, when the Abbey Lodge, No. 2120, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Chertsey. In consequence of a severe attack of bronchitis, the Provincial Grand Master, General John Stulholme Brownrigg, C.B., was unable to be present to perform the ceremony of consecration as he had intended, and in his absence the arrangements for the consecration of the Lodge were entrusted to Bro. Chas. Greenwood P.G. Sword Bearer, who it is now definitely settled is to be the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in lieu of the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G. Chaplain, whose absence from this country necessitated his resigning that office. Among those present to do honour to the occasion were Bros. James Terry P.M. 228 P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Stampall Lambert W.M. 1556, C. Greenwood jun. P.P.G. Secretary, John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C., P. Murray 36, A. T. Onslow P.M. 1395, H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D., T. Vincent P.P.G. Sword Bearer, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, C. T. Tyler P.P.G.S.D., Thomas Wakley jun. 1395 Prov. G.J.D., J. D. Lester P.P.G.S.W. The brethren formed in procession and entered the Lodge, when Brother Greenwood appointed Brother John G. Horsey to the Senior Warden's chair, and Brother Lambert to that of Junior Warden. Bro. H. E. Frances was asked to take the post of D. of C., and Bro. Lester that of Inner Guard. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and after the hymn "Hail, Eternal," Bro. Greenwood explained the nature of the duties the brethren were assembled to perform. He then requested Brother James Terry to formally consecrate the Lodge. Bro. Charles Greenwood jun. officiated as Provincial Grand Secretary, and read the petition and warrant of the Lodge. The brethren having signified their approval of the Officers named in the warrant, Bro. Terry gave an eloquent and practical oration on the principles of the Masonic Institution and the responsibilities of its members, after which the ceremony was proceeded with according to the customary forms. Bro. Henry Currie Leigh Bennett was installed as Worshipful Master, and Colonel Lorenzo George Dundas invested as Senior Warden, Brother William Henry Gardiner, the J.W. designate, was unable to be present, his investiture had therefore to be deferred until the first meeting of the Lodge. Brother James R. Boor Past Master and Secretary 370 was elected Treasurer, and duly invested. Bro. the Rev. Walter W. Martin P.M. Chaplain 370 was appointed Secretary, George Fox Spencer S.D., and G. J. Mason Tyler. The other offices will be filled latter on. The addresses were then delivered by Bro. Terry, and the ceremonial work of the day, which throughout was performed in that perfect manner we always look for from Bro. Terry, was brought to a conclusion. The customary votes of thanks were passed to those who had taken part in the day's proceedings, and Bro. Terry, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed the pleasure he felt in taking part in the formation of a new Lodge for the Province of Surrey. The banquet was served in the dining-room of the Masonic Hall. The after proceedings were of the usual agreeable character. As a matter of course the approaching Festival of the Girls' School was referred to, and Bro. Charles Greenwood expressed his fervent desire that the Provincial Grand Master should be strongly supported on that occasion by the members of his Province. Brother Greenwood said that it was at Chertsey, thirty years since, that he first received his official appointment as Provincial Grand Secretary, and it was gratifying to him that it was also at Chertsey that he received his first recognition as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He felt a difficulty in following so zealous and expert a Mason as the Rev. C. W. Arnold, but hoped he should be able to discharge the duties of his new office for the benefit of the Province, and agreeably to the brethren comprising it. Bro. Terry in responding for the Charities referred to the Festival of his Institution in 1883, when Gen. Brownrigg presided with most satisfactory results. On that occasion two hundred and seventy-two Stewards supported the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, and the total contributed amounted to upwards of thirteen thousand pounds, of which amount £905 14s was taken up by twenty-two Surrey Stewards. Doubtless Surrey would be as loyal to their chief when he presided next May on behalf of the Girls as they were when he filled the same office for the Old People, and added to this he was now working for a popular Institution, so that it might reasonably be hoped the coming Festival would be a success. Other complimentary toasts were given and responded to in order, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in due form by the Tyler.

Amongst the many improvements we have recently had occasion to notice, in various parts of the metropolis, may be mentioned that at the "Salmon and Compasses," Penton street, Islington, which has now been converted into a really handsome and recherché tavern. The compartments have been subdivided, and fitted with screens of stained glass, with elaborate designs, setting out the title of the house. Every arrangement has been made for the comfort and convenience of the numerous patrons of this old establishment. We congratulate Bro. Hooper, who has just completed his extensive alterations, on the transformation he has effected in the interior of the Salmon and Compasses.

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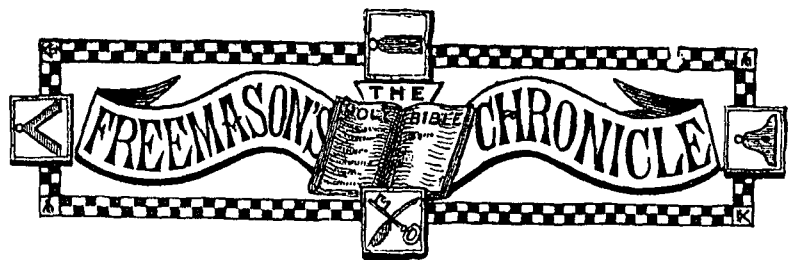
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CONSECRATION OF ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER.

