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A HARD CASE.

THE difficulty of making laws for the government of the Masonic Charitable Institutions which shall at once settle every question likely to arise, shall prevent imposition, and at the same time apply with equal fairness in all cases, is an acknowledged fact, and although the rules under which the Institutions have been conducted in the past have been found to work satisfactorily, we have had ample evidence of late that they do not meet with universal approval, or that they provide all the protection it is deemed they should do. Perhaps it would be unwise to hope for a code which would satisfy every one, and yet, as year by year goes on, and we gain experience, it should be possible to aim at perfection, if not to attain it. But in all our doings in this respect we should do well to bear in mind that it is a question of Masonic benevolence which concerns us, and, therefore, that the laws which are framed, severe though they may be, should at the same time be tempered with mercy, or at least should not be allowed to press too heavily on any of the unfortunate members of the Fraternity, or their families, for whom they were framed. If leniency be consistent with fairness, it should be exercised to the fullest extent, not only in regard to the candidates when once they are admitted to a participation in the benefits of one or other of the Institutions, but also in matters concerning their election. In advising leniency we know we are touching on delicate ground, as any departure from the strict letter of a law is generally looked upon as the result of influence in one quarter or other, and opens the road to scandal and endless dispute. Still, there are occasions when leniency may be exercised, and such an opportunity now exists in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Among the candidates who took part in the election held three weeks back was an orphan child of the late Bro. Charles Steng, one of four children left without father or mother, totally unprovided for. The case was most deserving; one of those which, if we had our way, would be eligible for admission to the Institution, under certain restrictions, without the necessity of election. It was strongly recommended, and the child was well supported, unfortunately not to an extent sufficient to ensure her admission to the School, for although 1288 votes were polled on her behalf, that number proved insufficient to place her on the list of successful. By the laws of the Institution this child will not be eligible to compete at the election in April next, so that all chance of her admission to the School has vanished, notwithstanding the very large number of votes polled on her behalf—unless some amount of leniency can be extended towards her, and an exception made in her case.

We are prepared to hear that any such step would create a most damaging precedent; one which would strike at the very root of the system under which the elections are conducted; but at the same time we remember an old axiom, to the effect that there is no rule without an exception, and we cannot dismiss from our mind the fact that we are dealing with a case of severe distress, which we are asked to relieve, in the spirit of Masonic brotherhood, to the best of our ability. What if a precedent were established? It is seldom that such a case as that of Martha Steng occurs, but as often as it does we feel we shall be inclined to advocate a departure from the hard

and fast letter of the law which governs the question. If it were a case of failure on the last application with only a few votes recorded, or if the child had a mother to look after her, we should not perhaps take the stand we do, but we appeal to the sympathy—we may say the spirit of justice—of our fellow subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to decide whether or not this is a case for special intervention. The old idea that it is charitable to be severe on those who are down in the world has exploded, but even if it were not, are we not Masons, bound together by ties of brotherhood, pledged to support the widow and the orphan so far as lies in our power? Are we to be governed by laws—just though they may be in ordinary cases—which permit of no amendment or departure from their letter in the most extreme cases? Surely this is not consistent with the spirit of Masonry. It is no answer to say that others have suffered as severely, that only goes to prove the need for alteration; or that leniency under such circumstances would be taken advantage of in the future, for the risk of ultimate failure would be too great to allow of repeated attempts being made to suspend the ordinary laws, it is by that means we propose to open a way for the admission of young Steng.

We would suggest that under all the circumstances of the case—that the applicant is one of four parentless children, but more especially in consequence of the large number of 1288 votes having been polled on her behalf—that Law LIII. be suspended, so far as this child is concerned, for the next election only, and that the votes already polled for her be carried to her credit for that contest. If she is unsuccessful on that occasion, then the matter should rest, but we think the subscribers who have supported her with their 1288 votes should be allowed one more chance to give her the benefits they evidently consider her entitled to. There is ample time in which to learn the opinion of the supporters of the Institution on the subject, and we shall be pleased to see that steps are taken to give relief to what we deem a particularly hard case, and we think that should the subscribers see their way to make an exception in behalf of this child that not only would they be doing a kindness in a case of severe distress, but we think the Institution would eventually reap the benefit of being somewhat liberal in the dispensation of its benefits.

FORGED AFFILIATION NEXT.

AMONG the multitude of so-called legal questions which we owe to the modern avidity for novel and arbitrary legislation in Masonry, several are now the subjects of sharp controversy. Although they have much more to do with justice and Masonic duty than with any supposed rule or refinement of law, it is to be feared that they will be fought out to some conclusion, right or wrong, on the thorny desert of legal technics, and let the triumph be to whom it may, the defeat must fall on union, charity and peace.

The questions mentioned are such as should never disturb Masonic deliberations. The Craft can more readily make itself familiar with confusion and disgrace by unseemly contentions over mere refinements of legal casuistry, than it can restore what has been already lost by neglect

of its own transcendent maxims of virtue, justice, charity and brotherly love.

The same itching for pestiferous litigations, which never perplexed our Masonic ancestors, incites haste and irritation in discussion, and insures in organised bodies recklessness of procedure such as should be left to the turmoil of political assemblies: and the deplorable results are forced upon the attention of the public, as well as of the Craft, by the clamour and confusion which always follow ill-advised action.

The true and admirable laws of our Institution have always been and now are amply sufficient in every emergency, for they are not concerned with the ingenious subtleties of ungenerous dispute, but assume that the only serious question among the brethren in any unforeseen conjuncture of affairs will be, which is the most fraternal, honourable and just way to proceed? and that the "noble emulation, who can best work and best agree," will leave no place for oppression or circumvention of each other, in concerns of the Craft.

One of the cases of dispute referred to above is, in all respects, as to reason and justice, substantially the same as the following supposed case: Bro. A. B., a worthy and skilful Mason of good report, lives at a distance of twelve miles from his Lodge, one of the oldest in the State. After dwelling there many years, a new Lodge is established within seven miles of him. He is glad of its prosperity, and continues his usual works of benevolence towards all Masons and others, and fears no evil—he trusts that the new organisation is for Masonic purposes. When the new Lodge, erected to God, has set up its lights and jewels, and celebrated its dedication to universal benevolence, the members, anxious that their Institution shall appear to advantage, both as to character and numbers, call upon him to unite with them. But for some reason, perhaps because his father and grandfather had been members of the old Lodge, and he has a son also a member; or because he cannot feel willing to part with the old time brothers who have walked with him so many times the same chequered floor, or in the same funeral train; or for some other cause, sufficient for him, and not to be inquired into by others; he declines changing his affiliation, as he lawfully may; for he has served his apprenticeship there, and wrought as a Craftsman and become a master in the work there, and is free; and what is Freemasonry, if the status it confers is to be made subject to the orders of others?

But they having for the first time looked about for a little law adapted to their purpose, and finding in some Masonic compilation that a Lodge is endowed with exclusive jurisdiction within its own territory (except when it is not), and learning further, that a number of Lodges in any country where there is no Grand Lodge, may unite in forming a Grand Lodge of their own, which, when established, would have, according to the opinion held by American Grand Lodges, such exclusive jurisdiction that no other Grand Lodge can be formed in the same territory, nor can any other Grand Lodge grant charters for new Lodges therein; and learning, still further, from some source, that by virtue of a thrifty outgrowth from the "American idea" such Grand Lodge would also be at once empowered to do what the Portuguese did in India, and the Spaniards in Mexico and Peru; demand of all Lodges found lawfully working within the territory, unconditional surrender to its own sovereignty; under pain of destruction, and seeing clearly that what is good law for a new Grand Lodge must be good for a particular Lodge under the same circumstances—and not finding the distinction between rules of convenience and amenity and those concerning forfeitures and penalties, nor the old principle that "Masonry taketh not from any man anything which he had before;" nor the law that "no man or body of men can make any change in the body of Masonry"—and not recollecting the obligations by which they claim to be Master Masons—and not trying to find what is the Masonic idea—they proceed at once to place Bro. A. B. under the ban, with as little concern as to right or wrong as a Pope of the dark ages ordering in Jews for baptism, under penalty of confiscation and death. Then they notify the Craft that A. B., a "recusant" found in their territory, is to be denied Masonic shelter, "water and fire," and be numbered among cowans, and spurned from the threshold of the very Lodge to which he belongs, and, in short, that they have left him a Masonic corpse without right of burial except at the cross roads with a stake driven through his body, to show that he is a Masonic suicide—giving him the same

comfort in death which the inquisitors bestowed on their victims; that he perishes by his own fault in not heeding their ghostly authority.

