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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., Past Grand Treasurer, Patron, in the chair. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the July Court, the Chairman said,—Before commencing the business of the day it was his painful duty officially to inform the brethren that on the 28th August last, at a ripe old age, passed away, amid the lamentations and tears of the children she loved so well, the late esteemed and venerated Matron of the School, Miss Jarwood. In undertaking the difficult task of filling up that onerous and responsible position, the Board of Management had been so fortunate as to secure the services of a lady who, like the late Miss Jarwood, was educated in the School, passed through the office of pupil teacher, and had during the last eighteen months been responsible as Acting Matron of the Institution, and had carried out her duties so efficiently as to give entire satisfaction to the Committee, who felt assured that Miss Buck would spare no endeavours to continue to repay the love of the children, and to win the esteem and regard of the management, which should always exist in well-regulated establishments—which they reckoned theirs was—between the staff and the managers. In regard to another sad event, words failed him to express in adequate language the great loss the Institution had sustained by the removal to another world, during the past few weeks, of Bros. Joshua Nunn and E. C. Mather, who for a number of years devoted great time, spared no labour, trouble, or money for the benefit of the Institution. In extolling the virtues of a colleague, it seemed to be something like sounding one's own praise. He would only therefore say of their departed brethren that they, like every individual member of the House Committee, ever had, in the management of the Institution, but one aim, object, and desire—to serve the interests, and to promote the welfare and comfort of the fatherless children the subscribers had committed to their care. It now only remained for him to propose what, he was sure, they would carry with great unanimity of feeling, that the Secretary be directed to write letters of condolence to Mrs. Nunn and Mrs. Mather, expressing the sincere and deep regret of this Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the great and irreparable loss they had sustained. Bro. Edgar Bowyer seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The Chairman next declared a vacancy in the Trusteeship of one of the funds of the Institution—the Sustentation Fund. According to the laws of the Institution, this vacancy must be filled up that day, and he had the privilege, as their Chairman, to propose a brother who was well worthy of the honour, the senior member of the House Committee—Bro. Col. James Peters P.G. Sword Bearer—who, during the last eleven years, had paid such great and assiduous attention to the duties and management of their Institution. Bro. E. Letchworth seconded the motion, which was carried. Col. Peters thanked the brethren for his election; he should endeavour to carry out the duties devolving upon him to the best of his ability. The Chairman then proposed the motion of which he had given notice:—

“That on the death of any Life Governor or Subscriber, his ex-

ecutors shall during the current financial year be entitled to receive and sign the voting paper such deceased Life Governor or subscriber would be entitled to had he been still living, and that the laws of the Institution be altered accordingly.”

He thought this motion would at once commend itself to the brethren's acceptance; at all events that it would meet with favourable consideration. It would be beneficial to so vast an Institution as this, and he could not divest his mind of the idea that when a benefactor passed away, if the votes were sent to his executor, giving him, as it were, a little patronage, it might induce him to add to the funds of the Institution. Bro. James Stevens seconded the motion. Controller Bake thought “Life Governor” should be struck out, but that the Life Subscriber should have his vote for the year. Bro. A. H. Tattershall thought the words “during the current financial year” should be struck out, and for them should be substituted, “at the next ensuing election.” He thought the privilege should be granted for only one election after the death of the subscriber. The Chairman said his proposition was nothing more than was carried out by every voting Charity outside Masonry. Bro. C. F. Hogard said they already had a law validating voting papers signed by the subscriber while he was alive. He objected to making it a vote for life and one year afterwards. Bro. Tattershall moved his proposition as an amendment, and Bro. James Stevens seconded. Bro. C. F. Hogard, believing the whole thing was wrong, moved the previous question. The Chairman begged the brethren not to vote for the previous question, as his motion could not then be put. He would accept the amendment of Bro. Tattershall rather than that his motion should be thrown out on the previous question. It had been his privilege for the last 35 years to be on many Finance Committees of Philanthropic Institutions, and the Secretaries had put before him the satisfaction which executors of deceased benefactors had expressed at receiving voting papers. It was on that ground, and that ground only, he made his proposition—for the benefit of the Institution. He could not divest his mind of the belief that when these voting papers got to executors and beneficiaries who were outside the Masonic body, those persons would say it was a compliment to them, and for that reason they would send a cheque for five or ten guineas. The cost of the extra printing and paper was nothing, and could be no detriment to any individual subscriber. If the voting papers were used, it must be for the benefit of some candidate. The previous question was then put and lost, and the amended resolution was put and carried. Bro. Henry A. Hunt, Vice President moved:

That the House Committee be authorised to expend the balance of the grant of the 9th January last, together with a sum not exceeding £500, in the erection of a boundary wall along two sides of the newly-acquired land.

Bro. Hunt said that the piece of land in question was of great advantage to the Institution, but it was absolutely necessary to build a wall round it. The children of the neighbourhood came up to the fence and climbed over it. Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire, seconded the motion; he thought the wall should be built as soon as possible. Bro. Frank Richardson Past Grand Deacon, as a member of the Premises Committee, would like to say a few words. It was absolutely necessary now that the grounds should be properly guarded. It was a very incomplete and low wall they had now, and from personal observation he should say that the Institution's premises were completely

overrun by the children of the neighbourhood. They had been obliged to invoke the assistance of the police to keep the place quiet on Sundays. The first grant of £50 was for a short fence. Grand Lodge voted £1000 distinctly for the fitting up of this wall, and therefore if they got this grant of £500 from the Institution they would be well within what Grand Lodge had given. Bro. Walter Hopekirk agreed that the outlay was desirable. The motion was carried. Bro. John E. Le Feuvre Deputy Provincial Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight, V.P., moved, to come after Article 6 of Law 54, as an additional clause:—

Every petition on behalf of a candidate whose father was initiated in a Province should, where possible, be accompanied by a recommendation from the Provincial Grand Secretary of such Province, who shall be invited to give his opinion on the circumstances of the case for the guidance of the General Committee. In the event of the petitioner being unable to procure such recommendation and expression of opinion, the fact shall be stated in the petition, with the grounds for such inability, and, if deemed sufficient by the Committee, it may, at their discretion, be dispensed with.

He thought that such a rule would bring information regarding candidates which would be most valuable. It did not affect London brethren, but was only limited to the Provinces. It would afford the General Committee of the School an opportunity of receiving from the Provincial Grand Secretaries an impartial opinion or report on the merits of each case. It could do no harm, and might do much good. There were cases within his personal knowledge which he was sure if reported upon by Provincial Grand Secretaries, would not now have been in our Schools and encumbering the lists. On the Boys' School list was a boy who was born 13 years after his father had ceased to subscribe to a Lodge. In the Girls' School some years ago for want of candidates all that were on the list were admitted. One of those would not go out till 1887, and he was sure she would not have been favourably reported on by the Provincial Grand Secretary. Another was in the School whose mother was a widow at the time of the election, and was carrying on her late husband's business just as well, and was as prosperous as when her husband died. She ultimately married a second husband, who has since been a Master of a Lodge. That child would not leave till 1888. He did not think either of these cases would have been accepted if fuller enquiries had been made. Brother Charles Lacey seconded the motion. In reply to Brother Hogard, Brother Le Feuvre said his motion did not deal with Districts but only with Provinces. Bros. Hopekirk, S. G. Bake, and Hogard objected. Bro. Frank Richardson trusted the motion would not be carried. The whole body of subscribers had decided that they would adjudicate on the cases. If this was carried the Provincial Grand Secretaries would really be the electors. In a Province where there was a Charity organisation that organisation took up the cases. If at any time they had two cases which they knew they could carry, and a third came forward, which would destroy the chances of the other two, the Provincial Grand Secretary would naturally say the third was not a case to be recommended. After other remarks Bro. Le Feuvre replied; his proposal was only carrying out the new rule in the Constitutions that such a report was necessary for country cases coming before the Board of Benevolence, and it worked very happily indeed. Last month there was an occasion when a Prov. Grand Secretary said he had made inquiries into the case, and he did not recommend it for relief. That was valuable information for the Board. The motion proposed to get information which the Committee might act on if they pleased. On division the motion was lost, and the election was proceeded with. In another page we give a list of the successful candidates, while below are the unsuccessful, together with the number of votes secured by each.

No. on List	Forward	Polled	Total
5 Clark, Julia Elizabeth	203	1141	1344
7 Steng, Martha Paulina C.	250	1038	1288
16 Goodchild, Edith Grace		1123	1123
14 Melhuish, Edith		883	883
6 Rawlings, Lillian Gertrude S.	129	535	664
4 Sutton, Eleanor Julia	202	171	373
3 Proudfoot, Edith Lillian	19	260	279
10 Harris, Grace Lenore		254	254
30 Gurney, Amy Elizabeth C.		247	247
25 Harnden, Fanny Maria		196	196
2 Woods, Lillian	51	20	71
19 Longshaw, Hannah Maude		62	62
13 Marshall, Mary Maude		44	44
8 Norman, Aline Maude	26	13	39
33 Richardson, Isabella		22	22

No. on List	Forward	Polled	Total
11 Craft, Ethel Ada		10	10
22 Phenix, Gertrude		5	5

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ON Monday the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, Deputy Prov. G.M. Monmouthshire, simply resolved itself into a meeting for the confirmation of the minutes, as the only notice of motion on the agenda—that of Bro. Le Feuvre, of a similar character to the one decided at the Girls' School Court on Saturday—was withdrawn, in consequence of the opinion of the brethren being against it on that occasion. As soon as the minutes were confirmed the ballot for the usual half-yearly election was declared open. In another column will be found a list of the successful candidates; we here give a list of the unsuccessful, with the number of votes they will carry forward, if eligible, to the election in April next.