THE annual convocation of this Provincial Grand
Chapter, for the transaction of the general business
of the Province, and for the special purpose of consecrating
a new Royal Arch Chapter, to be attached to the Albert
Edward Lodge, No 1560, was held at Freemasons' Hall,
Leicester, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., under the presidency
of the Grand Superintendent the M.E. Comp. W. Kelly,
F.S.A., F.R.H.S., &c. The meeting was numerously
attended, amongst those present being the following
Officers and members of Provincial Grand Chapter:—
Comps. G. Toller Prov. G.H., Rev. W. Langley as Prov.
G.J., S. Partridge Prov. G.S.E., C. J. Wilkinson as Prov.
G.S.N., R. Dalgleish Prov. G.P.S., G. T. Willan Prov. G.A.S.,
Rev. C. Henton Wood Prov. G. Reg., A. Balmforth Prov.
G.S.B., J. Young Prov. G.D.C., W. A. Musson Prov. G.
Org., R. Boughton-Smith P.P.G.A.S., T. Halliday P.Z.
779, A. P. Wood P.Z. 1130, M. J. Walker H. 1130, W. S.
Black J. 1130, C. S. Preston H. 279, and J. Hassall J. 779.
The Chapter having been duly opened, the Rolls of Chapters
and P.G. Officers were called, the several Chapters being
fully represented, and nearly every P.G. Officer at his post.
After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the
last general Convocation the ceremony of constitution and
consecration of the new Chapter was proceeded with, at
the commencement of which the Grand Superintendent, as
Consecrating Officer, delivered the following address:—

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS,—We are met on this present occasion
partly to conduct the ordinary business of Provincial Grand Chapter,
but we have in addition been specially called together to consecrate
the new Chapter of St. George, to be attached to the Albert Edward
Lodge, No. 1560, an event of rare occurrence, inasmuch as only three
new Chapters have been founded in the province during the present
century. Two of these Chapters I had the honour of consecrating;
whilst the earliest of them, which was consecrated by that excellent
Mason the late V.W. Bro. John Savage P.G.D., I was the M.E.Z.
nominated in the Charter. As to the precise period when Royal
Arch Masonry was first practised in Leicester, it seems difficult to
decide, as in former days the old Atholl Lodges, like No. 91, formerly
existing here, until after the Union in 1813, worked under their
Warrants not only the Craft degrees, but also the Mark, Royal Arch,
Templar and some other Orders. It was by this body of seceders,
the so-called *Ancient* or Atholl Masons, that the Order of the holy
Royal Arch of Jerusalem was first introduced. Dr. Oliver and some
other writers (but probably erroneously) thinking it was formed by
dividing the old Masters' grade into two parts. The first mention of
the degree is in a printed work of 1741; it next appears in the Atholl
records in 1752, and upon Lodge minutes at York in 1762. The
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England was constituted 22nd July
1767, under Lord Blaney, then Immediate Past Grand Master of the
regular Grand Lodge of England; and to this body the present
Supreme Grand Chapter of England owes its origin. By its authority
Charters were granted and Provinces constituted. Leicestershire being
so constituted as early, at least, as 1793, and having as its Grand
Superintendent Thomas Boothby Parkyns, M.P. (afterwards Lord
Ranelagh), also P.G. Master for the Province, and who, in 1802, was the

Grand First Principal of Grand Chapter. It was not, however, until 20th April 1858 that a Grand Chapter was formed in the Province, under the authority of Earl Howe, Grand Superintendent, over which, as his Lordship's Deputy, I had the honour to preside, as I have since done, either in that capacity or as Grand Superintendent, at every Convocation. Although the Grand Chapter had amongst its leaders many noble and some Royal members of the Grand Lodge of England, it was never recognized by the Grand Lodge until the Union in 1813; and in like manner the Grand Chapter of Scotland is not recognised by the Grand Lodge of that country down to the present day. By this Grand Chapter was granted, under the number 102, the first Charter for a Royal Arch Chapter in this Province—that of the Chapter of Fortitude, attached to St. John's Lodge, which thus came into existence as early as 1796, being six years after St. John's Lodge was founded. The early minute book of this Chapter is unfortunately lost, but a number of particulars derived from old papers among the records of St. John's Lodge are printed in my little "History of Freemasonry in Leicestershire." We find that John Abbey was exalted in 1796—that "the expenses of a Royal Arch Chapter, held 6th April 1802, were defrayed out of the Craft Fund"—and that after the Union of 1813, under date 4th of December 1817, the designation was (for a time) changed to "United Chapters 102 and 114, George Inn;" and as the old Atholl Lodge Lodge No. 171 had ceased to make returns, its members, no doubt in like manner, became merged in St. John's Lodge. The original Warrant of the Chapter, like that of the Lodge, having been lost or destroyed some years previously, a Warrant of Confirmation was obtained from the Grand Chapter, dated 9th May 1821; and about the same time the furniture, &c. of the Chapter was purchased by subscription, headed by Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., who also presented the banners of the Principals, still in use. During half a century this was the only Chapter in the Province, when, in 1847, St. Augustine's Chapter was founded, in connection with the then recently established John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 766 (now 523), and so continued to the year 1856. At that time the brethren at Ashby being desirous of having a Chapter attached to their Lodge, whilst both the local Chapters were in anything but flourishing condition, the members being (in comparison with those of the two Lodges) few in number, it was decided for them to unite in working the old Chapter of Fortitude, whilst the Charter of St. Augustine's Chapter was annexed to the Lodge at Ashby de la Zouch. On 28th May 1869, the De Mowbray Chapter at Melton was consecrated, our worthy Companion Langley, to whom Masonry there and elsewhere in the Province owes much, being the first M.E.Z. And, finally, on the 14th January 1873, I had the pleasure, during the time I held the high office of P.G.M., as well as that I still retain of Grand Superintendent, of consecrating the Charnwood Chapter, No. 1007, Loughborough. From that day to the present, whilst several new Lodges have sprung into existence in our midst, all of which are in a highly flourishing condition, and whilst the dear old Chapter of Fortitude, the mother Chapter of most of us, has, I believe, closely approaching one hundred members, it is self evident that there is "ample room and verge enough" for the friendly and beneficial operations of at least one additional Royal Arch Chapter in Leicester. Under these circumstances, and with a view of giving a new impetus to Royal Arch Masonry amongst us, a Charter has been obtained for the new Chapter of St. George, No. 1560, which we are about to constitute in ancient form, and, mystically, to construct as a spiritual temple to the honour and glory of the Great I Am—and may the result prove that we may apply to it the words of the Masonic post:—