It is true, whether they omit examination of Masonic constitutions, charges and obligations or not, they can find on their side many pertinent cases of royal authority in no wise connected with the Inquisition. Among these is that of King Ahab and Queen Jezabel of Samaria, in coercing jurisdiction over the vineyard of the "recusant" Naboth, who claimed the right to hold on to his former possession which he had not received from the King, but from his own ancestors. This authority "runs on all fours" with the case of the Grand Lodge, whose proceedings the new Lodge had copied, but is weakened somewhat by another authority, which, in a candid attempt to show both sides, should be given for what it is worth. It is the decision of one of the most illustrious of the Grand Caliphs of Bagdad, in a matter in which he was both a party and judge; without looking for any law whatever in his own behalf. Having built a great palace, corresponding in splendour with the magnificence of the wide empire in which he was then absolute Grand Master, he found it necessary in order to surround it with suitable grounds, to include therein the lot of a very poor man; who, like A. B. and Naomi, could say, "I dwell among mine own people;" and who occupied a hovel on his piece of ground in front of the grand palace; so the Caliph sent his officer (Grand Senior Deacon) to purchase the ground. But the latter returned, very indignant, with a report that the sturdy pauper refused to give up his possession at any price, because it was his heritage, and he would dwell where his fathers dwelt before him. The officer begged to be sent to drive him out of his hut and demolish the same, and he and all the courtiers and eunuchs, and whoever loved the Asiatic idea, insisted that it would be great dishonour to the Caliph that a mere beggar should be allowed to set up his personal rights against the wish of a sovereign; and that the vile cabin must not be permitted for a moment to disgrace the grand palace of the realm. But the Caliph said, "Nay: he also shall have his right. Let the hovel remain; and the palace shall stand to witness that I was great, and the hut beside it will show that I was just."

Both Ahab and the Caliph have been judged, and there is no hope that the judgment can be changed. The Grand Body which has jurisdiction of their acts is the civilized world. It will also judge their imitators; even those who are under no Masonic obligations.

There is much aid just now concerning law in cases the same in principle as that above supposed between the new Lodge and A. B., that is, between a Grand Lodge newly established, and several symbolic Lodges which hold charters within the territory claimed by the new G. Lodge, and which elect to retain their old charters and hold their Masonic allegiance to the old Grand Lodge which created them, as many Lodges have done before, for reasons of their own. As no one has any right to inquire into the latter, they need not be discussed here or anywhere else. The new Grand Lodge claiming to act on the strength of what is called by some the "American Idea;" or rather, that extended by the addition of an apt Canadian Idea; has issued a paper or manifesto of non-intercourse against these Lodges; and several Grand Lodges have found it expedient from some cause to do the same. This has created the existing demand for law on the subject, which is being furnished as rapidly and of as desirable a quality as could have been expected under the stringency of the circumstances. When last heard from, the innovators seemed hopeful of getting the upper hand, but were calling loudly for recruits.

Well, what does any Master Mason, who works by the square and practises charity, want of any law, one way or the other in such a case? If he be a worthy Mason he certainly cannot desire to avail himself of any law to oppress another; and if there be any law found against so doing it can add nothing to that which he has often helped to enact and re-enact in the Lodge, by uniting with all present in administering the obligations and charges of Masonry. Why spend time in searching to know whether or not such a law exists? Suppose, on the other hand, that he finds a law, whether ancient or modern, that justifies, in well coined phrases, "Doing unto others as you would not have them do unto you." What has he found? Anything which he can use in Masonry? One great object, if not the chief one, of Masonry is, to render it impossible that any such law should exist. Masonry is

an organised antagonism to such laws and the motives from which they spring. It is by them that all the crimes against humanity have been carried on. The martyrs of every right cause who have bled and writhed on the rack or in flames have suffered according to such laws. It has been the curse of the ages to this hour, that the malefactors of spiritual and regal despotism had more law on their side than their victims had on theirs.

Laws to enforce oppression even to torture and death have indeed "grown up" in the world through long spaces of time; none knowing how: bad laws always grow that way, under the fostering hand of the lust of dominion over body or soul. They cannot grow up by Masonry, or in Masonry as any part thereof; even if every Mason on earth should join in enacting them, they would only be more sweeping and destructive forms of outrages against Masonry. Masonry may be trampled under foot by Lodges, Grand and Constituent; but it will not be because of laws to that effect; but because there can be found in them enough Masons who are capable of making such laws, whether they make them or not.

We hear the forfeiture of a Mason's rights and privileges justified because of what is called a "common law," which is the name given to an opinion lately ascertained to have grown up in and about this continent, by a certain evolution of thought among active Masonic minds. Doubtless many new opinions of different values have made temporary lodgment in Masonic minds at various times since Masonry began: and to discover that something new has taken place in the minds of some portion of the Craft, is one thing; but to discover that such a thing as a "common law"—which only exists because it dates from beyond the knowledge and memory of men—that is, was always the law—is quite another thing, and truly marvellous, not to say miraculous. When did this law begin to grow? Whenever it began, it must at that time have been certainly new. This is admitted by saying that it has grown up since a former time. The same writers who assert its present existence speak in the same sentence which so asserts, of a time mentioned by Bro. Gould in his history when this law did not exist, which time was not long ago. This making an immemorial law grow up in a few years is the same as causing a twenty year old gourd vine to grow in one season. But such a law can never begin to grow if there be any positive (enacted) law covering the same subject: and let that positive law be the same or contrary to the supposed law, the latter would be no law at all; for if it were the same in effect, it could add nothing; and if it differed, it would only be an attempted violation. As such a law cannot begin, so there can never be a time when it can end in being a law. Its beginning is its end. In short, there is no common law, which can have living witnesses to its growth, or positive law confronting it. It must not only be immemorial, but it must be common to the entire community whose law it is; otherwise it can only be a local custom. It must be universal—in this case throughout the Masonic world—for it concerns all Masonic bodies wherever dispersed. Think of a local custom of admitting states into our Union, or of naturalization; and then of a local custom of creating Grand Lodges and forfeiting the Masonic rights and possessions of older Lodges!

If any one desire to find the proper authorities to show a common law in Masonry on this subject sufficient to support a forfeiture of rights, let him put aside all lucubrations and opinions promulgated by individuals, and ascertain how many times, if ever, and when a new Grand Lodge has proceeded to coercion to bring into its jurisdiction Lodges which chose to stay where they were; and the other Grand Lodges of the world, on hearing both sides, have decided that the laws of Masonry at the time of the first enactment of the law concerning making innovations in the body of Masonry, provided for the forfeitures and penalties involved in such coercion. If he can find nothing of the sort, why should he be "as one who filleth his belly with the east wind" of mere disputation, and go out on a crusade for an idea which contains nothing but "vanity and vexation of spirit" for all concerned?

Showing that a hundred Grand Lodges, lately from the shell, have mounted the winged horse of an American or Canadian Idea or both, at once, and have issued edicts accordingly; and that several other Grand Lodges old enough to stay where they were put, have climbed up to ride behind, does not show where the law is to be had, but only that those Grand Lodges enjoy the excursion.