15 Angier, Harry Norman	45	1149	1194
6 Matthews, Percy Haslem	117	857	974
5 Wood, Joseph	173	553	726
25 Collinson, William		364	364
13 Gray, Harold	86	149	235
2 Taylor, Albert	50	154	204
3 Gibbs, Percy	13	86	99
26 Green, Charles William		59	59
44 Scott, Frederick William John		41	41
1 Cannon, George	20	20	40
33 Burgess, Edgar Holmes		39	39
24 Crossman, John	—	—	—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE Right Hon. Lord Henniker was, on Friday, the 8th inst., installed as Grand Master of the Province of Suffolk, in place of Bro. Lord Waveney, who had filled the office for many years previous to his death a few months since. The ceremony of the day was performed by the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master of Kent, who was supported by a large number of brethren. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., the Deputy of the Province, and the minutes having been confirmed, and the brethren addressed as to the nature of the proceedings, the Provincial Grand Master elect was formally introduced, installed, and saluted. He then announced that he had appointed Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn as his Deputy Provincial Grand Master—an appointment which evoked the heartiest marks of approval from those assembled. Bro. E. P. Youell P.M. 1631 was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and Bro. Syer Prov. G. Tyler. The Officers for the year were invested as follow:—

Bro. J. G. Oliver 1008	-	-	Senior Warden
S. G. Carley 555	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. A. T. Mitton 516	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. A. R. Abbott 1631	-	-	
E. P. Youell 1631	-	-	Treasurer
C. H. Vincent 1823	-	-	Registrar
N. Tracy 376	-	-	Secretary
V. D. Colchester 114	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. M. Franks 376	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. White 959	-	-	Superintendent of Works
W. Clarke 114	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
H. W. Cullum 1663	-	-	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
R. Barker 388	-	-	Sword Bearer
C. Byford 225	-	-	} Standard Bearers
J. T. Eccleston 305	-	-	
T. Palmer 114	-	-	Organist
H. J. Wright 936	-	-	Assistant Secretary
A. Loughton 1592	-	-	Pursuivant
B. Smith 81	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Cook, W.M. 225	-	-	} Stewards
E. J. Sherman W.M. 959	-	-	
G. H. Beart W.M. 936	-	-	
S. B. Syer 376	-	-	Tyler

The Report of the Provincial Board of General Purposes showed a total membership of 874, as compared with 900 at the beginning of the year. During the past nine months there had been twenty-five initiations and thirteen joinings in the Province, while they had lost seven members by

death, six by erasure, and fifty-one withdrawn. After meeting all liabilities the Province had a balance of £32 11s 8d to the good. Various grants were then made from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge, sums of ten guineas being voted to each of the three Masonic Institutions, five guineas to the Waveney Memorial Fund, and five guineas to the Binckes' Testimonial Fund. The brethren then proceeded to St. Matthew's Church, where a special service was held, the offertory at the conclusion being in aid of the East Suffolk Hospital. Provincial Grand Lodge having been resumed, the report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association was submitted. This showed that the contributions from the Province to the Masonic Charities for the last three years had amounted to £1974, being an average of £94 per Lodge. During the past year four Stewards had represented the Province at the respective Festivals, and together they had taken up a total of £695 13s, an increase of £70 over the amount of the previous year. There were at the present time four brethren and nine widows from the Province receiving annuities from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, five children were in the Girls' School and one was in the Boys' School. Notwithstanding the liberality of the brethren, say the Committee, the Province is receiving a larger amount from the Charities each year than it subscribes to them, and on this account it is earnestly hoped the brethren will not relax in their efforts for the future. The amended bye-laws were then adopted, the Provincial Grand Master suggesting it should be compulsory for each Lodge Secretary to send a copy of his summons to the head of the Province, the Deputy and the Provincial Grand Secretary, so that they might know exactly what was going on in the district. Lord Henniker then made a forcible address to the brethren, and votes of thanks having been accorded to those who had assisted in the day's work Provincial Lodge was closed. A banquet followed at the Public Hall, after which the usual toast list was gone through.

MASONIC READING.

THERE are many very valuable Masonic newspapers published all over the world. There is much printed and sent broadcast regarding Masonry, in book form. There are a number of histories of the Fraternity. There are voluminous Proceedings of Masonic Grand Bodies. The world is full of books on the subject of Masonry, yet there is very little known of the true essence of the Craft-teachings. The fact is, there is very little Masonic literature that is read. A Mason thinks because he is a Mason he must have some history of the Fraternity in his library, just as he thinks he must have some diploma or Masonic chart framed or hung over the mantle in the front parlour. The book adorns the shelf just as the picture adorns the wall, a matter of ornament merely, not to be consulted for information. And then some Masonic widow or orphan comes around with "Addison's Knights Templar," "Mackey's Cyclopædia," or some other good work, and out of sympathy and, may be, a real desire to help a worthy sister, or, what is more likely, just to get rid of the agent, he buys the book, never opens it, except to read the title page, puts it away and forgets it.

There are various reasons for all this. The first and greatest reason perhaps is the brother does not feel that deep interest in the Masonic Fraternity that he thought he did. For, after all, the number of really interested Masons in the vast army of five hundred and ninety-six thousand that the United States contains, to say nothing of the rest of the world, is very small. They are ignorant of what Masonry has been, what it is to-day, in organization, teaching, and benefit. Many join Masonry out of mere curiosity, and when that curiosity is gratified by the degrees they take, they have all they want of Masonry, never attend Lodge meetings, never read a Masonic book, and never take a Masonic journal. Others join because it has pleasant social advantages, and they enjoy the Lodge, take delight in helping to confer the third degree, without realizing what the great, underlying, fundamental principle of the drama is. They never read, only to be posted about the ritual of the degrees, so that the few who remain, whose interest is sufficient to lead them to search the records and read the current literature, must support the publications themselves.

The complaint comes from all over the world, that Masons do not read, that they do not support the publications of the Craft. From India, from New Zealand, from Canada, from our own country, everywhere the same cry goes up. This, of course, ought not to be so. Every Mason should be an intelligent Mason, and if he fails to avail himself of the many opportunities for gaining knowledge, he is culpably negligent. But there is also another side of the question. Brethren ought not to be expected to read *everything* that is found in Masonic periodicals, for there is much printed that is the merest trash. There should be, on the part of those who publish Masonic newspapers, an effort to have the tone of the paper very high. Low, scurrilous articles ought to be excluded. Only the pure and beautiful should be published. Masonry is a system of beautiful symbols, and around it should be gathered everything that will bring out clearly and distinctly every hidden glory, and nothing that will tarnish or destroy. There should be variety, not strained monotony. There should be freedom, not stilted stoicism. All should be just such as would appeal to the nobler, higher, purer instincts of the man. Long, prosy articles on some exploded theory, that may be very beautiful to stand off and look at, are a burden, and make a magazine heavy and *never read*. There has been very much of this in Masonry, too much, and it has been a direct injury to all Masonic publications.

Many of the periodicals, as they are published to-day, are unworthy of the names they bear. They are nothing but the scrapings, the peeling, while the fruit has been thrown away. There is a great deal of genuine talent in Masonry, and the very best of it should be employed on the literature. The trash should be weeded out, and only the true stuff should be preserved. Then the publication ought to be presented in an attractive form, good type, clear and plain, good paper, and the whole workmanship should exhibit a master workman. Let those who essay to write be careful to give only their best thoughts, carefully prepared, and those who print, do it in a workmanlike manner, and it may be some of the trouble will be removed. There are some Masonic publications in the world whose very appearance would create a feeling of disgust rather than admiration. The type, the paper, the whole "get up" is so careless and uninviting that you would expect to find the matter inside equally distasteful. This corrected, and then the matter carefully prepared, so that one may "pick something out of everything he reads," and the cry of want of support will be lessened, and the ignorance of the Craft will be supplanted by knowledge, and the tenets of the Craft will be understood and more widely practised, and the grand mission of our noble Institution made secure beyond a peradventure.—*N. Y. Dispatch*.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be holden, under the auspices of No. 2081, The Lodge of the Golden Fleece, at Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., for the transaction of the usual business; when and where all Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Acting Wardens of the several Lodges of the Province, are summoned to attend, and all Master Masons are invited to be present.

The rapid growth of Freemasonry during the last few years has had the effect of producing a great change in the accommodation provided for Masonic assemblies. At the present time a large number of the best restaurants and hotels made a special feature of the quarters they provide for Lodge meetings, some of them even fitting up the most elaborate Masonic Halls. Very convenient quarters are available at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, Westminster, and Lodges seeking accommodation would do well to inspect the features of this establishment. The entrance from Victoria Street leads to the Masonic apartments without the necessity of passing through the restaurant, and the whole of the rooms set apart for Masonry are so arranged that the utmost privacy is secured. The banqueting hall will accommodate upwards of one hundred guests, and as regards the service, we think it only necessary to refer to the Lodges which already make their home at this establishment, and we believe they are thoroughly satisfied with the arrangements made on their behalf by Bro. H. Cloots, the proprietor.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JAMES'S LODGE, No. 765.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 5th October, at the Bridge House Hotel, and was very numerous attended by both members and visitors, while seldom has it fallen to our lot to witness the business so well done as on this occasion. Bro. W. H. Tilling W.M. presided. Bros. G. Tilling S.W. and W.M. elect, E. J. Rawle J.W., F. C. Child P.M. and Treasurer, R. Tilling P.M. Secretary, J. E. Costello J.D., E. J. Jones I.G., G. W. Rowe Tyler, supported by the following members:—James Cox P.M., H. W. Mitten P.M., G. Hyde P.M., L. C. Mollet, W. Roberts, G. Perkins, W. J. Stahlschmidt, A. Cavers, T. Prior, George Carter, A. A. Travers, R. Hosie, Alfred Tilling, C. Slow, C. E. B. Radd, J. Mills, F. Carne, D. Samuels, R. Bower, C. A. Colwell, W. Brinkler, H. Burnell, T. Kent, D. Bradford, H. King, J. Spencer, T. Williams, T. H. Spearling, C. H. Dent, and the following visitors:—Past Masters G. J. Tilling P.P. Superintendent of Works 130 394 1461, W. S. Dunkley P.P.G.A.P. Midd. 1777, W. Purnell P.P.G.S.B. Bristol 103, J. Stevens 720 1216 1426, J. J. Davison Emulation, J. Loader 1622, F. H. Waterworth 49, H. Taylor 2000, F. Meen 1707, E. Stimson 15, S. R. Speight Secretary 147, J. J. Hutchings 147, T. Poore 720 2105, G. Trevis 720, J. R. Glanvill 134, W. E. Johnson 134, H. Thompson 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158, W. T. P. Montgomery W.M. 1475, H. J. Levitt W.M. 1972, W. Martin W.M. 879, E. H. Brannon W.M. 294 177, 1158, G. J. Venables I.G. Surrey Masonic Hall, J. E. Jones I.G. 2004, W. Williams J.W. 147, A. Mitten 25, E. C. Talbot Prosperity, J. W. Standen Sydney, R. Jarvis Strand, W. G. Kent 1178, W. Fountain 879, F. W. Farmer 25, W. Burgess 2048, A. Browning 733, J. Hattersley 1607, J. Read 1391, W. Toole 1752. Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last Lodge, including the election of Worshipful Master, were read and confirmed. The report of the Auditors was next received and adopted. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. G. Tilling W.M. elect was presented to receive the benefit of installation, the retiring W.M. conducting the ceremony in a manner which elicited the highest encomiums from all the brethren present. Lodge having been raised to the third degree, a Board of Installed Masters was opened in due form. With ancient ceremony Brother George Tilling was now duly installed into the chair of K.S. as Master of the Lodge. The brethren below the chair were then admitted, and the new W.M. was saluted and proclaimed in the different degrees, Bro. J. Stevens acting as Director of Ceremonies. The other formalities having been gone through, the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. J. Rawle S.W., J. E. Costello J.W., W. H. Tilling I.P.M., F. Child P.M. Treasurer, R. Tilling P.M. Secretary, E. J. Jones S.D., R. W. Hosie J.D., G. Perkins I.G., G. Hyde P.M. D.C., A. Tilling W.S., the W.M. in each case clearly explaining to each the nature of their duties. Bro. W. H. Tilling I.P.M. then completed the installation ceremony, and gave the different addresses in a correct and most impressive manner, the principle of elocution being strictly observed; at the conclusion he was greeted with the heartiest approbation. On this occasion the cause of charity was not forgotten, and the Lodge recommended the case of an unfortunate brother to the Board of Benevolence. The W.M. then said that his first duty was a very pleasing one; it was to present his natural as well as Masonic brother with a collar and jewel; this had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren at the last meeting, as an appreciation of the services he had rendered during his year of office as Worshipful Master, and they wished him health, happiness, and long life to wear them. Bro. W. H. Tilling I.P.M. thanked the brethren most sincerely for this mark of their kindness and confidence by presenting him with the collar and jewel, but scarcely considered he had done enough to deserve them; at a later period of the evening he might find a few words to address them on the subject, Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall for refreshment, where a banquet was served of excellent quality and ample in quantity. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung by the professional singers. The W.M. said he was sure that it would not be a trouble, but a pleasure, to ask the brethren to drink the toast which stood at the head of the list; this was "The Queen and the Craft;" but as there were a number of Provincial friends present, and he wished them to remain with them, he did not intend to make long speeches, but should make his observations as short as possible; and at the same time he did not desire the brethren to make lengthy replies. As in the course of a few months so much would be said on Her Majesty's completing the 50th year of her reign, he should content himself by giving the Queen and the Craft. This was followed by the National Anthem, given by Miss Emmie Hare, and Bros. Lester, Taylor and Farmer, under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry; Bro. Fountain Meen P.M. presiding at the pianoforte. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.; in doing so he was sure that no observations were required of him, as there was no brother Mason who was not well acquainted with the Grand Master's merits. He therefore asked them to drink his health with all the enthusiasm that they could give to the toast; a request most heartily responded to. Miss Emmie Hare gave "Il Bacco" in splendid style, and drew forth the most energetic applause. The W.M. said the next toast was the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers; to those of the brethren who had the opportunity of attending Grand Lodge he need say nothing as to the Grand Officers' merits; he asked the brethren to drink their health with the enthusiasm given the last toast. Bro. H. Taylor gave with excellent effect "The Maids of Merry England." The I.P.M. Bro. W. H. Tilling said he had the pleasure to propose the next toast; this was the health of