"When orient Wisdom beam'd serene,
And pillar'd strength arose;
When Beauty tinged the glowing scene,
And Faith her mansion chose;
Exulting bands the fabric view'd;
Mysterious powers ador'd,
And high the triple union stood,
That gave the Mystic Word."

The Provincial Grand Scribe E. having stated the wishes of the Companions of the new Chapter, and having read the Petition and Warrant, and the other usual formalities being observed, the Consecrating Officer called upon E. Companion the Rev. C. Henton Wood Prov. Grand Reg. to deliver the Oration. Comp. Wood, after giving some interesting particulars as to the history of the several Royal Arch Chapters in this Province, and remarking upon the apparent want of interest shown in Royal Arch Masonry, proceeded as follows:—

"Why then is the Supreme Order of the Royal Arch in such a languishing condition, when the Mark Degree and other Masonic systems now worked in our midst are continually gaining accessions of strength, and, so far as one is able to judge, prospering exceedingly? A chief cause, no doubt, is novelty, to many minds the multifarious clothing, jewels and paraphernalia of these various Orders have a great attraction, and whereas a principal charm of Masonry is the consciousness of secret knowledge, which gives a sense of superiority over those who have it not, this feeling is intensified by the multiplicity of the degrees taken; and the young Mason is tempted to wander off the beaten track, in search of abstruse and complicated instruction, before he has acquired the genuine secrets of a M.M.; and the allurements of office lead him to seek employment outside his Lodge, sometimes before he has qualified himself for promotion within it. Another cause is the want of more instruction during a brother's novitiate. Are not degrees conferred in too quick succession? Is not the feeling growing that candidates have a sort of claim and right to the succeeding degrees at the earliest possible date allowed by the Constitutions? and do not many of our rising brethren, in consequence, claim office, as a right, whether qualified or not? If a candidate is told, within three months of his initiation, that having taken the