According to the lately developed common law, which its

expounders unthinkingly treat as an "idea"—which verily it is—merely a local custom of thinking—a number of Masons, representing as some say a majority of Lodges (the Australian idea is a minority) in a state or other political division in which there is no Grand Lodge, may form one of their own; and thereby, on securing recognition by other Grand Lodges, are at once empowered to warn in all the other Lodges in that territory; and in case they decline to unite, the Grand Lodge so formed may proceed to destroy them by promulgating an edict of non-intercourse. By this procedure, or other fulminations to follow as occasion may require, Master Masons by the hundred, who have never failed in Masonic duties towards their own Lodges or the Grand Lodge to which they owe allegiance; who have never trenched upon the American idea by attempting to set up a rival Grand Lodge or accepting a charter from any Grand Lodge outside the territory claimed by the new Grand Lodge, but remain obedient to their own Grand Lodge where the new Grand Lodge found them, may be declared clandestine with their lawful charters in their hands, and cast out utterly, as Masonic felons.

"The end crowns the work." The end of all this shows that the supposed law is wholly impossible in Masonry, because no common law can possibly "grow up" destructive of the first principle of the Craft, or of the statutory or other enacted laws in furtherance of the same.

If any one demands the production of the positive or enacted law, the answer is waiting; the constitutions, charges and obligations of Masonry, and the law that no change shall be made in the body thereof. This last law has been personally ratified by every Worshipful Master who has sat in the Grand Lodge, and by every Warden or other Master Mason who has ever stood present at the installation of a Master or Grand Master.

Whoever desires to fully understand the Masonic idea, let him explore these last mentioned laws; they are the laws which change not, and they will indicate enough Masonic duties which he owes to those who are assailed by an edict of Masonic despoilation for no breach of their obligations, to remove any inclination he may have to take a hand in fabricating a new law to despoil a body of Masons who observe the law as laid down by their own Grand Lodge—the only Grand Body to whom they owe allegiance.

It is plainly high time that every Mason who proposes to join in holding the garments of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, while she stones to Masonic death some three hundred Masons—that is, if she can find supporters—to begin to ascertain where he stands. It is no idle question whether or not there is un-Masonic conduct involved in a procedure to drive out regular Masons from their Masonic domicile; that is, whole Lodges of them from their Grand Lodge; and wresting from each individual his wages; that is, his rights and privileges, and the benefits of his Lodge, and finally destroying the latter, and setting up the beams thereof as posts for his Masonic gibbet.

If the law under which such work can be done is valid for any purpose, it is, of course, sufficient to push every Mason adjudged "recusant" under it to expulsion. Expulsion is Masonic death—it is the capital punishment in Masonry. But whether it be good or bad law, it is the law which those who vote to approve such proceedings in advance, prefer to see in force; themselves being out of danger of having it applied to a case of their own, unless, perhaps, they may remove to some Mexican or other State, and there fall into the pit they now help to dig; or, unless, which is much more likely to happen, some of them find themselves situated as Bro. A. B. is supposed to have been—there can and will be thousand of such cases—and what will be their line of argument then, when the "common law" mentioned shall so further grow up as to include this case of an individual Mason when the nearest Lodge orders him to leave his own Lodge and come in, under pain of being driven from the Craft as "recusant?" Such a law would be, and indeed is, the same as the other, and is every whit as valid now. All that is lacking to make the two identical in all respects is that some Lodge commence proceedings and the Grand Lodge utter an edict, and a few other Grand Lodges ratify it, and it will instantly appear to those who desire it so that it has been law all the time by force of an idea recently occurring to the minds of certain Masonic jurists.

There is one thing yet which is more than all above mentioned: These proceedings are penal. Whoever heard

in an enlightened land of forfeitures and punishments being inflicted in the absence of positive law, except it was under a law which had been enforced so long that its origin was lost to memory; and it was thereby presumed to have been originally enacted, and the enactment lost through lapse of time? Every attempt to work forfeitures and confiscations on mere pretence of law, is itself an offence.

Since the above was written word comes that the Grand Master of Quebec has declared non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of England. Thus this useless and reckless raid on the peace and dignity of the Craft goes on. It remains to be seen if the Grand Lodges of the United States will represent the latter or further follow the unfortunate counsels which have brought so near to actual consummation the disgrace and disaster which all can see are impending.—*Voice of Masonry.*

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Friday, the 15th instant, when the W.M. Bro. F. S. Hancock was supported by a large gathering of P.M.'s, Officers and members. Several visitors from the Lodge of Concord, 632, Trowbridge, were also present, viz.:—J. H. Foley W.M., W. J. Mann P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works Wilts, T. S. Hill P.M. P.G.S.B. Wilts, G. L. Palmer J.W., H. Applegate S.D., and F. W. Selve J.D. Two candidates for initiation were balloted for and accepted, and one of them being present was ably initiated by the W.M. The W.M. then said that after Bro. William Nott P.M. had last year been elected to the office of Treasurer, instead of Secretary, on his expressing a wish to be relieved of the duties of the latter, as he found them too much for him, the members of the Lodge met and resolved to show their esteem and their recognition of his services, for 17 years as Secretary, by subscribing for a Past Secretary's jewel. This, with an illuminated address, had now been completed, and the W.M. on behalf of the brethren of 663 asked Bro. Nott's acceptance of them. The W.M. remarked that Bro. Nott had at all times most willingly given his time and lent his abilities for the good of the Lodge; he had held high office in the Craft, Royal Arch and Mark Masonry, and in many other degrees which the W.M. did not understand, and he hoped that Bro. Nott would be spared many years to wear the jewel, and to give the Lodge the benefit of his Masonic knowledge. Bro. W. H. Bush I.P.M. 663, who had carried out the arrangements, spoke of the great pleasure it had given him to do so, and of many warm and kind expressions towards their late Secretary, and of regret at not being able to be present that evening, which had been sent him by members of the Lodge and others. Bro. Mann P.M. 632 expressed the great pleasure it had given him to be present to bear testimony to the high estimation in which Bro. Nott's services to Freemasonry were held outside his own Lodge, and said that had not the subscription been confined to the Devizes Lodge many others would have joined in it. Bro. William Nott, in thanking the brethren, said that until the W.M. had that evening risen and addressed him, he had not the slightest idea that anything of the kind was contemplated; he could only say, taken entirely by surprise as he was, that this expression of the feeling of the brethren would mark one of the brightest spots in his Masonic career. He heartily thanked the brethren for their beautiful jewel, which he should treasure during the remainder of his life, not for its intrinsic value (great though that was), but as a reminder of the affectionate regard and kindly good feeling of the subscribers, as so warmly expressed in the words of the address then before him. The jewel, a valuable one in gold and enamel, was supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. W. Nott, P.M. 663, P.S.G.W. Wilts, by the brethren of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, 663, in recognition of his services as Secretary of the above Lodge for 17 years." The business being concluded, the Lodge was then closed.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

THE last meeting of the session of this favourite summer Lodge was held at Bro. Deacon's, Raymead Hotel, Maidenhead, on Wednesday, the 20th instant. Brothers John Greenfield P.M. 1602 W.M., E. W. Allen (W.M. elect, P.M. 173) S.W., F. Foxley P.M. 173 J.W., W. Holcombe S.D., J. Cutbill I.G., W. Fenton D.C., Captain John Finch P.M. 795 Treasurer, Charles Dearing S.D. 1602 Secretary; Bros. J. Innes I.P.M., Linscott P.M., Harling, Waterhouse, and others. Visitors—Bros. W. Morris P.M. 1566 P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks, J. Rutland P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, J. Osborn P.M. 1602 P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, H. H. Mason S.W. 1501, J. G. Tongue S.W. 581, T. C. Thain P.M. 1769, J. Cross J.W. 902, W. R. Williams P.M. 975, J. Blyth P.M. 173, C. Ayling P.M. 795, W. Crane 1425, J. Woodman 813, C. T. Curtis 1950, J. W. Routledge 1669, W. Holland P.M. 180, C. Weeden W.M. 813, A. Hopkins W.M. 173, P. Block 55, L. Heil 55, G. Mornington 1669, W. Groome 816 and 1662, R. Puttick S.D. 1501, J. Cooper P.M. 1769, J. Tolworthy 1769, A. Henson 1706, T. Langford 1366, J. Stephens 1425, J. Botting 1501, Lodge having been opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting (July) read and confirmed. The audit for the last two years was duly proceeded with, and the report of