the Worshipful Master. He felt that they were fortunate in having such a man in the chair, and he was sure that at the end of his year of office they would find that the St. James's Lodge did not stand second to any other in the Craft. It was the duty of the Lodge to give him their support, and if every brother did his best this would not only prove a success, but would be the commencement of a series of successful years for their Lodge. As he was commanded not to make a speech—which, by the way, he might say he had not the ability to do—he should only ask the brethren to be upstanding and drink the health of their Worshipful Master. The W.M. said he was to some extent suffering that night from confusion; in occupying the chair for the first time he felt that he was a little out of place; all that he could do was to promise them that during the year he would do his best to promote the welfare of the St. James's Lodge. It was interesting to him to look back upon the few years he had been connected with Masonry; he had gone on until at last he had found himself in the chair; the pressure exercised by friends for him to go forward was irresistible, so he consented. It was right, however, that he should tell them that when he reached the Senior Warden's chair he was indisposed to go further, as in consequence of his avocations he had not time to master the ritual, and was unable to devote himself to the working of the Lodge; but some of his friends said that as his medical adviser had recommended him to take walking exercise to keep him in health they would walk with him and give him instruction; thus, with the assistance of the Past Masters, he hoped to plod through his year of office to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and with pleasure and credit to himself. He thanked the brethren for placing him in that position, and with the support he expected to receive from the Officers he had appointed he looked forward in the future for great success for the St. James's Lodge. At the beginning he promised not to make long speeches, and he was determined to keep his word. For the kindness they had shown him he again thanked them. The Worshipful Master said the next toast was the Immediate Past Master, and the manner in which he had discharged his duty he thought would warrant the brethren in drinking his health with enthusiasm. Whatever his brother undertook he always carried out with hearty good will; even at times he wished that he was not quite so zealous, but he supposed that a few years would tame him, and he would then become a sober and steady Mason. Bro. Lester sang Lover's "I'm not myself at all," which elicited much merriment. Bro. Tilling I.P.M. in reply, said he felt exceedingly obliged to the Worshipful Master for proposing his health, and thanked him for pointing out what he should do, and wishing that he should become a sober and genial Mason in the future. He might say that during the past year he had taken a great interest in the St. James's Lodge, and had done his best to promote its welfare and make all things pleasant. He believed that during the year they had enjoyed complete harmony; that they had become better Masons, and of course better men, and had done some little for charity. He had been glad in any way to assist the brethren in the past year, and in the future would do all he could to help the Worshipful Master. He thanked them for the kindness they had always shown him, and for the very handsome jewel they had presented to him that evening; he felt that he had not deserved it. However, he had tried his utmost to merit their approbation, and with a full heart he begged to thank them one and all. The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was the Visitors, whom they were pleased to see. The St. James's Lodge always treated visitors well, and gave them a hearty welcome. Several of the guests returned thanks for the kind reception and hospitality they had received, and Brothers Poore and H. Thompson expressed the gratification they had experienced in the Lodge room in listening to the splendid rendering of the ritual of installation by Brother W. H. Tilling. It was carefully, correctly, and impressively given, from beginning to end. He also congratulated the St. James's Lodge on its having to follow so able a Master to maintain its reputation. The Wor. Master next took occasion to descant upon the services so ably given by the musical performers, under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry, who was willing at all times to render assistance. Bro. Chaplin Henry acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his desire to merit their approbation. Several other toasts were given before the proceedings were brought to a close. It is but justice to Miss Kate Chaplin to refer to her splendid solos on the violin; these were most enthusiastically encored, as well as her accompaniment in the serenade "Pass Cloud Away," which was admirably rendered by Miss Margaret Hoare. Altogether the gathering was a most interesting one, and was one of the most successful in the history of the St. James's Lodge.

ABBEY LODGE, WESTMINSTER, No. 2030.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when, in the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., who is at present on the Continent, the Lodge was opened by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. H. Baker. The business of the day consisted of the three degrees, the first and second being conferred by Bro. Baker, and the third by Bro. Burdett-Countts, M.P.—the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Mr. Louis de Wytenback was initiated, on the proposition of Bro. H. Cloots, seconded by Bro. T. Bull P.M.; Bro. H. Dawson was passed; and Bro. Morgan was raised, the following Officers of the Lodge assisting in the work:—William Sugg P.M. S.W., H. R. Baker J.W., H. Bowman Spink Acting P.M., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, J. C. F. Warrington Rogers P.M. Treasurer, John E. Shand P.M. Secretary, James Gibson P.M. S.D., R. E. H. Goffin P.M. J.D., C. Christmas Piper D.C., G. R. Welby Wheeler A.D.C., Francis J. Smith Steward, and W. Walkley P.M. Tyler. Among the other members present were Bros. C. Sweeting, J. Foster, J. Douglas Dick, C. C. Morgan, John Irving, J. G. Jones,

C. Cowley, J. Hayler, D. Stroud, J. H. Montague, T. W. Davies, W. Borwick, T. Hawkins, W. Holland, J. E. Smith, F. C. Morgan, S. W. Vaughan, R. Chivas, J. E. Salway, H. Cloots, A. W. Hilldon, P. A. Shrivess, J. A. Richards, T. Flury, C. T. Pullen, T. J. Cocks, G. Dexter, H. W. Roach, W. Balchin, T. C. Wood, H. E. Poole, A. T. Jeffery, T. Hambling, T. White, W. E. Wood, L. de Wyttenback, D. De Pinna, H. O. Hamborg, C. Davies, A. G. Thomson, T. Buller, R. D. Wynne, F. Tollman, R. Baughan, H. H. Bridgman, J. M. Hughes, John Kent, T. Bull, A. Simmer, T. Gammon, and J. Pain. At the conclusion of the Lodge business, the brethren sat down to banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Burdett-Countts, M.P., who in due course gave the usual toasts. That of the Queen and the Craft he was sure would be heartily received by those around him, as Freemasons were proverbial for their loyalty. The next, he said, was a toast with even more specific interest for Freemasons. The association of royalty with the Craft was an historical fact, and a very fortunate one, for although a body so ancient and distinguished as Freemasonry did not require it, yet the brethren were always glad to receive the stamp of recognition from the hereditary sovereign or the heir to the throne of the country. It was particularly fortunate that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—Most Worshipful Grand Master—had always taken such a close and warm interest in the Craft, the result of which action on the part of His Royal Highness was evidenced by the enormous addition to the Craft during his Grand Mastership. Only lately they had witnessed his anxiety to draw his relatives near to him in the Order, the ceremony a few weeks since in Sussex being a particular exemplification thereof. The toast having met a hearty response, was followed by that of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. Bro. Burdett-Countts did not know he could say anything very new of these noblemen or of the Officers of Grand Lodge. He had seen them perform their duties in a most exemplary manner, evidencing that they were always cognizant of the importance of good working. He had never made any disguise of his opinion on this point; he felt that the accurate working of the beautiful ceremonies of the Craft was absolutely necessary for the good of Freemasonry. One pleasure attached to the proposition of this toast was the fact that it invariably brought a response from their beloved friend and Chaplain, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, with whose name he would now couple the toast. Bro. Simpson tendered his thanks. The acting Master had that day proved himself possessed of the right spirit in having journeyed up from Norfolk to supply the place of their absent Master, Bro. Seager Hunt, whose absence they all regretted, and at the same time hoped he would be present on the next occasion they assembled. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast, had apologised for having nothing new to say in connection with the Grand Officers. He (Bro. Simpson) considered this was rather a matter for congratulation to Freemasons, who would much prefer keeping to the old landmarks of the Order rather than adopting anything fresh. Freemasonry had its loyalty and charity to boast of, and the longer it was kept to such common things the better it would be for those associated with the Order. Having thanked the brethren on behalf of Grand Lodge generally, Bro. Simpson referred to what he considered a sin of omission on the part of the Grand Lodge officials. He regretted their rulers had not arranged for an especial Grand Lodge for the purpose of tendering a welcome to the many colonial visitors who had recently been among them. They had brethren in their midst from all of the colonies, whose hearts beat in unison with their own, but no official welcome had been tendered them—a very grave omission, he felt. He hoped it was not too late to remedy this, and he knew many distinguished colonists who regretted with him the omission, which he felt sure was really an oversight. Bro. Baker I.P.M. proposed the next toast. He rose that evening in a twofold capacity with a twofold object. He rose as Immediate Past Master, and as the acting Master of the first part of the evening's working, and had to propose the toast of the presiding Officer and the first Master of the Abbey Lodge. This twofold capacity did not quite end here, for he was sure he was expressing the view of every brother present when he said he regretted the absence of their Worshipful Master Bro. Seager Hunt, but, as they had been told, his absence arose from circumstances wholly beyond his control. The brethren could console themselves with the feeling that they always had a worthy deputy to fall back upon in their first Master—Bro. Burdett-Countts. It may be, and sometimes is thought, that brethren who occupy a high position in society cannot devote their time to the working of the ceremonies of the Order as some of those with fewer calls can do; but those who have been present at the meetings of the Abbey Lodge know that such is not the case with their Bro. Burdett-Countts. His working of the third degree that night was an ample demonstration of the fact that he was fully competent to perform any work he might be called upon to undertake. Indeed, his rendering of the ceremony was as good as could have been hoped for, even had he been in the regular occupation of the chair instead of, as was the case, being called upon at short notice to do the work in the absence of another. Bro. Burdett-Countts felt he had to respond in a double capacity. First he had to express his deep regret, as Master of the Lodge, that from circumstances beyond his power he was kept away that night from those he held dear. Next, as acting Master, he had to say a word in recognition of the ability and capability of their absent Worshipful Master, Brother Seager Hunt, whose absence they all regretted. He felt there were really good reasons of a private character which kept him from his place in the Lodge, although he must say that when he read his first letter, in which Bro. Hunt said that circumstances beyond his control would prevent his attendance, that the phrase did not seem altogether foreign to him, indeed it was one which had often emanated from his own tongue or pen. In another capacity—that of first Master of the Lodge—he had to thank them, as he had often thanked them before, for the kind reception accorded him. It had been his earnest endeavour since their Lodge was started to encourage, as far as he could,