third degree he has arrived at the summit of his profession, is he not apt to feel disappointment, and can we wonder that he should seek after novelty and try to quench his rising thirst for knowledge at every fresh fountain to which he can gain access, rather than rest content under the vine of his own Lodge and drink of his own cistern? A Craftsman may lawfully travel, as his ancient brethren did, from East to extremest West to seek out other Masters and learn new modes of work; but he should at least know how to indent on the Rough and try the Smooth before he sets out. So long as minute instruction in the three degrees is little attended to—so long as slovenly signs and tokens are tolerated, and the work of a Lodge restricted, by common consent, to the ceremonial conferring of Degrees, on the principle of "the more the merrier"—quality in candidates being held secondary to quantity—the Royal Arch being never so much as hinted at, it is to be feared that the Supreme Order will not command that place in the estimation of the brethren at large which its importance demands. Time is devoted to other Degrees which would perhaps be better spent in striving to attain to the 'climax of Freemasonry,' for the ritual is extensive and complicated, and can hardly be mastered on the few occasions set apart for the exercise of it. We have therefore to rely too much on other means of obtaining the requisite knowledge, the correctness of which is doubtful, and the Companion who does his best in that direction too often fails to satisfy either himself or his predecessor in office. But happily there are landmarks and limits, within which the aspirant cannot widely err. In ritual we are apt to attach too much importance to our own views of verbal accuracy, whereas the doctrine of *Limits*, which runs like a thread throughout the Craft degrees, appears to me as applicable to ritual as to morals. In the first place we have brought to our notice the two Grand Parallels between which, so long as a brother confines himself and marches steadily onward with the eye of Faith fixed on that Star of Hope which illuminates the immense vista, he cannot err. The point within the circle conveys the same idea. The landmarks bound his horizon; and whereas the limit of every circle is a rectangle contained by the radius, and half the circumference, the Mason standing in the centre can still discern the two great Parallels of the law of God and the Rules of the Craft. For if a material circle be divided into a large number of sectors, and these be arranged side by side, alternately point to base, it will be seen that they will be found to approximate to the rectangle above mentioned, and here I see the origin of the indented or tessellated border and the pattern of a Companion's badge. And the idea of two Grand Parallels is dominant in the Royal Arch itself. The "limit" of the curve called Catenary, is two parallel straight lines: for the two parts of a flexible cord suspended by its two ends, are (if very long in proportion to the distance between them) practically parallel to one another. In the Royal Arch we have impressed on our minds the strength and durability of a vault or dome constructed on the principle of the true Catenarian Arch, standing complete in itself without buttress or bond of any kind. Such an Arch stands self supported only when the curve from which it takes its name can be accurately traced between the limits of the outer and inner edge of its voussoirs. This again reminds me of the path of a steadfast Mason amid the landmarks of his Order, containing his words and very thoughts within the compass of propriety, and going on his humble way rejoicing in the light which God has shed around him. I have endeavoured to suggest the possible causes which prevent the Brethren at large from entering the Supreme Order and hinder them from pursuing it steadfastly. If I am right, these causes will not be removed by merely increasing the number of Chapters, but the lack of a centre of instruction and a standard of comparison in our Province will be supplied to-day. The St. George's Chapter commences its career with every advantage; it possesses in its Principals, the Chiefs of the Order in this Province, three illustrious Companions, second to none in Masonic skill and extended experience. They will be, I understand, supported by a body of Companions selected for their approved conduct and zeal, and who will fulfil the expectations of the Founders by setting up for imitation such a standard of ritual and finished working as will instruct the minds and gladden the eyes of all who are privileged to behold it. May the G.A.O.T.U. prosper them one and all. May He direct and approve their work on earth, and finally exalt them in the Heavens.

The ceremony of constitution and consecration was then regularly proceeded with, according to the printed programme, and on its completion the three Principals designate, viz., M.E. Comp. W. Kelly G. Supt., George Toller Prov. G.H., and S. S. Partridge Prov. G.S.E., who had all previously filled the several chairs of a Royal Arch Chapter, were duly inducted into the chairs of first, second, and third Principals of St. George's Chapter, No. 1560. The other Officers of the Chapter were appointed and invested. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, for the admirable Oration delivered by him, and he and Comp. M. J. Walker were elected honorary members of the Chapter. St. George's Chapter was then closed, and the business of Provincial Grand Chapter resumed. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts having been received and passed, and some notices of motion disposed of, the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers, as follow:

Comp. G. Toller P.Z. 279...	...	H.
R. Boughton-Smith P.Z. 1007	...	J.
S. S. Partridge P.Z. 279	...	S.E.
Joseph Young P.Z. 279	...	S.N.
C. S. Preston H. 279	...	Registrar

T. Halliday P.Z. 779	...	P.S.
A. P. Wood P.Z. 1130	...	1st Assistant Sojourner
J. Hassall H. 779	...	2nd Assistant Sojourner
J. Tuckfield (elected)	...	Treasurer
G. Oliver J. 1007	...	Sword Bearer
Edgar Taylor J. 279	...	Standard Bearer
Miles J. Walker H. 1130	...	Director of Ceremonies
W. Stephen Black J. 1130	...	Assist. Director of Cer.
W. Vial H. 1007	...	Organist
Dunn and Tanser	...	Janitors

A resolution was passed that the Grand Superintendent's address and the oration of Comp. the Rev. C. Henton Wood should be printed for distribution. Several apologies for absence having been read, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in due form. The musical arrangements of the consecration ceremony were most effectively carried out, under the able direction of Comp. T. A. Wykes P.P.G.O. In conclusion it should be added that the interest and gratification of the Companions were materially enhanced by the presence of their much-esteemed Chief, the veteran Comp. Kelly, who although far from having completely recovered from his long and serious indisposition, braved the effects of the present Arctic weather, and conducted the proceedings of the day with his usual marked ability and impressiveness.

GRAND HISTORIC MASONIC COLLECTION.

A GRAND historic collection of Masonic books, medals, manuscripts, engravings, prints, old aprons, &c., such as we venture to say has never been brought together before, has been on exhibition, to the members of the Craft, at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, during the past week. The exhibits, which are of surpassing interest, have been got together after an infinite amount of patient research by Bro. G. Taylor, of this town. A series of Masonic meetings have taken place at the Masonic Hall this week. A descriptive lecture on the contents of the collection referred to above was to have been given on Monday evening by Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, Past Grand Deacon of England, the Masonic Historian. Unfortunately, owing to the death of a member of his family on Friday last, Bro. Hughan was prevented from fulfilling his engagement, and at the last moment, Bro. Taylor took upon himself to fill Bro. Hughan's place. After alluding to the sad event that prevented Bro. Hughan's attendance, and to the regret and disappointment that all the brethren must feel at his absence and the cause of it, Bro. Taylor said:—

It is a rather difficult task to know where to commence, and where to leave off, in a brief description of such a Collection as this; so large a number of its items affording material for separate lectures in themselves. It is but natural that a society so ancient as Freemasonry, which has undergone the changes and vicissitudes of ages, and yet to-day presents a firmer, powerful, and more prosperous front than ever, should afford a very wide field for study. Setting aside its strictly historical and archeological features, the whole system of its symbolism is so intimately interwoven with the thoughts and aspirations of the mind and soul as to make it boundless in its ramifications and applications.