the auditors affirmed. The W.M. then announced to the brethren that for special reasons it had been arranged that Bro. P.M. Linscott who had so admirably installed other W.M.'s, should instal his successor, and at the same time he congratulated the brethren upon having selected such an able successor as Bro. E. W. Allen, to witness whose installation so many eminent Freemasons had come, in some cases long distances; this testified to his popularity. The chair was then taken by the installing Master, who most ably discharged his duties. The board of installed Masters having been closed, the W.M. elect invested his Officers, as follow:—John Greenfield P.M. 1602 I.P.M., F. Foxley P.M. 173 S.W., W. Holcombe J.W., John Finch Treasurer, C. Dearing Secretary, J. Cutbill S.D., W. Fenton J.D., W. F. Hurling Steward, R. Garner A.S.,—and named C. S. Bailey, who was absent, as I.G.—Sheppard Tyler. A joining member having been proposed, and notice of motion given by P.M. Finch to increase the annual subscription, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The toast of the Queen and the Craft having been given by the Worshipful Master, Bro. John Greenfield I.P.M. rose and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, expressing the great pleasure he felt in finding such an able successor filling his post, one competent and willing to discharge the very onerous duties. Bro. E. W. Allen then responded in suitable terms, and afterwards proposed the health of Bro. Greenfield I.P.M., in one of the most eloquent speeches we have ever listened to. In the course of his observations he said that the brethren well knew that the brother most to be depended upon was not the gushing, boisterous man, but the quiet unpretending Mason, who went strictly and conscientiously about his work and fearlessly discharged the duties of his office. Such a man was the Immediate Past Master, who was held in high esteem by the whole Lodge, and towards whom he felt the warmest attachment from the first time he met him amongst them. He then, in the name of the Lodge, presented the Immediate Past Master with a valuable jewel, having the figure of St. John the Evangelist upon it—the excellent workmanship of Bro. Weeden W.M. 813; he trusted that the Immediate Past Master would be spared to wear it for many years, and hand it down to his family as a token of the affection and esteem of the brethren. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. J. Greenfield, in responding, said that the very eloquent manner in which the Worshipful Master had spoken of him almost deprived him of the power of speech, and yet he rejoiced that it was not so, as in that case he could not have sufficiently thanked the brethren for their great kindness towards him at all times. He reminded the brethren that several excellent members had recently joined the Lodge, that the Charities had not been neglected, and that the bye laws had been carefully revised and approved, with the view of reducing the expenses. He pointed out that difficulties sometimes arose in Freemasonry as in everything else, but that these could be overcome by the brethren from time to time simply recollecting and practising their obligations one towards another. He assured the brethren that he should wear the jewel with pride, and endeavour to hand it down to his family as pure as he had received it. The other toasts were then given and responded to; and the brethren returned to town, having spent a day that will long be remembered by those present.

NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

THE first meeting of this Lodge for the session was held on the 8th instant, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, and there were present Bros. H. P. Bertini W.M., Rev. James W. A. Sturdie I.P.M., C. Grassi S.W., F. W. Cash J.W., Ernest E. Smith Secretary, J. D. Graham S.D., H. Wild J.D., W. H. Meyer I.G., W. Curley P.M. St., T. Grummant Dir. of Cers., G. W. Rowe Tyler; Bros. Ardwing, G. Maund, James Rowe, H. W. Markham, W. J. Pegram, C. N. N. North, W. Avernell, C. Guffanti, R. Pratti, C. Howard, J. Neville, H. Walker, E. Fry, G. F. Mounter, John Faulkner, Henry Woodham, E. Rouard, and others. Visitors—Bros. W. Brindley P.M. 1604 and G. Reynolds S.D. 1614. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. G. Maund, Walter Avernell and W. J. Redfern, after answering the usual questions, were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Afterwards Bros. E. Howard, R. Pratti and C. Guffanti were passed. Before the business was concluded the Worshipful Master was compelled, through press of business, to retire, and his duties were undertaken by Bros. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdie and T. Grummant. Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, the chair being taken by Bro. Rev. J. Sturdie. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and honoured, Bro. W. Curley P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, regretting his absence from the banquet table, at the same time expressing his great regret that he was compelled to leave them. The earnest way in which Bro. Bertini had carried out his duties had been fully shown by the style in which he had raised brethren to the third degree. However, the Immediate Past Master Rev. J. W. A. Sturdie and Bro. T. Grammant P.M. had finished the work connected with the Lodge in a satisfactory manner. It was a long time since he (Bro. Curly) had had the gavel in his hand; he now had the pleasure of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, and hoped the brethren would drink it with bumpers. Bro. Sturdie thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which the W.M.'s health had been proposed and responded to; he expressed his sorrow that the Worshipful Master had to leave them through pressure of business; they all knew the great interest he took in the affairs of the Lodge, and they appreciated the way in which he had done his work. It had been a long time since they had met, but he was pleased to see their faces again; he trusted that the Worshipful Master would have a successful year of office. The Rev. J. W. A. Sturdie then gave the health of the Visitors. The New Cross Lodge was always pleased to see a goodly array at their festive board. Although this was an off-night he trusted the Visitors had enjoyed themselves; it was very kind of them to travel down from town to

be present at the working of the Lodge, and showed the interest they felt in their proceedings; he trusted that they had not been disappointed. Bro. Brindley P.M. 1604, in reply, thanked them all for the hearty manner in which Bro. E. Reynolds's and his own health had been drunk; he could not speak too highly of the Worshipful Master's working; he had often met him in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, in which Bro. Bertini took a great deal of interest, it being held at the Criterion. He was also much pleased with that of their worthy Chairman and Bro. Grammant P.M. It caused him much gratification to see amongst them his old friend Bro. E. Reynolds, the Secretary of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction. Bro. E. Reynolds S.D. 1604 thanked the brethren heartily for the kind manner in which the health of the Visitors had been drunk, also for the kind expressions which had fallen from the lips of Bro. T. Brindley with respect to the Lodge of which he had the honour of being Secretary. They met every Thursday evening, all the year round, and worked with a will, and any of the brethren who wished for instruction would be made welcome. In the room he saw many faces who were constant attendants, and it was gratifying to him to see how well the Worshipful Master was supported by his Officers, they were among those who were most regular in their attendance at the Criterion on Thursday evenings. They were equally proficient in sectional work, which was the most beautiful part of Freemasonry. He, like Bro. Brindley, had spent a most enjoyable evening, and he thanked them all for the hearty reception, and wished the New Cross Lodge every success. The Immediate Past Master gave the health of Bro. Howard, who, some time ago, was initiated at a Lodge of emergency. This brother, in reply, expressed his gratification at being admitted amongst them. He hoped to prove himself a worthy member of the Lodge. The health of the Past Masters was proposed, and each severally returned thanks. Bro. Ernest Smith P.M. and Secretary, in acknowledging the kindness of the brethren, assured them he was always willing to do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge and to assist the Officers. That night had shown what the Past Masters were able and willing to do; their Worshipful Master had been compelled to leave, but this evidenced how desirable it was that the Past Masters should be well up to their work. He was pleased to tell the brethren the Lodge was prospering under the Mastership of Bro. Bertini, and he could also say that several gentlemen were waiting to be initiated. Although this was a bye night it was gratifying to find so many members present; this clearly proved the interest that was taken in the New Cross Lodge. Bro. Smith then proposed the health of their Immediate Past Master Bro. the Rev. J. W. Sturdie, thanking him for undertaking the duties—partly in the Lodge and partly at the banquet table,—which he knew Bro. Sturdie had performed in a manner pleasing and satisfactory to all. Bro. Sturdie, in thanking the brethren for their kindness, said he appreciated very much all that had been said of him, but was sorry that the Worshipful Master had had to leave them; his working and perseverance were much to be admired. He was delighted to hear from their brother Secretary that the Lodge was prospering, and he hoped it would continue to do so. The health of the Officers was next proposed, to which Bro. Grassi responded. The Tyler's toast brought this pleasant and harmonious meeting to a close. Bros. North, Grassi, E. Fry, W. J. Pegram, Ernest Smith, and others added much to the enjoyment by their vocal ability.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Thursday, the 14th inst., this Lodge paid a fraternal visit to Thirsk, at the invitation of the members of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, in that town. In the spring the Eboracums had entertained the Falcons, and the latter took this opportunity of reciprocating courtesies. The Eboracum brethren, numbering over twenty, left York by the five o'clock train, and at Thirsk station were met by a deputation from the Falcon Lodge, with carriages, and were conveyed to the Masonic Hall, in the Castle Yard, where they found a warm and cordial greeting awaiting them. At 7 p.m. the Falcon Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Z. Wright, supported by Bros. Past Masters Reginald Bell, Henry Smith, Geo. Ayre, T. J. Wilkinson, Chas. Greensides, W. Coltman; Dr. Linford S.W., Dr. Hartley J.W., Rev. E. Richardson S.D., J. T. Hansell Secretary, and many others; whilst amongst the Eboracums were Bros. A. T. B. Turner W.M., Past Masters T. B. Whytehead, J. T. Seller, Geo. Balmford; W. Brown W.M. elect, and most of the other Officers of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master of the Falcon Lodge expressed the pleasure he felt at being able to welcome their York visitors, and the Worshipful Master of the Eboracum Lodge responded. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett) being here announced, the members of Provincial Grand Lodge formed a deputation to receive him, and he was conducted into the room and saluted. He then proceeded to address a few remarks to the brethren, and expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the Lodge and witness so truly fraternal a gathering. Such interchange of the courtesies of the Craft were calculated to be of great use, and he should be glad to encourage the good spirit thus exhibited. After the close of the Lodge the Thirsk brethren entertained their guests at a capital supper, which had been supplied by Bro. Farmery, the Tyler. At its conclusion Bro. Z. Wright proceeded to give the usual loyal toasts, and then that of the Provincial Grand Lodge, responded to by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W., who also proposed the health of the Worshipful Master of the Falcon Lodge. Bro. Wright responded, and gave Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge, responded to by Bros. Turner and W. Brown. Bro. T. J. Wilkinson P.M. then read a short but extremely interesting paper on "The Masonic Temple," for which he received the cordial thanks of the party. This was followed by other toasts and songs, and a right merry evening was spent, the visitors leaving for the station at 12 o'clock, whence they returned to York by the midnight mail.]