both by example and words, the proper working of the various ceremonies of the Lodge. A great part of Freemasonry depended, so to speak, on form and external appearances, while beneath dwelt principles of grave importance to members of the Craft. Much therefore depended on the way in which Freemasons expressed themselves; for its lessons lost half their charms, and he might say half their value, if they were not properly rendered. Personally he might say he had derived considerable good from the efforts he had been forced to make to commit to memory the ritual, and to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the beautiful ceremonies of the Order; more particularly that of the third degree. He hoped he was not impressing it too forcibly on those around him that in order to be a good Mason they must acquire a knowledge of the ceremonies. Whatever might be the circumstances of his life, and many of them were very pleasant, he always had the feeling that if he wanted a thoroughly honest, open, and straightforward welcome, he was sure of it at the Abbey Lodge. The next toast was that of the Past Masters. Having returned thanks for some one else in his own capacity, Bro. Burdett-Countts felt he now had to propose his own health in yet another capacity—that of a Past Master of the Lodge. He could speak of them with considerable personal knowledge, and was not sure he knew any Lodge which had three better Past Masters. He began to think the toast was rather a perplexing one—if he disassociated himself from the toast he could speak in the most flattering terms of the Past Masters, but as he had to include himself, he must leave it to the brethren to show their appreciation or otherwise. Taking them as a trio he considered the Past Masters a body calculated to more or less elicit from the brethren feelings of sympathy, friendship, admiration, adoration, and all else that falls to those looked upon as having done their duty. Bro. Baker replied. If it was a difficult task for the Worshipful Master to propose this toast in a dual capacity, how much more difficult was it for him to acknowledge it as a one-third portion only. He trusted he should have the other Past Master, Bro. Spink's assistance, as then they should muster two-thirds of the whole, and at least be in a majority. He had felt happy when he had installed his successor into the chair, as he had felt that his work in the Lodge was then finished, but he had unexpectedly been called upon to resume activity, and had had much pleasure in complying. He hoped that as long as he lived he should be present at the regular meetings of the Lodge, and assured the brethren he should always have pleasure in doing any work required of him. Bro. Spink followed. He felt the brethren must have been gratified to find that their first Master had not forgotten his work, but that he had been able to carry out the ceremony required of him with credit to himself. He had always considered that when a brother's health was proposed as a Past Master, his obituary notice was, so to speak, delivered in a Lodge, and that he would not be again called upon to perform any work, but they had had evidence that this was not always the case. The call made on the Past Masters had been willingly met. Bro. Baker then proposed the health of the initiate, who, in response, said he fully appreciated the honour done him in receiving him as an initiate of the Lodge, of which he trusted he might become a worthy member. Bro. Burdett-Countts gave the health of the visitors. He did not know what the Abbey Lodge would do without its guests. The members were good boon companions, but they were much better when surrounded by visitors. The Lodge formed a strong body by itself, but he had noticed its meetings were always attended by a large number of guests, who appeared to take great interest in the doings of the Lodge, and who, it might be said, shed a glow on its proceedings. He did not like to see the visitors preponderate over the members of a Lodge; on the present occasion they formed about twenty-five per cent. of those present, which percentage might well be increased to thirty, forty, or even fifty, but beyond that it should not go, as then a meeting might really become tame. Although the toast regularly appeared on the programme, he desired the visitors to consider there was nothing of a formal character about its present proposition, the visitors were heartily welcome, and he hoped they had enjoyed themselves. Bro. Bailey was the first to reply. It was far too late, he said, and the fountain of eloquence had been far too deeply drawn upon, for him to attempt any lengthy remarks at that late hour. He considered it a most fit and proper thing that he, a Past Master of the old Abbey Lodge, of Burton-on-Trent, should enter the Abbey Lodge of Westminster on the first occasion of his visiting a Metropolitan Lodge. He had come that day with the feeling that it was hardly possible for him to take back anything fresh with him into Staffordshire, but he had witnessed such an exhibition of Freemasonry as he should be proud to store up, and detail to his friends in the Provinces. Bro. Murché followed. Looking at the candidates, and the way in which the ceremonies had been performed, he felt that the Abbey Lodge was fulfilling its mission thoroughly and handsomely. He felt the visitors would go away greatly benefitted with what they had seen and taken part in that night. Bro. Mason felt that beyond the degrees worked in their Lodge that day there was a something which came from the Abbey Lodge, which was a true explication of Freemasonry, and this something was to do whatever was in the power of the Lodge on behalf of those who were unfortunate enough to need help from others. The Charities of the Order had already reaped the advantage of support from the Abbey Lodge, and Bro. Mason hoped the help would be extended on many occasions in the future. The Acting Master next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary—two most valuable officials, he said. He was sorry to say the Treasurer, who had given his undivided attention to the Lodge, had been obliged to leave, but they had the Secretary yet with them, and he was sure the brethren would accord him a hearty reception. Bro. Shand, in reply, said he very much appreciated the kind words and hearty expressions of approval he had just listened to, and hoped to long have the confidence of the brethren in his present position. The Officers of the Lodge was the next toast. Bro. Burdett-Countts was quite sure the Lodge would never have attained its present high position had it not had among its earliest officers experienced Masons, to whom every part of the work was familiar. He had received the

most valuable assistance from the Officers, many of whom had held the highest positions in other Lodges, and yet had condescended to take minor offices in the Abbey Lodge. Bro. Sugg S.W. tendered thanks on behalf of the Officers, who, he said, would strive as earnestly to do their duty in the future as they had done in the past. Bro. Piper felt it a great pleasure to see so happy a gathering as theirs had been that night, and promised his help for the future. Bro. Bull was here called upon by Bro. Burdett-Contts, as a brother who had, on many occasions, stepped into any gap, and had fulfilled any odd duties required of him most ably, his knowledge of the Craft being such as to render him efficient in any office he undertook. Bro. Bull expressed his thanks; he had great pleasure in rendering any assistance in his power to the Lodge, of which he was delighted to be a member. Bro. Goffin J.D. also replied, and then the Tyler's toast was given, bringing the proceedings to a conclusion. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. H. Bailey P.M. 624 P.P.G.R. Staffs., J. Mason P.M. 309 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, T. Mount Humphries P.M. 539 P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Staffs., A. Price J.W. 151, Horace T. Bonner 73, W. D. Church 1365, Vincent J. Murché W.M. 1963, H. J. Dutton 1706, James Dotterill 1624, F. J. Wray P.M. 1257, G. Evans J.D. 172, F. Whiting J.W. 1772, H. G. Harper 171, T. P. France 205, A. Haig Brown P.M. 174, I.P.M. 1962, S. R. Lambie P.M. 27, J. H. Pearson P.M. 1567, H. Cornish S.D. 1351, W. Bangs 27, Odoardo Barri 1772, J. C. Flattely P.M. 1624, T. D. Hill 813, Edwin Styles 704, W. Richards W.M. 1853, H. Edrapt 534, H. C. Baker 21, P. Storr 811, W. W. Morgan jun.; and others. Some excellent songs were given during the evening, Bro. Odoardo Barri and others being well received in their respective efforts and eliciting the thanks of the Worshipful Master for their services. The contents of the Charity box, sent round during the supper, amounted to £2 6s.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE opening meeting of the session of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Friday, 8th inst., when the following officers were present:—H. N. Price W.M., Pierpoint I.P.M., A. Simmer S.W., H. J. Chapman J.W., George Everett P.M. Treas., T. Morris Sec.; Past Masters Walford, Buscall, Ferguson, White, Foxcroft, and Spink; R. Harvey S.D., Sadler Wood J.D., N. Salmon I.G., J. E. Spurrell D.C., &c. The minutes having been confirmed, each of the three degrees of the Craft were worked; Bros. E. A. G. Smith, T. H. Hobbs, J. J. Elliott, and J. Anley jun. were raised, Bro. W. F. Turner was passed, and Messrs. F. H. P. Smith and H. M. Martyn were initiated. Bro. E. W. Bayly, of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, was accepted as a joining member. A banquet followed the closing of the Lodge, and in due course the toasts were honoured. The visitors, in responding to the toast given in their behalf, bore testimony to the fact that all the good things spoken of the Domatic Lodge had been amply exemplified that day, while they were pleased at the general appearance of harmony which surrounded the doings of the Lodge. So long as it had brethren similar to its present Master to preside over its destinies there could be no fear as to its prosperity. The Worshipful Master submitted the toast of the Past Masters in a few well-chosen words. Bro. Pierpoint, in acknowledgment, said he had great pleasure in being associated with the toast. There was not one of the Past Masters but was at all times willing to come to the front and carry out any duty that might be required of him. He was very proud of the Domatic—his Mother Lodge, and felt there were but few Lodges where the true principles of Freemasonry or the work of the Craft were better carried out. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given. The Treasurer was always present, said the Worshipful Master, unless the state of his health prevented, and was at all times striving to add to the comfort and enjoyment of the members, both in the Lodge and at the banquet table. The members of the Lodge had also to thank their Secretary, whose office was a most arduous one, as a moment's consideration would prove, bearing in mind the large number of members in the Lodge. Bro. Everett was much obliged for the kind reception of the toast. The Worshipful Master, out of his kindness of heart, always managed to say a great number of good things about him, perhaps more than he deserved. He was gratified to hear so many cries of No! No! and fully appreciated all the kind things said of him. He felt very pleased and proud, and desired to express pleasure on behalf of the Worshipful Master, on his own behalf, and on behalf of the Lodge generally, that they had made so happy a start for another session. He was heartily glad to find all meeting again in such harmony, and was pleased to be able to say that the Lodge was in a more flourishing condition than it had ever been before since its consecration. Bro. Morris, Secretary, also replied to the toast, and then the Worshipful Master gave that of the Officers, which was duly acknowledged, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in regular form.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE first meeting since the recess took place on Tuesday, when Bro. Henry Martin, the W.M. presided. In the absence of the Wardens of the Lodge Bros. Alfred Green P.M. and Usher Back P.M. filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden respectively. Amongst other Past Masters present were Bros. W. Radcliffe (Secretary), John Laver, T. H. Lavers, F. J. Hentsch, and W. W. Morgan; F. T. Bennett S.D., W. G. Aires J.D., H. Lindfield I.G., and B. Banks Tyler; Henry Green, Percy John Barr, Philip J. King, Captain Challen, &c. The Lodge was draped, and the brethren wore the insignia, of mourning in respect to the memory of the late Bro. Charles Greenwood. There was no ceremonial work before the Lodge, and after the confirmation of the minutes the W.M. formally announced the death of Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B., Deputy Prov. G.M. Surrey, the respected Treasurer of the Lodge. Brother