It is to be regretted that more is not done in our Lodges to create a taste, or administer to the desire, for something of a more directly intellectual character than even the beauties of our ritual afford. Much may be done by Masters of Lodges, to invite attendance, and sustain interest by inviting essays on scientific subjects, as well as on those that Ancient and Modern Masonry presents, thus following more intimately the operative nature of the work in our ancient Lodges. It is most remarkable how few brethren there are who comprehend the extent of Masonic Literature and its attendant objects. It would surprise many to know that Kloss, whose work on Masonic Bibliography, published at Frankfurt in 1844, and which lies before you, enumerates about 6000 volumes; it will ever remain a standard work. You will imagine how greatly this number would be increased if a complete list could be made, and that to date.

Bro. Taylor went on to describe the present as an effort to incite in the district this deeper study of all allied with the past and present of the Craft.

For some time before the Worcester Masonic Exhibition in August 1884, I had been paving the way, and that notable gathering gave the starting point for acquiring the bulk of what you see around. How much I have to thank the never ceasing kindness, the sacrificing efforts, and the great abilities of our Bro. Hughan (to whose regrettable absence I have before alluded), I can never tell you, and you will never divine. So scarce are Masonic books and objects of worth, that instant action alone can secure when anything of note offers.

The knowledge of this tells me how wonderfully successful I have been in acquiring what is here. It has been a business of much labour, mixed with a good deal of pleasure.

Take for instance these two manuscripts.

We know the intense dislike Masons of the present day have to showing for perusal or publication anything in the shape of writing. "How much more then were they indisposed to retain any evidences in bygone days? In 1717 (according to Kenning's Cyclopædia) many old manuscripts were collected by request of Grand Master Payne, and in 1720 some foolish brethren are said, by Anderson, to have burnt several important MSS., especially one by Nicholas Stone."

These then are now of priceless value, being the actual Rolls that were read to initiates on their reception, long before our present Rituals were shaped. But upon this subject Bro. Hughan's paper, which I shall read to-morrow, has more to say.

Varying in detail, there is one in the British Museum, one in the Grand Lodge of England, one in the York Lodge, and one or two others, but no other Collection than this in the world possesses two.

This, the "Inigo Jones MSS.," dated 1607, has a frontispiece of Masons at work, drawn by that celebrated architect, who, Anderson states in his Constitutions of 1738, was Grand Master of the Craft in 1607. Bro. Gould, in his new History of Freemasonry, gives it a full description and many references, classing it amongst the most valuable of existing versions of our manuscript Constitutions.

This, the Wood MSS., takes its name from a Mr. Wood, from whom it was obtained, but who is unable to furnish any particulars of its history, beyond that the MS. had been in his possession for about 20 years. It is written on parchment, with partially illuminated letters here and there. It is entitled the "Constitution of Masonry," newly translated by J. Whitstones for John Sargenonne, 1610.

As it bears intimately on the subject under mention I may here say that Dr. Plot's History of Staffordshire, published in 1686, is in this library. It has a significant reference to persons of quality joining the Order, and mentions a scroll or parchment volume in use among the members. This attack on Freemasonry, by Dr. Plot, so early as 1686, is much referred to by Masonic writers.

These MSS. lead me to draw your attention to another prominent feature of the Collection, viz., the complete set of the Constitutions, the charges which are embodied in those of 1723 to 1784 being undoubtedly derived from these old MSS. or similar copies, now lost. Here we have the editions of 1723, 1738, 1756, 1767, the Appendix of 1776 (1769, which was unrecognised), 1784, 1815, 1819, with corrections, 1827, 1841, 1847, 1853, 1858, 1861, 1863, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1871, 1873, and lastly 1884. I am not aware how many complete sets, replete with frontispieces, &c., exist, but they must be very few indeed. As an incident in its collection, I may mention that the edition of 1723 I picked up at an old book store for 9s. I saw one priced the other day at fifteen guineas, and it is cheap at that.

Beyond these are the Constitutions of the Seceding Grand Lodge of England, calling themselves the "Ancients," or "Atholl Masons." These, published by aid of their Secretary, Laurence Dermott, and by Thomas Harper, is a series of Constitutions known by the name of Abiman Rezon. This title is derived from three Hebrew words—Abim, brothers—Manah, to select—Ratzan, the will,—hence the combination reads "the will of selected brethren." Fortunately I possess the whole of these except 1787, which I have hitherto failed to obtain.

These two sets of Constitutions lead me to touch upon one subject mentioned for to-night's lecture had Bro. Hughan been present, viz., the "Grand Lodges of England."

There have been four separate Grand Lodges in England, the premier being (1) the *Grand Lodge of England*, formed in 1717 by the "Time Immemorial" London Lodges, consisting of four at least, but probably more.