KENDRICK LODGE, No. 2043.

THE regular Lodge meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Thursday, 7th October, at which the following brethren were present:—Bros. G. W. Webb W.M., C. H. Tench S.W., J. E. Sydenham J.W., T. Cook jun. Treasurer, G. H. Stubington Secretary, C. B. Tabbs S.D., B. W. Bennett J.D., F. J. Ferguson P.M. D.C., C. E. Hewett I.G., J. T. Brown Steward, J. F. Stevens Tyler; Past Masters W. G. Flanagan and E. Margrett; and Bros. J. H. Millard and Henry Creed. Visitors:—Bros. H. W. Scharlan Org. 1549, H. W. O. Smith W.M. 1566, F. Marsh W.M. 1895, Hy. Perks W.M. 209, Doran Webb W.M. 1894, F. Blackwell W.M. 414; C. Slaughter, H. G. Sherwin, F. J. Brown, J. Sparrow, W. Ravenscroft S.W., J. Greenaway Secretary 1101; J. T. Thomas 1171, W. Bouny 414. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March, and of the Lodge of Emergency, held on the 1st April, were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. Bro. C. H. Tench—who was elected W.M. for the ensuing year at the regular Lodge held on the 4th March last—was duly installed, the ceremony being performed by Bros. G. W. Webb and W. G. Flanagan, in a most impressive manner; after which the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. W. Webb I.P.M., J. E. Sydenham S.W., C. B. Tabbs J.W., T. Cook jun. Treasurer, G. H. Stubington Secretary, W. G. Flanagan P.M. D.C., W. B. Bennett S.D., C. E. Hewett J.D., J. T. Brown I.G., T. E. Hill, J. H. Millard, and F. J. Lawes Stewards; J. F. Stevens Tyler. The Lodge was resumed, and a candidate for initiation was proposed by Bro. W. B. Bennett, seconded by Bro. W. G. Flanagan. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, when the brethren, about 35 in number, adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. W. G. Flanagan, at which the Worshipful Master presided. During the evening Bro. G. W. Webb presented the Lodge with a very beautiful "broken column," for donations, in token of the pleasure he had derived during his year of office. This brother was presented by the Worshipful Master with a very elegant Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him at the last regular Lodge. In accepting the same Bro. Webb assured the brethren that it would be treasured by him as long as he might be spared to wear it.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, 23rd Oct. Present:—Bros. H. M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M., F. T. Ridpath S.W., A. Matthey acting J.W., J. S. Fraser Sec., M. L. Levdy S.D., W. G. Goode J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Org. Surrey I.G., W. G. Oates D.C., J. C. Leaver Steward, F. W. Leaver Organist, W. Lane Tyler; also Bros. Geo. Price P.G. Treas. Surrey, Holdsworth, Holden, Wilson, Guedalla, Rev. Lennox Harvey, Aston, and Herschorn. Visitors—Bros. W. H. Ranson W.M. 1790, C. Daniel P.M. 65, J. Newton P.M. 174, C. H. Woodward P.P.G.J.W. Surrey, W. Fox Hawes J.D. 463, E. Cawdelier 890, Col. M. L. Elliot 1215, A. O. Morice 1615, and F. Laughlin Org. 1365. The Brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, in consequence of the death of the D.P.G. Master Surrey. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and a ballot having been taken for Mr. Frederick Herschorn, he was initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Rev. Lennox Harvey and H. H. Aston were passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge having been resumed in the first degree, the W.M. proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Geo. Price, supported by Bro. C. H. Woodward, and carried unanimously, the same to be entered on the minutes, and a copy sent to Bro. C. Greenwood:—

"The Brethren of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, have heard with deep regret of the sudden death of the V.W. Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B., D.P.G. Master Surrey, and an Hon. Member of this Lodge, which has received so much kindness at his hands. The Brethren further wish to express to Bro. Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sec. Surrey, and the other members of the family, their sincerest sympathy in their great and irreparable loss."

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to refreshment.

East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463.—At the meeting held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, there were present:—Bros. R. Clay Sudlow W.M., Ridpath S.W., Oates J.W., Shakespeare S.D., Tite J.D., Kilvington I.G., Smith, Ranson, Hobbs, &c., &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Hobbs acted as Master elect, and Bro. Sudlow as Installing Master. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, and the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Sudlow for the very able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony, and he was elected an honorary member. After some other business, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday next.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, W. Present:—Bros. T. Stroud W.M., J. Wood S.W., V. Wing J.W., G. Gardner Treas., W. W. Williams acting Sec., Pardue P.M. S.D., Causton P.M. J.D., Craggs Steward, E. Dadson I.G., C. A. Walter P.M. P.G.S.D.; Osborn, Steer, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the second, when Bro. Osborn offered himself as a candidate to be raised; he was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed in a very efficient manner. The second section of this Lecture was worked by P.M. Pardue, under direction of the worthy Preceptor. Lodge was closed in the third, resumed to the first degree, and closed in due form.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