Martin, in feeling terms, spoke of the many sterling qualities of Bro. Greenwood, and directed attention to the heavy loss the Lodge had sustained. He (Bro. Martin) could not boast of so long an acquaintance with Bro. Greenwood as many of those around him, but he could testify to the geniality of disposition and business qualifications of their late Treasurer. It was the general wish of the members of the Lodge that a vote of condolence should be sent to the sons and daughters of their old friend, but the painful task to propose this he would leave to Bro. Usher Back, who had had almost daily intercourse with Bro. Greenwood for upwards of twenty years past. Bro. Back followed, and in a speech fraught with deep feeling formally moved the address. Bro. John Laver, now the oldest Past Master of the Lodge seconded, and several other brethren addressed those present on the occasion. The address having been agreed to, the Secretary was instructed to forward the same. Two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the sum of two guineas voted to the Binckes' Testimonial Fund. A request was preferred to the Worshipful Master, from the Grove Lodge, No. 410, asking him to confer the third degree on two candidates belonging to that Lodge. This will form part of the business for next meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, 10th November. Lodge was then closed, and after an hour spent in social converse, the brethren separated.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., when the following Officers were present:—Robert Fendick W.M., F. W. Potter S.W., H. J. Bertram J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, N. B. Headon P.M. Treas., F. T. G. Keeble P.M. Sec., J. Stevens P.M., J. Seex P.M., R. Stanway P.M., G. W. Blackie P.M., W. Kibble P.M., W. Baber P.M., W. Cook P.M. D.C., G. Jenkins Org., J. R. Greening I.G., H. F. Frost Steward, and R. Potter P.M. Tyler. The usual preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. F. W. Potter was presented, as W.M. elect, for the benefits of Installation, and in due course was placed in the chair of the Lodge, and saluted in the three degrees, subsequently appointing the following as the Officers of the Lodge for his year:—Bertram S.W., Greening J.W., Headon P.M. Treas., Baber P.M. Sec., Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, Cook P.M. S.D., C. T. Smith J.D., H. J. Frost I.G., E. Wesley Org. (in the absence of Bro. Wesley, through ill-health, his collar was temporarily taken by Bro. Jenkins), W. F. Bertram D.C., L. B. Mozley and D. T. Keene Stewards, R. Potter P.M. Tyler. The addresses were then given by Bro. Baber P.M., and the ceremony of installation completed. Several matters of interest to the Lodge occupied the attention of the members. One candidate was proposed for initiation, while consideration of the annual balance sheet was deferred until the next meeting. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the remainder of the evening was spent under the presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master. Among the visitors who attended the Lodge were Bros. T. Hawkins W.M. 25, F. Jacob P.M. 45, G. Hunt P.M. 1009, A. Scott P.M. 554, T. Harper P.M. 1216, C. E. Wright W.M. 1460, H. Rossignol W.M. 1672, J. G. Humphreys P.M. 167, W. Heseltine P.M. 181, F. P. Baxter 1216, J. Nightingale, W. W. Morgan jun. and others. The customary toasts were given after the banquet, that of Her Majesty the Queen being, as usual, the first. The Worshipful Master considered that whether Her Majesty was looked upon as the ruler of the vast empire over which she reigned, or as the mother of the true English family of which she was the head, she might be regarded as a bright example to be followed by her subjects. She might be termed the mother of English Masons, being the mother of our royal Grand Master. If it was the custom to admit ladies into Freemasonry the Worshipful Master felt Her Majesty would have long since become a shining light in the Craft. In submitting the next toast—that of the Grand Master—the Worshipful Master said that, unfortunately, he had never had the pleasure of seeing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in Grand Lodge, or, indeed, in any Lodge, so that he could not speak of his ability from personal experience; but he was aware that the Grand Master had the reputation of being a good worker, and a thorough Mason. He trusted the Prince of Wales might long live to rule over the destinies of the Craft, and merit the esteem of the members of it. In submitting the next toast the Worshipful Master said he had had the pleasure of seeing the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master and the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master occupying the chair of Grand Lodge, and highly delighted he had been with the manner in which those noblemen had conducted the duties which devolved upon them. It was indeed a treat for any Mason to look forward to to see either of them at the head of Grand Lodge. Bro. Fendick proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who, he said, had that day been installed as ruler of the Lodge in succession to many worthy Masters, who had preceded him in the chair; none of whom, however, had, he thought, more thoroughly prepared themselves for the work attached to the office than had Bro. Potter. The Worshipful Master tendered his very sincere thanks. He had always endeavoured to discharge the duties of any office to which he had been appointed to the best of his ability—and he had filled each office in the Lodge with the exception of that of Senior Steward. He had striven to do his duty in the past, and felt, from what the brethren said of him, that he had in a measure succeeded. He should continue to devote his best energies to the work which fell to his share in the future, as he had in the past, and hoped his efforts would prove satisfactory to the members. The next toast was that of the Visitors. The Worshipful Master saw a goodly array of guests around him, and was proud to welcome them. The Great City Lodge had always been to the fore in extending a hearty welcome to those members of the Craft who had favoured it with a visit. Those who had been before the Worshipful Master was pleased to see on the present occasion, and to those who now made their first appearance, he most heartily said, "come again."

Bro. Hunt was the first to acknowledge the toast. He referred to the action taken by The Great City Lodge in connection with a case of distress which one of the Lancashire Lodges declined to recommend to the Board of Benevolence, and expressed a strong opinion in favour of the action taken by the Great City members. When he read the correspondence which passed on the subject—some months back—he candidly admitted it touched his heart. He was of opinion that the Great City Lodge had shed a light on the Provincial Lodge referred to, which would shine in such a way as to arouse its members to a better feeling, and one more in harmony with the teachings of Freemasonry. He also spoke of help given by the Great City Lodge to a distressed member of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 999, Manchester, and bore testimony to the appreciation of the Manchester brethren of the kindness then shewn to one of their number. It might truly be said that the Great City Lodge—which was well known for its bounty—did good, not only at home, but throughout the Provinces. As a sailor he could speak of Masonry in many phases. He had met with its members in every part of the world, and felt that no society could compare with it, for through its means it was possible to find a friend and a home in every clime. Bro. Harper followed. He had much pleasure in being associated with the toast, he having had the honour of introducing the present Master of the Great City Lodge to Freemasonry—a fact which, considering Bro. Potter was initiated in the Great City Lodge, while he (Bro. Harper) had never been a member of it, might appear strange to some of those around him. When Bro. Potter desired admission to the Order, he asked Bro. Harper to introduce him, but as the Lodge of which he was a member met some distance away, he introduced Bro. Potter to Bro. Stevens, and thus he became initiated in the Lodge of which he had that night been installed the ruler. He had much pleasure in seeing him in his high position, and hoped he would have a prosperous year, and the Lodge a successful future. Bro. Hawkins felt that any one who had witnessed the working in the Lodge that day could hardly imagine but that the Master would perform his duty ably, and that he would be well supported during the ensuing year. Bro. Scott bore testimony to the hearty reception he had met with. He was a stranger to them, but no sooner had he come amongst them, than he was welcomed as one of a true band of brothers. Bros. Nightingale and Middleton (an old member of the Lodge) also responded, and then the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Master of the day, Bro. Fendick. He felt that all who witnessed the installation, or, indeed, any work which Bro. Fendick had attempted, would agree with him when he said their Immediate Past Master was a most capable Mason. He appeared always ready to give his advice and assistance, and had striven his utmost in the various duties he had had to perform. The members of the Lodge had been pleased to vote Bro. Fendick a Past Master's jewel, and it now afforded him infinite pleasure to present it. In doing so he trusted that Bro. Fendick might be spared for very many years to occupy his well earned position among the Past Masters of the Great City Lodge. The jewel bore the following inscriptions:—

On the obverse:—

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

On the reverse:—

Presented to
BRO. ROBERT FENDICK,
with the thanks of the brethren,
on the termination of his year of Office as 13th W.M.
9th October 1886.

The W.M. tendered his thanks for the very kind and hearty reception always accorded, and for the excellent jewel which had been presented to him. So long as he lived he hoped to wear it, in remembrance of the many happy days spent in the Great City Lodge. The Worshipful Master next had the honour of bringing before the members the toast of the Past Masters. They had that day a good array of Past Masters around them, still he could but wish they were all there. They had each done good suit and service in their turn, and each had striven at all times to maintain the reputation of the Lodge. Bro. James Stevens was the first to reply; he was afraid that for once he was at a loss to properly acknowledge the many kind compliments which had been paid him by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, by one or other of the Visitors, or by members of the Lodge. He had been spoken of as the originator of the Great City Lodge, but he was not entitled to the credit of having started it, further than having been its first Master. To Bro. Headon belonged the credit of originating the Lodge, and it would be very ungracious on his part, knowing how much Brother Headon had done, to attempt to deprive him of any part of the honour attached to the founder of the Lodge. His connection with the Great City Lodge had proved a source of great gratification to him, as in it he had formed many friendships, and further than that he was proud to belong to a Lodge which had made such a name for itself as had the Great City. He wished he could see the principles which actuated the members of the Great City Lodge carried out in every Lodge. Their desire was to do all the good their position in life would permit, and as long as the Great City Lodge existed he hoped the same desire would be found among its members. Speaking of the Officers, he felt there was not a brother who had filled a chair of the Lodge but had gone about his work with the intention of doing all the good he possibly could for Freemasonry in general, and the Great City Lodge in particular. Each had done his best, and no man could do more. Bro. Headon followed, tendering his thanks. Referring to the present position of the Lodge, he said that at the time the Lodge was formed it was distinctly stated that theirs was to be the last warrant granted for a Lodge in the City of London, but since their establishment some thirty or thirty-five others had been consecrated in the City, and as all of these had, so to speak, to earn their living, it naturally upset all the calculations made in regard to the Great City. Then they had had very bad times of late, and it stood to