(2) The so-called Grand Lodge of *all England*, started in 1725, by the old Lodge working there for many years before, of which minutes exist, dating before the origin of *Grand Lodges*.

(3) "The Grand Lodge of England South of the River Trent," constituted at London by the York body in 1779, but collapsed in 1787, owing to the secessionists of the Lodge of Antiquity being received back again into that body.

(4) "The Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Institutions," formed in 1751, and known as the "Ancients."

The York Grand Lodge and its offshoot died out, but the first and last mentioned, called Moderns and Ancients, both of London, continued as rivals until 1813, when they united and formed the present Grand Lodge of England.

A set of Royal Arch Regulations lacks two to make it complete, and the Mark Constitutions are, I believe, complete.

It has been my aim to make up sets of everything so far as I possibly could. Take Grand Lodge Reports, which, as you know, are issued quarterly. How many Lodges, think you, retain and treasure up these Proceedings of all that passes in Grand Lodge? I fear I am correct in saying hardly any Lodges in England. Those here date back to 1777; there are several missing between then and the Union in 1813. Since then to the present date I have all except December 1871, which I cannot obtain, proving how careless Lodges are in preserving what is regularly sent to each every three months.

I now turn to another important and similar section, viz., Lists of Lodges. Much more care and talent were exercised by our ancestors in publishing these guides to the name, location, date of meeting, and date of constitution than now, when we print in plain pocket-book style, and badly have we repaid our brethren for their ingenuity, for there is not a complete set in the Grand Lodge of England or elsewhere in the world. These lists were first issued in 1723. Here is an example of 1763 all on engraved plates, against each Lodge being a fac-simile of the sign of the hotel or inn where the Lodge met. These continued in this form until 1778. I have here 1763, 1766, 1770, 1776, and 1778; no private individual or library, save the Grand Lodge of England and Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, having more than one. After 1778 they assumed this printed calendar form, in which, with few exceptions, you have before you those from 1781 to 1814, when it was altered to this pocket-book style, with which you are familiar, and of which I lack a considerable number between 1815 and 1850.

Another set worthy of mention is nine vols. "Pocket Companions," dating from 1735 to 1764, the first-mentioned being of extreme rarity, the list of Lodges it contains giving a Lodge at Philadelphia, No. 79, which no other list mentions.

Of the famous "Illustrations of Masonry," by Wm. Preston, continued by Oliver, there is every one here except the first of 1772.

The earliest magazine on Masonry was published in 1793. I have persevered to make up a complete set of every Masonic periodical—quarterly, monthly, or weekly—which has appeared to the present date. In this I have succeeded, except the Freemasons' Magazine for 1798, the Freemason's Magazine for 1863, and from July to December 1865.

Another very rare set, here complete, is "Cole's Constitutions," from 1728, engraved on copper plates.

Also, the whole of the works of Bro. W. J. Hughan, all editions of which were limited in number, and have become most difficult to procure.

I believe all the Histories of Freemasonry are here, and another special feature I have made is the collection of "Lodge Histories." These are here about fifty examples of zeal and research, which I trust all Lodges will follow. Works on the medals of the Fraternity are represented by Zacharias' Numismatica, Merzdorf's, Hedlinger's, and Marvin's publications.

A considerable number of French and German Masonic works on all subjects will be found in the Collection, but nothing foreign except that which is rare or of early dates.

Under the head of Rituals will be found a goodly number of old and rare caricatures and so-called exposures of Masonry, by Prichard, Briscoe, Wilson, and several anonymous writers, which I cannot refer to in this brief sketch, or to other curious old works, such as "Multa Paucis" of 1763, "Long Livers" of 1722, "Blue Blanket" of 1722, and others. The whole are catalogued and divided into 17 sections, viz.:

- Almanacks, Calendars, and Lists of Lodges.
- Bibliography.
- Biographies.
- Constitutions, Bye-laws, and Jurisprudence.
- Cyclopædias.
- Histories of Freemasonry, and Proceedings of Grand Lodges.
- Lodge Histories.
- Works on the Higher Degrees.
- Magazines, Journals, and Periodicals.
- Works on Medals, Numismatics, &c.
- Polemic Works, for, about, or against Freemasonry.
- Persecutions of Freemasonry.
- Rituals, Manuals, and Handbooks.
- Sermons, Addresses, and Orations.
- Song Books and Ode Books.
- Tales, Sketches, &c.
- Various.

Ten volumes of the latter contain all the pamphlets, scraps, and miscellaneous matter of a hundred different Masonic subjects.

The library portion, I believe, contains about 600 volumes.

The china and pottery, with the quaint diversity of emblems they bear, I need not allude to.

The framed aprons you see on the walls are quaint specimens of a period when brethren were at liberty to wear any design they chose, and were not confined to a regulation pattern.

Three of the engravings are particularly worthy of mention!—The "Mock Procession" is an original engraving, the copies of 1771 lacking the quaint particulars of the artist's lodgings this bears Clavel's "Histoire de la Pittoresque" you will find in the library gives a reduced copy, and states that only one original existed.

You will see by reference to the old Constitutions that it was the custom in the early times of Grand Lodge for the brethren to form in procession, and escort the Grand Master elect from his residence to the Freemasons' Hall. This mock procession was organised in 1741 to throw ridicule on the fraternity, and it led soon after to a discontinuance of Masonic processions in London.