ON Wednesday, 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading, there were present Bros. R. C. Prickett W.M., J. H. Hawkes I.P.M., W. Ravenscroft S.W., W. Ferguson P.M. acting as J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, Joseph Greenaway Secretary, T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., B. W. Bennett acting S.D., W. Hickie J.D., C. Slaughter I.G., H. G. Sherwin acting Org., J. Sparrow Steward; P.M.'s Flanagan, E. J. Blackwell, R. Dowsett, and E. Margrett; Bros. E. W. Ridley, H. D. Jones, W. E. Parkes, Smallwood, J. Stewart, and W. Hemmings Tyler. Visitor—Cyril B. Tubbs J.W. 2013. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Robert Eli Hodder, approved at the last regular Lodge, was duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The ballot was taken for the election of W.M., and Bro. W. Ravenscroft S.W. was declared to be elected. The ballot was also taken for the election of Treasurer, and Bro. J. T. Stransom was re-elected. Bro. W. Hemmings was re-elected Tyler. The W.M. elect nominated Bros. P.M. Pulley, J. Sparrow, and F. Brown as his banquet Stewards. Bro. Pulley suggested that an advertisement be inserted in the *Freemason* and the *FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*, returning the thanks of the W.M. and Brethren to the Patron, Vice Patrons, President, Vice Presidents, Governors and Subscribers for their votes and interest in securing the election of Harry Freeman into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, with 1874 votes, he being fourth on the poll. This was agreed to. Bro. Margrett proposed, and Bro. Hawkes seconded, that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Prickett, on his vacating the chair, and this was duly carried. Bro. Prickett returned thanks. Bro. Pulley proposed as a joining member Bro. Walter Sowdon P.M. Panmure Lodge 723, P.P.G.J.D. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, of the Ship Hotel, Reading; this was seconded by Bro. Margrett. Bro. Margrett proposed, and Bro. Stransom seconded, a gentleman as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Pulley suggested that a bookcase be made and fixed in the ante-room to contain the books belonging to the Lodge for the use of the members generally. The W.M. thought it would be better to delay ordering it, until they could ascertain the cost, and the sanction to fix it had been obtained from the W.M. of 414. Bro. Ravenscroft kindly offered to prepare a sketch and obtain an estimate from Bro. Sparrow, for which the thanks of the Lodge was accorded. The labours of the evening having ended, Lodge was closed in due form according to ancient custom, and adjourned until the second Wednesday in November.

ROYAL HANOVER LODGE, No. 1777.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on which occasion Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., C.C., Past Grand Treasurer of England, was installed as W.M. It may be in the recollection of our readers that when, some eight years since, Bro. Marshall was initiated he signalled the event by making a donation of one hundred guineas to one of the Masonic Institutions. On the occasion of taking his second and third degrees he further exercised his munificence by contributing a similar sum to each of the other Institutions. Since then he has constantly shown an interest in the Charities, and in Freemasonry generally, by taking an active part in the working of the several degrees, and in the affairs of the Charities. His zeal for the Craft was recognised by his election to the office of Grand Treasurer, and now his mother Lodge has conferred the highest honour in its power to swell the long list of preferments which have already been showered upon him. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. G. Clark jun., and in due course the Officers for the ensuing year were invested, as follows:—J. Holliday S.W., R. R. Johnston J.W., G. Clark jun. P.M. Treasurer, C. C. Cruikshanks P.M. Secretary, H. H. Room S.D., C. A. White J.D., J. B. Clark I.G., R. Whiting P.M. Tyler. Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer delivered the address to the Master, while those to Wardens and Brethren were delivered by Bro. Clark, who throughout the ceremony displayed great ability. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Horace Brooks Marshall jun. It being unanimous in his favour, he was regularly initiated by his father. It is at all times a source of gratification, both to the principals engaged and to those who witness the ceremony, when one member has the privilege of initiating another of his family, and this is especially enhanced when the relationship is that of father and son. It is well-known that Bro. Marshall performs the functions he takes upon himself in no half-hearted manner, and the deep solemnity and fervency he exhibited on this occasion will not readily be forgotten. The son was as equally impressed as his worthy sire; he also has shewn his interest in the Masonic Institutions, as previous to his initiation he had qualified himself as Patron of our three central Charities. After the transaction of some other business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Albany Hotel. After the banquet the Worshipful Master rose to propose the Loyal toasts. The health of Her Most Gracious Majesty was most cordially proposed, and responded to. In speaking of the Grand Master Bro. Marshall stated that the interest shown by the Prince of Wales had unquestionably attracted attention to the Craft, and it had consequently become more popular than it might otherwise have been. For the Grand Officers Bro. Edgar Bowyer responded. In speaking to the next toast, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Col. Sir Francis Bardett, Bart., Bro. Marshall said that since he was initiated, in 1878, no less than six Provincial Grand Lodge collars had been given to members of their Lodge. They warmly thanked the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Colonel Sir Francis Bardett, for the honour which had thus been conferred upon them. With the Provincial Grand Officers of Middlesex, Past and Present, he would couple the name of Bro. G. Kenning, whom he heartily thanked for generous support given him on many occasions. After a brief, but fitting reply from Bro. Kenning, Bro. W. Ramsey I.P.M. proposed the health of the Master, whom he had very great

pleasure in seeing in the chair of their Lodge. Bro. Marshall's position was most exceptional, inasmuch as on the night of his installation as Worshipful Master of the Royal Hanover Lodge he had his son by his side as an initiate. No doubt this would be one of the principal episodes of their lives, and one which would be borne in mind by them for very many years to come. Their Master had performed the initiation ceremony in a manner most impressive, and in a way which had appealed most effectually to the heart. He (Bro. Ramsey) had pleasure in asking these present to drink the toast. In reply, Bro. Marshall thanked the brethren sincerely for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. It was with some hesitation that he accepted the position of Master of the Lodge—to which he was elected by favour of the brethren in July last—owing to the multiplicity of his engagements, and the claims on his time in connection with the philanthropic works with which he was associated. About the time of his election, he was invited to lay the foundation-stone of a middle-class college in the Cathedral City of Canterbury, and those concerned, with that generosity which was characteristic of members of the Craft, presented him with the tools with which to perform the ceremony. Upon the magnificent silver trowel was engraved the words, "labor omnia vincit," and he resolved, upon reading it, to apply that motto to his own case, and determined that if by perseverance and labour it was possible to properly perform the splendid ritual of the Order, they should not be wanting on his part. He only hoped that at the end of his year of office they might be able to say he had performed the duties of his important position to their entire satisfaction. For the Visitors Bros. W. W. Morgan and J. H. Hawkins replied. The other toasts comprised the Immediate Past Master; the Installing Officer; the Past Masters; the Initiate; the Officers of the Lodge; the Masonic Charities; and that of the Tyler. During the evening a splendid vocal entertainment was given by the members. Especially worthy to be mentioned was the song by Bro. Cranch, "Hear the wild winds blow;" Bro. Leonard's "Mary of Argyle;" Bro. Dunkley's "Let each man learn to know himself;" "Only once more," by Brother Holliday; while as to the duet—"Excelsior"—by Bros. Holliday and Odell, it has seldom—if ever—been better rendered. In the course of the evening the claims of our poorer brethren were not overlooked; the Charity Box was passed round, and the sum of £2 16s 6d was realised. Amongst those present as Visitors were Bros. E. Bowyer P.G.St.B., J. H. Hawkins P.M. 65, G. Kenning P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, A. Cranch P.M. 1660, C. I. Axford W.M. 2048, T. Minstrell P.M. 87, &c. In closing this report we may state that we believe the fact that an Entered Apprentice being a Patron of each of our Masonic Institutions is unique, and we look forward to Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall the younger taking as active an interest in the welfare of our Charities as has characterised the Masonic career of his worthy parent.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—On Monday last, at the Railway Hotel, Putney. Present:—Bros. Featherstone W.M., Bigler S.W., Langley J.W., Grundy Sec., Williams S.D., Collick J.D., Taylor D.C., Webb I.G.; Carter P.M., Benjamin P.M. 1366, and Burrows 129. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The installation ceremony was rehearsed by Preceptor Taylor P.M., and the officers were invested by Bro. Featherstone W.M. Bros. Benjamin and Burrows were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. Bigler was elected W.M. for next week. A discussion followed on the subject of Bro. Featherstone's honorary membership; it was proposed by Bro. Bigler S.W., and seconded by Preceptor Taylor P.M., "That the evidence of the entry by the late Secretary of Bro. Featherstone's name as an honorary member be taken as sufficient proof, and this resolution be entered on the minutes." This was carried, and Bro. Featherstone thanked the Lodge, which was then closed in due form.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, W. Present—Bros. John Davies W.M., Jesse Collings P.M. S.W., Sims P.M. J.W., Chalfont P.M. Sec., Pardue P.M. S.D., Cochran J.D., Craggs I.G. Past Masters — Bros. Spiegel, Child, Corston, Cubitt, Hanson, Josey, Gillingham, Reynolds, Geo. Davis, J. Cattle; also Bros. R. H. Williams, H. F. Williams, A. Williams, Wood, Jennings, Thompson, Barrow, Breitbart, Cavers, Whittle, Marsh, Mauder, Hardy, Lindfield, Chatwin, Garrett, Gowan, Valentine-Wing, Rogers, Stonnil, Austin, Love, Long, W. W. Williams, Stroud, Head, Cross, Murrel. After preliminaries, the fifteen sections were worked in a very efficient manner. Bros. Valentine Wing 1585, Corston 865, R. H. Williams 865, Barrow 1425, were elected members of the Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Thursday next.