reason that in times of depression in trade, gentlemen were not so eager to join Freemasonry as they would be in more flourishing times, while others who had joined were obliged to resign their connection with their Lodge, in order to keep down expenses. Still, the Great City Lodge at present numbered some ninety members, and if all these were to sit down together it would not be a remarkably small party. He felt sure the Lodge would maintain its reputation, and hoped to be with those around him for many years to come. Bro. Blackie expressed the regret he felt in being absent from the installation—the first he had missed since the consecration of the Lodge—but, unfortunately, the meeting that day had proved to be beyond the length of his cable-tow. He had been with them, however, in time to hear what had been said on the various subjects discussed in Lodge, and hoped to witness its prosperity for many years to come. Bros. Seex, Kibble, Keeble, and Baber also responded. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given from the chair, and those brethren having acknowledged the compliment, the Worshipful Master proposed the Officers. Unless he had the good feeling and co-operation of the brethren he had appointed to assist him in his duties he felt it would be impossible for him to carry out the work of the Lodge with any prospect of success. That he should receive that co-operation he was convinced, and that their united efforts would prove of benefit to the Lodge he sincerely hoped. Bro. Senior Warden tendered thanks. They were all actuated by one desire—to do their duty. He hoped that by the end of the term for which they had been appointed they might have proved themselves worthy of the confidence reposed in them. Bro. Junior Warden and others also responded, and then the Tyler's toast was given. An interesting programme of music was given during the evening; the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens (whose humorous song was deservedly encored), assisted by Bros. Heney, G. T. Carter, and E. J. Bell.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE, No. 1298.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Wellington Club, Wellington Street, Islington, on Wednesday, 6th October 1886, under the presidency of Bro. Ernest Edward Street W.M., when advantage was taken of a clear agenda to welcome Bro. James Stevens P.M., and hear his Lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree. Under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences" this Lecture is now becoming widely known and appreciated, both in London Lodges and throughout the Provinces, and the manner of its delivery being extempore, each succeeding delivery presents new features, and renders it more and more interesting and attractive, and divests it of that sameness and repetition which attend written addresses. We have had the satisfaction of hearing Bro. Stevens on more than one occasion, and note with much pleasure that the introduction of new points in Masonic working, and a varied choice of language, give a freshening influence to each successive delivery. There was at this meeting a goodly attendance of members and visitors, and at the conclusion of the lecture, which occupied about two hours, the lecturer was highly complimented by the W.M. and several of the brethren. Bro. Conrad C. Dumas P.G.A.D.C. spoke in warm terms of the services which Bro. Stevens is rendering to the Craft by his lucid exposition of the anomalies and innovations which have crept into Masonic ritual, to his personal knowledge, since his initiation in 1859. Bro. Dumas expressed the hope that Bro. Stevens would persevere in his exertions to point out these divergencies, notwithstanding the prejudices and somewhat unreasonable opposition on the part of many who either could not or would not understand how the purity of the ritual is being affected by unwarrantable introductions of senseless words and procedure. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge, for which Bro. Stevens expressed his thanks, and stated his willingness to meet the wishes of any other Lodges desirous of hearing him. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren partook of supper, and spent a very agreeable hour before separating.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Ransom W.M., C. Tarry S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, H. M. Hobbs Secretary, J. Kilvington S.D., E. Samuel J.D., R. G. Fleming I.G., W. Lane Tyler, H. Baber I.P.M.; also Bros. Griffin, Horton, Best, Haskins, Chamberlain, Blegg, Davies, Greenfield, Philips, Blockey, and J. Clarke. Visitors—Bros. W. Staley S.D. 1597, W. G. Oates D. of C. 2096, A. R. Jones Org. 804, D. Guadalla 2096, J. Browning 1320, W. Burn 858, A. Mathey 2096, A. W. Smith 1044. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for three gentlemen; it proved unanimous in their favour, and one of them, Mr. William Francis Blockey, was initiated into Freemasonry. The charge was given. After two gentlemen had been proposed and seconded for initiation, and other business transacted, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Creton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791, held at the Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., on Thursday, 28th inst. Bro. J. Davies (Preceptor) W.M., Bro. Jesse Collings P.M. 1585 S.W., First Lecture—Bros. Dopson, Josey, Rogers, Braibart, Child, Cuff. Sims. Second Lecture—Bros. Cochrane, Collings, Spiezel, Craggs. Third Lecture—Bros. E. Austin, Purdue, Davies. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

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H.R. HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness:

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 9th October 1886,

W. Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, C.C., J.P., P.G. Tr., Treasurer, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election, by ballot, of 16 Girls into the Institution from a list of 33 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
17	Nicholson, M. ...	2364	1
21	Ireson, D. ...	2216	2
20	Andrews, R. G. ...	1974	3
31	Gothard, E. ...	1972	4
27	Hammer, E. ...	1923	5
28	Clarke, E. F. ...	1843	6
9	Hyde, W. C. ...	1820	7
32	Johnson, L. ...	1820	8
24	Blyth, M. B. ...	1795	9
26	Timings, G. B. ...	1779	10
23	Wasp, E. ...	1738	11
18	Chapman, F. G. ...	1630	12
29	Hornsby, E. L. ...	1624	13
15	Wilson, F. ...	1578	14
12	Dean, B. J. ...	1545	15
1	Lillywhite, E. M. ...	1408	16

The number of votes recorded for the unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
9th October 1886.

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WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 11th day of October 1886, W. Bro. Capt. S. G. HOMFRAY (P.G.A.D.C.), D.P.G.M. Mon., Patron, in the Chair, A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of THIRTY-TWO BOYS from an approved List of Forty-four Candidates, the following being declared successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	37	Smithers, A. H. ...	1981
2	8	Holmes, B. H. ...	1963
3	19	Biggs, R. T. G. ...	1896
4	23	Freeman, H. ...	1874
5	4	Andrews, J. T. ...	1861
6	17	Whiteford, L. C. ...	1837
7	7	Good, M. G. B. ...	1834
8	38	Rennison, H. ...	1775
9	41	Moorcroft, F. A. ...	1771
10	29	Wheeler, W. E. ...	1762
11	36	Newton, H. ...	1756
12	10	Jones, M. B. ...	1746
13	39	Murless, J. B. ...	1743
14	9	Hayward, A. V. ...	1731
15	12	Gay, W. ...	1731
16	22	Carter, F. E. ...	1716
17	31	Stibbs, F. B. ...	1709
18	27	Walker, W. R. ...	1682
19	32	Watson, W. E. J. ...	1666
20	16	Hayes, F. W. ...	1646
21	43	Purrell, S. H. ...	1640
22	11	Lewis, H. ...	1612
23	18	Haylett, J. H. ...	1611
24	21	Mifford, E. S. ...	1605
25	35	Gothard, A. ...	1603
26	20	Fortune, R. A. ...	1602
27	39	Oakes, W. A. ...	1599
28	42	Davis, J. D. ...	1589
29	40	Lamb, H. ...	1580
30	14	Johnston, G. F. ...	1536
31	28	Jenkins, F. M. ...	1500
32	34	Bingham, E. R. ...	1499

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in April next.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. StL), V. Pat., Secretary.

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11th October 1886.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRO. CHAPMAN and Friends beg to thank the Governors and Subscribers for their assistance on Saturday last, which enabled him to secure the election of his child, FLORENCE GRACE CHAPMAN.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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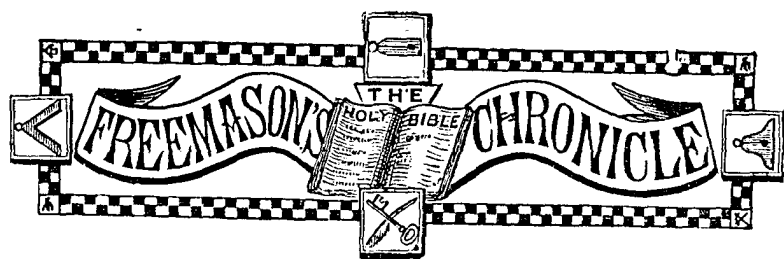
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CENTENNIAL OF THE PENNSYLVANIAN GRAND LODGE.

The Academy of Music, Philadelphia, is seldom so full as it was on Friday evening, the 25th ult., when members of the Masonic Fraternity, with their friends, gathered to celebrate the end of the first century of the independence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons. On the programme for the evening appeared, coupled together, the names of William Adcock and E. Coppee Mitchell, the latter being the Grand Master at the present time, while the other occupied the same office in 1786. As was fit Bro. Mitchell Grand Master presided at the meeting, while with him on the platform were the other Officers of the Grand Lodge, Joseph Eichbaum Deputy Grand Master, Clifford P. McCalla S.G.W., J. Simpson Africa Junior Grand Warden, Thomas R. Patten Grand Treasurer, Michael Nisbet Grand Secretary, John H. McCannell Grand Chaplain, George S. Graham Senior Grand Deacon, James McKean Junior Grand Deacon, Lewis M. Chateau Grand Sword Bearer, Joseph W. Wood Grand Marshal, L. Kingston McKay and J. W. Supples Grand Stewards, E. S. Steward Grand Pursuivant, William A. Sian Grand Tyler, A. J. Kauffmann, William B. Lamberton, John G. Bobb and John J. Wadsworth District Deputy Grand Masters; Richard Vaux, Conrad B. Day, Samuel R. Dick, and R. A. Lamberton Past Grand Masters; William Donaldson of Pottsville, the eldest member of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Judge. The Temple Committee of the Grand Lodge, which had charge of the celebration, consisted of William J. Kelly, Edward Matthews, Hibbert P. John, Godfrey Keebler and Samuel W. Wray. There were with them the following visitors from other Grand Lodges:—Bros. J. Congdon Grand Master, Thomas W. Tilden Deputy Grand Master, R. M. Moore Senior Grand Warden, Charles H. Mann Junior Grand Warden, Charles Bechtel Grand Treasurer of New Jersey, Newton D. Arnoll Grand Master of Rhode Island, B. J. Witt Grand Master of Kentucky, Miron M. Palmer Past Grand Master, C. C. Duncannon Grand Treasurer, W. R. Singleton Grand Secretary District of Columbia, J. C. Smith Deputy Grand Master of Illinois, Henry Robertson Grand Master, I. I. Mason Grand Secretary, I. Ross Robertson District Deputy Grand Master of Canada, Edward M. L. Ehlers Grand Secretary of New York, J. Fred. Miller Grand Master, E. T. D. Chambers Senior Grand Warden, J. A. Sterns Grand Treasurer, John N. Isaacson Grand Secretary of Quebec, E. N. Blackwell Deputy Grand Master of New Mexico. In the body of the house and the galleries not only Masons, but their friends, had room. It was not like the Lodge room, where ladies never enter, for there were hundreds of the fair sex there, their bright faces adding to the beauty of the scene. Bro. Mark Hassler, with a full orchestra, entertained the audience from half-past seven until eight o'clock, when the exercises were opened by Bro. E. Coppee Mitchell Grand Master. After prayer by the Rev. John S. J. McConnell Grand Chaplain, addresses were delivered by Bros. George W. Guthrie of Pittsburg, Hon. Michael Arnold, Hon. George S. Graham and Hon. Richard Vaux of Philadelphia.