The print of Count Cagliostro's exposure in the Lodge of Antiquity is also I believe rare. The particulars of the incident are related on the print. "Picart's" plate shows Pine's List of Lodges of 1734, copied in the arrangement you see.

Lambert de Lintot's allegorical engravings are also scarce. A large number of scarce and interesting prints and portraits will be found in the portfolios lying on the table, with the boxes containing a quantity of old and recent lodge summonses, certificates, &c.

Masonic seals and old Lodge seals have had attention in the impressions of wax you see on the walls, and I hope the collection of such may grow.

Before touching upon the question of medals, I must take this opportunity of referring to a generous gift by a well-known Masonic student and Lodge historian in Yorkshire, Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, of Bradford, to whom we are indebted for that framed sheet of old certificates; the rare engraved list of 1776; his history of the Aire-dale Lodge; the very scarce first edition of Browne's Master Key of 1798; History of the Minden Lodge, and the Musical Entertainer of 1737, a valuable work engraved by George Bickham jun., and dedicated to the Marquis of Carnarvon when Grand Master.

It will take me a far longer time than I have to attempt any exhaustive description of the four hundred Masonic medals you see. I have endeavoured, by aid of the cards set against each tray, to take note of special items.

You will be able to find the history and origin and description of all up to No. 150 in the catalogue in the centre of the room, but time has failed me to catalogue beyond there at present. A goodly number were unknown to writers on Masonic medals, but the rest you will be able to trace in Marvin's work on Masonic medals, which lies in the same place. Marvin's book was published in Boston in 1880, and has now become the standard work on Masonic medals. He there catalogues about 700 medals, about 60 of which he illustrates. Few persons are aware of this large number of Masonic medals existing outside the wide field of Lodge jewels and personal decorations.

Marvin says the largest cabinet then (1880) was that of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mecklenburg at Rostock, which contained 324 specimens, the next in importance being the cabinets of the Lodges of Apollo and Minerva at Leipsic.

In America the Lodge Pythagoras, of Brooklyn, had a collection of about 200 specimens. In England there are no large collections save this, except one made by Bro. G. L. Stackles, of Hull.

It will be observed that most of them are of foreign origin, where the striking of medals by the Fraternity has been especially popular during the last 150 years. They have been struck chiefly in honour

of some distinguished member of the Fraternity, or of some event or anniversary in connection with the Lodges and their members. By the aid of agents in the principal cities of the Continent and advertising I have been fortunate in obtaining many rare and unique specimens.

The fifteen silver medals, Nos. 46 to 60, were obtained under peculiar circumstances. My efforts to obtain the Swedish medals resulted in acquiring two only. An acquaintance with the chief engraver at the Royal Mint, Stockholm, enabled me to advance my wishes. She (Madame Lea Ahlborn) is the daughter of Langren, the famous Swedish engraver, and doubtless the only lady engraver of dies of any note ever known. She kindly proffered to wait upon the King of Sweden, and state my object, with the view of obtaining his Majesty's assent to her using the old and new dies lying in the Royal mint, for the purpose of supplying me with impressions.

King Oscar graciously complied, and the result you have before you.

Many of the earliest medals known are in this collection. The whole are classed as follows:

England 117, Germany 52, France 106, Holland 20, Belgium 20, Sweden 17, Denmark 1, Moldavia 1, Italy 4, America 52.

Bro. Taylor then went on to describe all the most rare of the medals exhibited, something like 400 in number, their history and origin, but it would be impossible to do justice to this interesting account without more space than we have at command, and the difficulty of description without the medals themselves. We can only congratulate all those who had the privilege of listening to this interesting and instructive lecture, and also the Masons of the Province of Worcestershire, on the opportunity they have of acquiring so splendid and unique a collection at so small a cost. Bro. Taylor has collected it for a specific purpose, and desires to place it at the disposal of the Province at prime cost. It would indeed be a thousand pities to see such a collection, made at the expense of so much care and labour and private influence, again dispersed.

A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Taylor, closed Monday's proceedings.

On Tuesday night, Bro. Hughan had supplied Bro. Taylor with a lecture in MSS., the subject of which was "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Masonry." The lecture was read before a most appreciative audience, several of whom expressed the pleasure and instruction they had derived from such a graphic and lucid explanation of the subject.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hughan for his kindness in promising to visit Kidderminster, and under so severe a family affliction providing for his enforced absence so well. It was coupled with an expression of sincere sympathy in the loss he had sustained.

A vote of thanks was again accorded to Bro. Taylor, who promised, at the request of the brethren, to allow the collection to remain on view for the remainder of the week.

THE BALL.