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THE TESTIMONIAL TO MISS DAVIS.

IT will be remembered that a few weeks since we drew attention to the long services of Miss S. L. Davis, the head governess of the Girls' School at Battersea Rise, and announced that a testimonial was being raised to commemorate the completion of her twenty-fifth year of office. We now understand that the subscription list for the Testimonial will be closed on the 15th November, by which time Bro. Herbert Dicketts (the Hon. Secretary of the Fund) requests all subscriptions may be forwarded to him, at the Office of the Institution, 5 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, the 20th instant, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett P.G.P., Senior Vice President, presided. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Junior Vice President, occupied the Senior Vice President's chair, and Bro. W. H. Perryman A.G.P. was called to the chair of Junior Vice President. The brethren first confirmed recommendations at the September meeting, amounting to £180. There were thirty-two cases on the new list. A very large majority of these were London cases. The others came from Leytonstone, Stokesley, Keswick, Sidecup, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Llanelly, Wakefield, Whitehaven, Feltham, and Teddington. After the opening of the Board, Bro. James Brett said,

Before proceeding with the business of the evening, he would claim the indulgence of the brethren for a few moments while he referred to the loss this Board had sustained by the death of its President, the late Bro. Joshua Nunn, for he was sure they would all agree with him that it was a loss. Perhaps he (Bro. James Brett) was more licensed than any one else to speak concerning their late brother, because he was his Senior Vice-President, and, he might say, his oldest companion, for they had been associated together for very many years. They were made Grand Officers on the same night, many years ago (1869), by the late Earl of Zetland; they were the first Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents appointed to the Board of Benevolence when it was newly constituted and altered, and they were the two oldest members of the Board. He had been a member since 1857—29 years ago this month—and Bro. Nunn had been a member six and twenty years; and from that time to the time of his death Brother Nunn had been a constant attendant at the Board. The brethren all knew how well and worthily the late President performed the duties of his office. He had hoped that Bro. Nunn would have remained President of the Board at any rate, as long as he (Bro. Brett) had the honour of a seat at it; but as it happened, that was not to be, and the Great Architect of the Universe had called him away. Bro. Nunn was always a gentleman, and although some might consider that in the office of senior Vice-President he might have been more liberal than he was as President; they would agree that on his appointment as President he seemed more to feel his responsibility—a responsibility which was very great, not only upon the President, but upon every member of the Board, because they were entrusted with the disposal of thousands, of pounds belonging to the Craft. It was of the more importance, on account of the money belonging to others, that they should dispense it jealously and carefully, than if it were their own. There had been cases, as the brethren knew, where the applicants had been able to secure the service of some eminent or eloquent brother, who could act upon the feelings of members of the Board, more especially upon young Masters, appearing for the first time at the Board and not knowing the working of the Board, and so larger sums were obtained than was the case where the applicants had not the advantage of such support. That ought not to be. Bro. Nunn was a man who always acted fairly, impartially, and justly, and guarded, as was his duty, the funds at the disposal of the Board to the best of his ability. The brethren would all admit that he did it to their satisfaction and to the satisfaction of the Craft. There now remained a duty which the Board ought to perform—to pass a vote of condolence with the widow of Bro. Joshua Nunn, and it was this which he was about to propose for the brethren's acceptance. It was a great loss the Board had suffered by his death, and he would ask in proposing that vote that the Grand Secretary, with his usual kindness and great ability, would express in that vote the extreme regret the Board felt at their loss, together with the widow in her still greater loss.

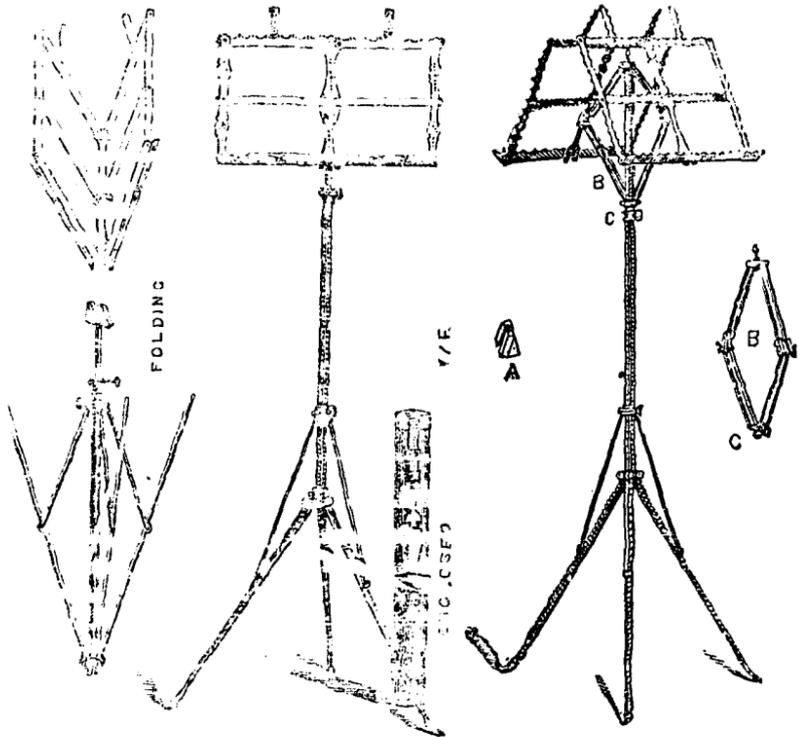
Bro. G. P. Britten, in seconding the motion, said he did not think anything could be added to the observations of the Acting President. On Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, putting the motion, Bro. James Stevens thought there should be another vote, expressing the feelings of the Craft generally, and of Grand Lodge on the subject, but it was stated by Brother Brett, after some other brethren had spoken, that next meeting of the Board would be the time at which notices of motion for Grand Lodge would be given, and notice of such a motion as that

suggested could then be handed in. Bro. Brett's motion was then carried unanimously. The new list was disposed of as follows:—Three cases were deferred, being incomplete; one case relieved with £100, and one with £75; four cases were relieved with £50 each; five with £40 each; seven with £30 each; five with £20 each; and five with £10 each. One case was relieved with £5. The total voted was £940.

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER.AT the next meeting of the Lodge, to be held on Saturday, the
13th November 1886, at three o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, Commercial
Road, Portsmouth,

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z., &c.