The Grand Lodge met at twelve o'clock noon on Saturday the 25th ultimo, in the Masonic Temple. The Grand Lodge Officers and their distinguished guests from other jurisdictions were greeted by the strains of an enlivening march by Bro. Mark Hassler's orchestra as the procession filed into the Grand Lodge-room to continue the centennial celebration of Masonic independence in Pennsylvania. The Masonic dignitaries were led by the Grand Master, Bro. E. Coppee Mitchell, after whom came the other Grand Lodge Officers in their rank, and then the little body of Past Grand Masters, with the eminent Masonic landmark authority, Richard Vaux, upon the lead. The guests from the Canadian Grand Lodges and those from other American States who had participated in the Academy of Music ceremonies of Friday night were in the line. In the meantime over 300 Master Masons had entered the hall and were already seated. The Grand Lodge officers then took their respective stations and places. The east, west and south, together with the altar, were heavily draped in the habiliments of mourning to the memory of the late Past Grand Master Williamson. There was no decoration visible to remind the brethren of the occasion they were present to celebrate, as Masonry in its simple form does not tolerate any display. One of the features of the notable gathering was the presence of the venerable Judge William Donaldson, of Pottsville, who bears the distinction of being the oldest member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He occupied a conspicuous seat to the right of the Grand Master, and was the recipient of marked attention on the part of the Craft. The Grand Officers were all present, excepting George S. Graham and James S. McKean the G.S.D. and G.J.D. respectively. The Grand Master appointed to the former place George W. Spiese, and to the latter Samuel J. Dickey. Grand Lodge was opened and prayer offered by Rev. Dr. Robinson one of the Grand Lodge Chaplains. Grand Master E. Coppee Mitchell directed the attention of the brethren to the occasion which had assembled the Craft. He said that when it became necessary to arrange a programme for the centenary the Grand Lodge officials were somewhat at a loss as to what course they should pursue. It was finally decided that the simpler the proceedings could be made the better it would be. "I have instructed the Grand Secretary," he continued, "to produce the minute book of the Grand Lodge of 100 years ago, and to read of the action of the Colonial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which had been in existence fifty-six years prior to that time, in severing its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Great Britain." Amidst a breathless silence on the part of the brethren, Grand Secretary Michael Nisbet opened the bound volume of ancient parchment and read from the minutes of 25th September 1786, two extracts, one from a motion that was adopted, declaring the Lodge independent of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain, the other a motion establishing it as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and adjacent districts of America. The reading of this antiquated transcript excited the keenest interest.

Grand Master Mitchell then took occasion to welcome formally the eminent visitors, who had been accorded seats in the east along with the Pennsylvanian Past Grand Masters. With the proper dignity he asked if they "had anything to offer," and called first upon Grand Master B. J. Witt, of Kentucky, who replied that he was present to bear the congratulations of the oldest Grand Lodge west of the Alleghenies to the oldest Grand Lodge on the American Continent. He was proud to say he was the great-great-grandson of the Master Mason who had organized the Lodge at Charleston, Maryland, with the first warrant that was granted by the independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He then spoke of the charity of Masonry and illustrated it by recalling the destruction of the city of Chicago and the astounding liberality with which the Masons of the world hastened to her financial relief until the brethren of the ill-fated city cried a halt. J. Fred Walker, Grand Master of Quebec, then followed, in brief and congratulatory remarks, as did R. M. Moore S.G.W., Charles H. Mann J.G.W., and Charles Bechtel G.T., all of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Grand Secretary Taylor, of New Jersey, paid an eloquent tribute to the Pennsylvania Craft for their rigid preservation of the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity. J. J. Mason G.S. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, aroused applause by the compliment that the Canadian Masons admired the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for its quaint ways, which are like those of old England. Myron M. Parker P.G.M. of the District of Columbia, said that "the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge was looked up to because it dealt out simon-pure York Masonry and nothing else." The Grand Master having concluded with the visiting dignitaries, then passed to the home Grand Masters, and Richard Vaux, R. E. Lamberton, Samuel C. Perkins, Samuel B. Dick, Michael Nesbit and Conrad B. Day were called upon, and each responded in turn. The Grand Wardens, McCalla and Africa, and Brothers Edward Masson and General Louis Wagner then followed, with which the addresses were concluded. The orchestra led in "Old Hundred," the assembled Craft arising and joining at the order of the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge was then closed in harmony until the stated Quarterly Communication in December next. In the evening a banquet was tendered to the visitors in the Temple. And thus the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania enters on the second century of its independence, second to none in influence and importance, with the greatest harmony prevailing from one end of its jurisdiction to the other, and with a firm determination to go on for centuries to come in the grand and glorious cause in which it enlisted over a century and a half ago.—*Lancaster Daily Examiner, P.A.*

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—*Diseases of the Bowels.*—A remedy, which has been tested and proved in a thousand different ways, capable of eradicating poisonous taints from ulcers and healing them up, merits a trial of its capacity for extracting the internal corruptions from the bowels. On rubbing Holloway's Ointment repeatedly on the abdomen a rash appears, and as it thickens the itching irritability subsides. Acting as a derivative, this unguent draws to the surface, releases the tender intestines from all acrid matters, and prevents inflammation, dysentery, and piles, for which blistering was the old-fashioned though successful treatment, now from its painfulness fallen into disuse, the discovery of this Ointment having proclaimed a remedy possessing equally derivative, yet perfectly painless powers.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Avenue.—Consequent on the success of Mr. H. B. Farnie and M. Audran's productions at this theatre, their latest work has been looked forward to with considerable interest. This was fully manifested on Monday last when "Indiana," written by H. B. Farnie and composed by M. Audran, was produced. This cannot be considered the "first night" of "Indiana," it having been previously produced in the provinces, now almost the universal custom. This is done in the hope that it will be in better working order for the approval of a London audience. However, "Indiana" turns out to be all our provincial contemporaries have pronounced it to be, as was evidenced by the favourable and enthusiastic reception accorded it on Monday. The ability of M. Audran to write music for such material as "Indiana" is composed of, is well known, and his latest work will add considerably to his reputation. Number after number is developed in a catchy and brilliant style, and we may predict that "Indiana" will become immensely popular. The book is in Mr. Farnie's best style, and conceived from an old French vaudeville. When the curtain rises we are introduced to the mill at the ford, where Matt o' the Mill has just married Nan, and is desirous of entertaining the wedding guests. Matt has been poaching over his landlord's coverts. He is recognised by the keepers, and the lease of his mill being out, Lord Aubrey Dayrell—knowing Matt's jealous disposition—orders him to take his wife to Dayrell Place, in order that she may get the lease renewed and sue for Matt's pardon. This Matt declines to permit, but during the day two supposed cavaliers—Indiana and her maid Annetta—call at the mill. Hearing of Matt's difficulties Indiana proposes to dress as the bride and go with him, more in the hope of seeing Jervaulx—who has unintentionally become connected with the Jacobite plots—her affianced husband, than to oblige Matt. This suggestion thoroughly pleases the miller, who, with his pretended bride, set off on their errand. Indiana not being recognised on her arrival creates a great impression, more especially on Dayrell and Jervaulx. Matt is very uncomfortable at the thought of his real wife being left at the mill with the other cavalier, and tries all he knows to get home, but is prevented from doing so. Meanwhile a Sir Mulberry Mullitt is busy with the Jacobite plots, and hearing of the arrival at the mill of the two strangers, supposes them to be Jervaulx and one of his companions; he also thinks Matt is an accomplice. Sir Mulberry at once questions Matt, and to help him with his despatches, requisitions the services of Dayrell's steward—Jervaulx himself. Indiana looks in vain for her lover, and not being successful, her interest in him diminishes, while the supposed steward takes his place in her heart. In an interview with the steward Indiana incautiously confesses that she is not Matt's wife; they therefore plight their troth, the steward in turn having become infatuated with Indiana. Matt in the meanwhile has escaped to the mill, which Sir Mulberry has arranged to surround to capture the supposed Jacobites; meanwhile Indiana is escorted home by her maid, dressed as one of the lads of the mill. In the end Indiana and Jervaulx—who has received a pardon from the King—meet in their proper characters, and both being in the same frame of mind a happy termination is brought about, notwithstanding the mystifications of the miller. In some parts the dialogue might be cut with advantage; while if the last act were strengthened, a very good book would be the result. Mr. Arthur Roberts sustained the part of Matt. He was very funny, engaging in a considerable amount of gag and by-play. His rendering of the song "The Plain Potatoe," was very successful. Miss Wadham was cast for Indiana, and in this rôle the talented lady had considerable scope for the display of her voice; this she availed herself of with a will, more especially in "Love will guide," "Jasper's Jacket," and "Oh, Sunny South." These songs were given with this lady's well-known ability, and scored a success. Miss Phyllis Broughton, as Lady Prue, given to match-making, was good, and gained a well-deserved encore in the second act for her graceful dancing. These artistes were well backed by a splendid all-round company, including Mr. Charles Ryley (Lord Aubrey Dayrell), Mr. W. T. Hemsly (Philip Jervaulx), Mr. Henry Ashley (Sir Mulberry Mullitt), Miss Mary Duggan (Nan), and Miss Clara Graham (Annette). All worked with a will, and helped materially to the success of the evening. The opera is splendidly mounted; the dresses are both pretty and appropriate; while Mr. John Crook ably conducted an efficient band. The conclusion was the signal for considerable enthusiasm.

Grand—This cozy and popular North London theatre was on Monday the scene of a new production. This was a comic opera written by Oswald Brand, and composed by Immanuel Liebich. Of Mr. Brand's portion of the work we can say that he has written an interesting and pleasing book, but Mr. Liebich's music is very poor. The composer has imitated considerably, and we caught glimpses of many familiar airs in his music, but even these were badly handled. When not imitative, the composer was feeble, and but few of the numbers obtained a hold on the audience. As we have already said, Mr. Brand has been more successful; his part of the work contains an amount of dramatic arrangement that shows a knowledge of stagecraft. Mr. Brand has chosen the Norwegian coast for his scene of action, and here we are told the legend of the ring. A water nymph, Hyacinthia, once cast at a young Norwegian a fairy ring; this, when worn by the latter, drew him to her submarine home. The Norwegian, however, lost the ring, and pined away for the love of the fairy. Eventually the ring was found by a witch, who proves to be the centre figure of the story. We find also two young Norwegian fishermen, who are in love with an innkeeper's daughter named Nora. Eric is the favoured swain, but Swen purchases the ring already referred to from the witch, and presents it to Eric on the day of his betrothal. The charm works, and Eric is

drawn to Hyacinthia, leaving Nora to mourn over his absence. Swen having thus rid himself of his rival, incites the villagers to kill the witch Christine, and this causes the latter to repent of the part she has played in the stratagem. She accordingly beseeches the water nymphs to let Eric return; this they will do if Eric sends some one as hostage until Eric rejoins them. A hostage is speedily forthcoming in an English tourist, named Lord Jones. Eric is thus enabled to come back to this mortal world. It now transpires that if any one can steal the ring the charm will be dispelled. Accordingly Christine, who seeks revenge on Swen, steals the ring and the charm loses its power; this brings Nora and Eric once more together. Hyacinthia now appears, and takes away the power which the witch holds through her to work charms, but permits Christine to realise any special wish she may desire. To punish Swen, Christine decides that he shall marry her. This request is granted by the fairy. If the ladies and gentlemen engaged for the several parts had taken the opera in faster time a more favourable result would have been achieved; as it was, the time throughout was very slow. Miss Edith Vane is bright and pleasing as Nora; her singing charming, especially in "I wait," for which an encore was deservedly demanded. Mr. Julian Cross, as the English tourist, was very amusing; but he went in for wholesale "gagging." In the songs set apart for him this gentleman was highly successful, the Tourist's Chorus, led by him, was much relished, as was also a topical song, "Up there," and "The British Tourist;" each of these was re-demanded. Miss Stirling Forde, though scarcely realising the ideal of a witch, sang with considerable power. Mr. William Hillier, in the tenor rôle, shows promise of ability; but the best male voice heard during the evening was undoubtedly that of Mr. F. Reid-Buchanan; his rendering of "The Legend of the Ring" being especially worthy of mention. The part of Swen was undertaken by Mr. Oswald Brand. This gentleman, without pretensions to vocal ability, undertook the part in the absence of the artist who was originally cast for it. Miss Berta Foresta sang most agreeably as Hyacinthia. The smaller parts were filled by Mr. Hal Forde, Mr. F. Furtado, Mr. Alfred Balfour, and Miss Rhoda Browning. The opera was well staged, and the orchestra, under the guidance of Mr. W. H. Brinkworth, acquitted itself creditably. At the conclusion a call for the composer and author was answered by those gentlemen appearing before the curtain. The opera was preceded by a farce, by Mr. Oswald Brand, entitled, "A Modern Hercules;" it was received with cordial signs of approval.