A BALL, under the patronage of Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., and members of the Province of Worcester, and under the auspices of "Hope and Charity" and "Lechmere" Lodges, took place in the Town Hall, Kidderminster, on Wednesday, 3rd inst. The walls of the room were draped around with red baize to the windows, and the gallery was partitioned off and the space underneath formed into two drawing rooms. The orchestra was decorated with shrubs and flowers. The following is a list of those present:—Bro. A. F. Godson Deputy-Prov. Grand Master; the Mayor and Mayoress of Durham and party, the Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgnorth and party, the Mayor of Kidderminster and party, Bro. G. W. Grosvenor P.P.G.W. and D.L., Mrs. Grosvenor and party, Bro. and Miss Awdry and Miss Thring, Bro. and Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. Barcher, Mr. Clifford Batten, Miss Blagbrough, Bro. Broomhall P.G.S.W., Miss Broomhall, Miss Mary Broomhall, Mr. E. A. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Browett, Bro. C. E. Bloomer, Mr. A. Cookson, Bro. and Mrs. Comber, Bro. J. H. Cooksey W.M. 1621, Bridgnorth, and Miss Cooksey, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Chambers and Miss Chambers, Dr. Colbourne, Mr. A. Crabtree, Bro. J. Crabtree, Mr. Emerson, Mrs. R. H. Evans, Mr. Eck, Mr. Fearnley, Bro. G. R. Green, Mr. Z. Green, Mrs. Green, Miss Green, Bro. and the Misses Hadley, Mr. A. and Miss L. Hopkins, Mr. Hodges, Mr. and the Misses Hampton, Mr. Hill, Mr. A. J. and the Misses Inston, Miss Kibble, Bro. G. Lees W.M. 560 Stourport, Bro. Mackay P.G.S., Mrs. Mackay, Miss Mackay, and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. E. J. and Mrs. Morton and party, Dr. Macqueen, Bro. Mossop W.M. 1874 Kidderminster, Mrs. Mossop and Miss Mossop, Miss Owen, Mr. R. Pierce, Mrs. and the Misses Potter, Bro. Perry W.M. 534 Stourbridge, and Mrs. Perry, Bro. Pigot Past G.S.E., Mr. F. Perrin, Bro. Harvey Preen W.M. 377 Kidderminster, and Mrs. Preen and Miss Elith Parry, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and the Misses Stone, Mr. Ernest Stretton, Mr. E. A. Stretton, Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Smith and party, Bro. E. and Mrs. Smith, Bro. W. H. Talbot P.G.S., Mrs. Talbot, Miss Adela Talbot, Mr. E. Talbot, Bro. G. Taylor P.G. Sec., Mrs. Taylor, and Miss Banks, Bro. H. Taylor P.G.S., Bro. and Miss Vale and Miss Lane, Dr. Waddell, Brother W. B. Williamson, Mr. A. H. Wilson, Brother and Mrs. Westcott, Dr. Webster. Mr. Gilmer's famous band was present, and dancing commenced at half-past eight and was kept up with spirit until half-past two. Refreshments were provided at a buffet, presided over by Mrs. Lane, in the Corn Exchange. At the supper, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Godson, gave the Queen and the Craft. After supper by request of D.P.G.M., Bro. Harvey Preen, W.M. of the Hope and Charity Lodge, 377, Kidderminster, gave the ancient Tyler's toast—"To all poor and distressed Masons, wherever dispersed o'er land and sea, a speedy return to their native country, if it they desire and deserve it." We had nearly forgotten to mention that Bro. Awdry, as Master of Ceremonies, discharged the duties that devolved upon him with all that tact and ability which distinguish everything he undertakes.—Kidderminster Sun.

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, 13th MARCH.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 15th MARCH.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, 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.)
548—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.
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.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
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
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—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, Brightingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Westonleigh, 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.
1030—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, Congressbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T. —Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 16th MARCH.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bluffs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

- 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—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 Edgcumbe, 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)
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
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, 8.30 (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. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—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
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrer, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
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
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
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
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1911—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045—Wharton, Willesden

- R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
149—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. (Instruction)
223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 7.30.
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
731—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

- 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 9 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Clergall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mara-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst)
R.A. 933—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. 141—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
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
 342—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
 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, Live-pool, 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—Walton, 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
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1366—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, Ramsgate
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1797—Southdown, Hurtlepierpoint, Sussex
 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
 R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
 R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
 R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury

THURSDAY, 18th MARCH.

- 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)
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 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)
 160—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)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 913—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, Phoenix, Staggate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burpett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (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)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, 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)
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1983—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill

- R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 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
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 276—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Hull
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye

- 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe

- 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1164—Elio, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Duham House Northallerton
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton

- R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
 R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
 R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
 M.M.—Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 19th MARCH.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In.)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 9. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (In)
 1365—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Picnic, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
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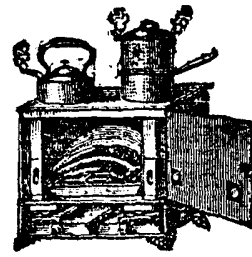
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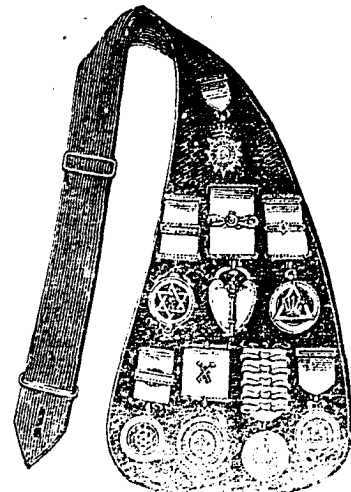
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