Vaudeville.—After a most successful run during the summer months, "The Road to Ruin" has had to be withdrawn, to make room for "Sophia," which was withdrawn in the height of its success. Mr. Buchanan's attempt to present to the public some of the leading features of Fielding's book has been most successful, and coupled with the really finished acting of Mr. T. Thorne's company, "Sophia" richly deserves to have a long and prosperous career. We have to chronicle two changes in the caste, foremost of which is that of Mr. Charles Warner in the part of Tom Jones. This popular actor's frank and open manner, together with the pathos that he shows on occasions when required, goes straight to the heart, and thoroughly gains the approval of the audience. Perhaps Mr. Warner's melo-dramatic style is rather too plainly shown, but this we must overlook, for in other respects he gives us a capital rendering of the part. Mr. T. Thorne again created roars of laughter by the excellent manner in which he takes up the part of Partridge; while of Miss Kate Rorke, as Sophia, we can hardly speak too highly. Her winning and graceful way is always agreeable, and a better Sophia could not have been wished for, even by the author himself. Mr. Royce Carleton's rendering of Blifil is another fine study. Also good is the Mr. Allworthy of Mr. Gilbert Farquhar, the Squire Western of Mr. Fred Thorne, the Square of Mr. Groves, the Seagrim of Mr. Fuller Mellish, the Lady Bellaston of Miss Rose Leclercq, the Honour of Miss Lattie Venn, the Miss Western of Miss Sophie Larkin, and the Molly Seagrim of Miss Helen Forsyth. All these artistes give a true and correct rendering of their parts, and thoroughly deserve the plaudits bestowed on them by a crowded house.

Olympic.—Thursday evening next will once more see this theatre open its doors. The new lessee is Miss Grace Hawthorne, who has secured an adaptation from the French, by Adolph Belot, entitled, "The Governess," as her opening piece. This domestic drama will be preceded by the one act comedietta "The Little Rebel." The following is a list of the ladies and gentlemen engaged for "The Governess":—Miss Grace Hawthorne, Miss Olga Brandon, Miss Lydia Cowell, Miss Alice Chandon, Miss Fanny Heath, Miss Gladys Elliott, Miss Paohe Carlo, Miss Queenia Norman, Mr. George Temple, Mr. Frank Wood, Mr. Stanislaus Callhaem, Mr. Alfred Davis, Mr. Hubert Byron. We may also mention that Miss Hawthorne has secured the services of Mr. W. W. Kelly as manager.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk will be held at the rooms of the Norwich Masonic Association (17 St. Giles Street, Norwich), on Friday next, the 22nd inst., at 12:30 p.m. The usual business has to be transacted, and at 3:30 the brethren will proceed in procession to the Cathedral, where divine service will be celebrated at 4 o'clock. Banquet at the Association rooms, at 5:30.

ROYAL ARCH.

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ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 221.

A CONVOCAION of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 6 o'clock in the evening. Present: Comps. Jabez Boothroyd Z., E. G. Harwood H., W. Duncan J., J. B. Tong E., Jas. Walker A. Soj., Thos. Higson Janitor, J. W. Hawksworth Treas., Thos. Morris P.Z., and E. Comp. G. P. Brockbank P.G.A.D. of C. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. B. Goulburn, Thos. Magee, and W. H. Brown, all of St. George's Lodge, No. 1723, were balloted for and approved, and Bros. Goulburn and Brown were exalted to the degree of R.A.M. by the M.E.Z., the part of P.S. being ably taken by Comp. N. Nicholson Prov. G.S.B. Brethren were proposed for Exaltation at the next meeting. Heartly good wishes were expressed by the representatives from Grand and Prov. G. Chapters, and the Chapter closed in peace and harmony at 7.45.

ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND CHAPTER, No. 1538.

ON Tuesday, the 5th instant, Companion G. Gregory was very impressively installed as First Principal of this Chapter for the second time, an honour of which he may be justly proud, as it testifies the high esteem entertained for him by the Principals and Companions of the Chapter. This intelligence will be acceptable to many Companions who are indebted to Comp. Gregory for valuable instruction and assistance given them in the study of the R.A. degree.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Patney, on Monday, the 11th inst. Bros. Cutbill W.M., Harling S.W., Featherstone J.W., P.M. Taylor Preceptor, Bond S.D., Gompertz J.D., Langley I.G. Also present Bros. Williams P.M., Carter P.M., Grundy, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Bond and Grundy, the Treasurer and Secretary elect, were by the W.M. gracefully invested with the collars of their respective offices. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of P.M. Preceptor Taylor, who proposed rehearsing the ceremony of passing. P.M. Williams offered himself as a candidate, was examined, and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony very impressively carried out. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree. A discussion took place on the subject of audit and finance. The Auditors undertook to have their report ready by next Monday. The Lodge was closed according to antient custom. Bro. Harling will preside next week.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 4th October, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bros. Fluck W.M., Turner S.W., Clark J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hutchinson S.D., Hancock J.D., Moorehouse I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kirk acting as candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in the second degree, and formally closed.

On 11th instant, Bros. Turner W.M., Stockhall S.W., Fluck J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Barnett J.D., Moore I.G., &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ball acting as candidate. This brother answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge acting as candidate. Bro. Ball, an initiate of the mother Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Stockhall S.W. 1677 was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday, 7th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road. Present:—Bros. Pardue P.M. W.M., Craggs S.W., Cavers J.W., Austin S.D., Wood J.D., Stonehill I.G., J. Davies Preceptor. Past Masters Spiegel, Burton, Josey, Curtis, Sims; Bros. W. Williams, Gilbert, Marsh, Whittel, Head, Bonnor. After preliminaries, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sections of the 1st lecture were worked. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Spiegel P.M. worked the 4th section of the Lecture. Bro. Bonham, St. Marylebone Lodge, 1305, was elected a member.

ST. LOUIS KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CONCLAVE.

AT the Knights Templar Grand Encampment, at St. Louis, held on Friday morning, the 24th ult., the Most Eminent Grand Master made the following appointments:—Sir Knights Rev. J. C. Webster, of New York, Very Eminent Grand Prelate; John R. Parson, of Missouri, Very Eminent Grand Standard Bearer; Nicholas Van Slick, of Rhode Island, Very Eminent Grand Sword Bearer; N. P. Ruckle, of Indiana, Very Eminent Grand Warder; E. F. Warren, of Nebraska, Very E. Grand Captain of the Guard. The Conclave closed on Friday. A. C. Strong, of Naperville, Ill., a Knight Templar in attendance at the Conclave, was killed on Friday morning by being run over by a passenger train at Cheltenham, near the city. The next Conclave will be held at Washington, D.C., on the second Tuesday in October 1889.—*Lancaster Daily Examiner, Pa.*

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"OLD MASONIANS."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—An Association, formed by the ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, called the "Old Masonians," was started in May last, and I should esteem it a favour if you will permit me, through the medium of your valuable paper, to draw the attention of Freemasons generally to an important object of the Association—i.e. the assisting those members who are in quest of employment. The Committee feel that there are several Freemasons who would be both able and willing to assist them in this undertaking, and with their co-operation it may reasonably be hoped that no lad will leave the School without a prospect of employment. I shall be pleased to give any further information in reference to the Association, and should be glad to receive the names and addresses of gentlemen willing to assist in providing situations for Old Boys of the Institution.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

ALFRED WATKINS, Hon. Sec.

36 Cologne Road, New Wandsworth, S.W.

P.S. The President of the Association is Bro. Frederick Binckes, Vice Patron and Secretary of the Institution. Bro. William Roebuck G.S.B. Vice-Patron and Trustee; Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Std. Bear. Vice-Patron; and Bro. John L. Mather Vice-Patron have kindly consented to act as Vice-Presidents.

Obituary.

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BROTHER CHARLES GODTSCHALK.

THOSE of our readers to whom this popular and energetic brother was so well known will regret to hear of his decease, which took place at the residence of his daughter-in-law, Town View, Derwent Road, Lancaster, on the 11th instant. As charity representative for the Province of Devon Bro. Charles A. Godtschalk did good and substantial work for the Masonic Institutions, and secured for himself the goodwill and esteem of all with whom he was brought into contact. Some two years back, in consequence of failing health, he felt constrained to relax somewhat in his efforts, and resigned the office he had held so worthily for many years, much to the regret of all active Masons in the Province of Devon. For some time he had been suffering from cerebral softening and paralysis, and on the recommendation of his medical man removed from London, with the idea that change of air and scene might be beneficial. This, so far was successful that his brain power was decidedly improved, but his helplessness was painful to contemplate. During the past few weeks, however, he became worse, and lost all consciousness early on Sunday last, gradually sinking away until the end, just after midnight. The interment took place in the Lancaster Cemetery at noon on Thursday. Bro. Godtschalk was born in March 1826, and was therefore sixty years of age.

The usual monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Std. Bearer in the chair. The minutes having been confirmed, Brother James Terry (Secretary) reported the deaths of three male and one female annuitants. The Warden's report was read, as also was that of the Financial Committee, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A widow was granted the half of her deceased husband's annuity for the usual term. Two petitions from aged brethren were rejected, while three from widows of deceased brethren were accepted, and the names placed on the list for next year's election. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

- 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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.
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 976—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 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, Queen's 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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7. (In).
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 935—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, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1238—Goose, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1973—Saxe and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Elbrington Masonic Hall, Grauby Street, Devonport
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blgs., 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 Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dulston, 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.)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1595—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trecedero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30. (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

- 2021—Queen's Westminster, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.
 R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrion, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 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
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rukeley
 2045—Wharton, Willesden
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
 R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 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)
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 218—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 3. (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction)
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glogall 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, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1601—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Rd., S.E., at 8. (In.)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.15. (Instruction)
 R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, A-r-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 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. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Towa Hall, Shoreditch

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hall, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Llantryp
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Chackneaton
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
 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
 933—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkstall, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holt, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1304—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster

1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
 R.A. 78—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
 R.A. 341—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
 R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
 R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bothnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1308—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 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, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 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 (In st)
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
 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, Durham House Northallerton
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
 R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
 R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgaan Tavern, Plumstead
 R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
 M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 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)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Lambrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street

R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
 1453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1939—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 630—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 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)
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

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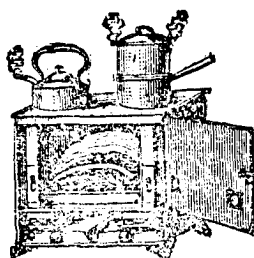
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