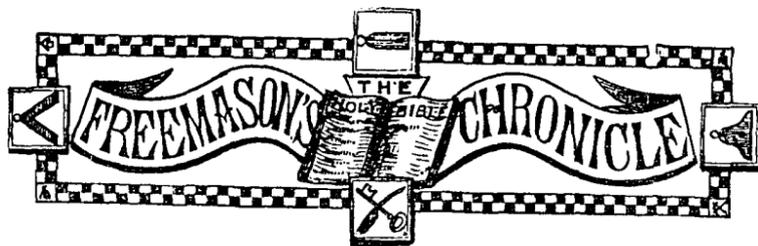
Has kindly consented to deliver his Lecture, entitled

"THE RITUAL AND CEREMONIAL OF THE SYMBOLIC DEGREES OF
FREEMASONRY, 1813-1886."This Lecture embraces part of, and is in continuation of "KNOBS AND
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the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. J. W. Giove, High Street, Portsmouth, not
later than Thursday, 11th November 1886. Banquet Tickets, 3s 6d each, not
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand
Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London,
on Wednesday, the 3rd day of November next, at six
o'clock in the evening.**BUSINESS.**The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for
confirmation.**THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.**

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have
examined the accounts from the 21st July to the 19th October
1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chap- ter - - -	109	8	11	Disbursements during the quarter . .	231	1	8
„ Unappropriated Account -	191	3	4	Balance - - -	138	10	3
Subsequent Receipts-	263	8	0	„ Unappropriated Account -	194	8	4
	£564	0	3		£564	0	3

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the
following Petitions:—1st. From Companions Francis Alfred White as Z., Henry Mason
as H., the Rev. Thomas Cochrane P. Grand Standard Bearer as J.,
and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Liberty of Haver-
ing Lodge, No. 1437, Romford, to be called the "Liberty of Havering
Chapter," and to meet at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford, in the
County of Essex.2nd. From Companions Sir William J. Clarke, Bart., District
Grand Master of Victoria as Z., Thomas Henry Taaffe as H., William
Frederick Dixon as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached
to the Melbourne Lodge, No. 747, Melbourne, to be called "The Mel-
bourne Chapter," and to meet at Melbourne, in the District of
Victoria, Australia.

3rd. From Companions John Edward Wordsworth as Z., Frederick

Cleaves as H., James Jenkin as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Phoenix Lodge, No. 901, Rotherham, to be called "The Phoenix Chapter," and to meet at the Ship Hotel, Rotherham, in the County of York (Western Division).

4th. From Companions the Right Honourable James Ludovic Earl of Crawford as Z., Maskell William Peace as H., Richard Ather-ton Ffarington as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lindsay Lodge, No. 1335, Wigan, to be called "The Lindsay Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, King Street, Wigan, in the County of Lancashire (Western Division.)

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received memorials, with copies of minutes, on removal of the undermentioned Chapters:—

The Volubian Chapter, No. 75, Falmouth, for permission to remove to the Masonic Hall, Falmouth.

The Abbey Chapter, No. 1225, Barrow-in-Furness, for permission to remove to the Masonic Hall, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY P.A.G. Soj.
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
20th October 1886.

N.B.—The Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book for 1887, with the days and months of meetings of Lodges and Chapters, will be ready about the end of November. To be had at the Office of the Grand Scribe E., price 2s.

The Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary, immediate notice of any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters—Vide Book of Constitutions, Articles 169, 170.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 26th October, at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-street. Companions Levey S.N., Smart Z., Beedell H., Franks P.S., G. Jones J., F. Brown Preceptor; with many other Companions. The Chapter was opened, and the ceremony of exaltation was correctly rehearsed. Companion M. Brown, of Chapter 141, was unanimously elected a member. It was announced that the forthcoming supper would take place at the above hostelry, under the supervision of the host Companion Anderson. The Companions will sit down punctually at half-past six, on Tuesday next, the 2nd November, consequently the usual business will be suspended until Tuesday, 9th November, when work will be resumed.

MARK MASONRY.

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YORK LODGE (T.I.)

THE regular quarterly meeting of this Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Duncombe-street, York, on Tuesday, 19th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Smith W.M., A. T. B. Turner S.W., W. B. Dyson M.O., W. Lackenby S.O., H. C. Pickersgill J.O., T. B. Whythead P.M. Secretary, George Lamb S.D., Maj. McGachen J.D., P.M.'s J. T. Seller, C. G. Padel; Bros. A. M. White, R. Ware, E. W. Purnell, S. J. Dalton, S. G. Cummack, W. Sharp, W. Brown, and T. Watkinson. Visitors—Bros. D. Grant (Ark I.C.), W. Fraser P.M. 95, and W. H. Cowper P.M. 276. Bro. Geo. Chapman 1611 was accepted on the ballot and advanced to the degree. Bro. G. Simpson J.W. (absent through illness) was elected to the chair. Bro. T. B. Whythead P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, Bros. W. B. Dyson and W. Brown were elected Auditors. Two guineas was voted towards the education of a child of a deceased brother. One guinea was voted to the Binckes Testimonial Fund. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren entertained their visitors at supper, after which toasts and songs were the order of the evening.

GOSPORT LODGE, No. 305.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport, on 19th inst., when Bro. Crisp was installed as W.M.M.M for the ensuing year, by the I.P.M. Bro. F. Powell P.G.M.O. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. the Rev. B. Ring, LL.D., P.P.G.C. as I.P.M., W. T. Miller S.W., W. C. Webb P.P.G.S. of W. J.W., W. T. Dupree M.O., J. S. Senior S.O., A. M. Rae J.O., the Rev. B. Ring, LL.D. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, J. S. Senior Treasurer, W. Green P.P.G.D. of C. Secretary, T. Pearson Registrar of M., F. W. C. Waters P.P.G.O. Organist, T. Stretton S.D., W. A. Rowe J.D., W. Cotton D. of C., R. G. King I.G., W. Sims and W. T. Holdstock Stewards, L. Cauvin Tyler. The R.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and several distinguished Provincial Grand Officers attended the meeting, which proved a great success.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS LODGE, No. 305.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport, on 19th inst. when Bro H. Crisp was installed as W.C.N. for the ensuing year, by the I.P.C.N.

Bro. F. Powell. The W.C.N. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. the Rev. B. Ring, LL.D., I.P.C.N., W. T. Miller J., W. C. Webb S., F. Powell P.G.N. Treas., W. Green Scribe, A. M. Rae S.D., T. Pearson J.D., W. T. Dupree D. of C., R. G. King Guardian, F. W. C. Waters Organist, W. A. Rowe and W. Cotton Stewards, L. Cauvin Warden. The meeting proved a great success, and amongst those present was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Mason for Hants and Isle of Wight.

Obituary.

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BRO. GEORGE GWYN PARKER.

AMONGST the many deaths which have occurred in the ranks of Freemasonry during the month now terminating, and which have removed from amongst us well-known and distinguished members of the Order, there has been none marked with more awful suddenness than that of Bro. Geo Gwyn Parker, a greatly esteemed member of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, and of the Prudent Brethren R.A. Chapter. Returning to his home, at Teddington, on Sunday, the 17th inst., having ridden from Staines, at his very gate he was thrown from his horse, and received such injuries as occasioned almost instant death. The full particulars of the accident are not ascertainable, as his groom, following his master at no great distance, on hastening to the spot, discovered him bleeding and unconscious. The night was dark, and some short time elapsed before assistance could be summoned; meanwhile our brother breathed his last, almost before he could be removed into his house. Bro. Parker was well-known in the City as an Australian and New Zealand merchant, carrying on business at Palmerston Buildings, Old Broad Street, and deep regret was evinced amongst a large circle of City and Colonial friends when the sad news reached them on Monday morning, our deceased brother having secured for himself the goodwill and esteem of all who knew him. A large number of his business acquaintances and private friends attended his funeral at Teddington Cemetery, on Friday, the 22nd inst., and if testimony had been needed to prove the high respect in which Bro. Parker had been held by local residents the large and sorrowful assemblage at his interment, and the profusion of floral offerings which hid his coffin from view supplied it. Amongst the mourners were Bro. Parker's four sons, and his cousin Bro. John K. Gwyn, also a member of The Great City Lodge. The Craft was represented by a large deputation from that Lodge and from Prudent Brethren Chapter conjointly. Bros. N. B. Headon, the originator; James Stevens, first W.M.; Bros. G. W. Blackie, T. Hamer, and W. Baber, Past Masters; Bros. T. Headon, J. R. Hartley, T. Lawes, J. E. Randell, and several other brethren represented The Great City Lodge, and with many other Craftsmen and Companions paid in Masonic manner the "last sad tribute of respect" at the close of the solemn rite of burial. Bro. Parker was but forty-two years of age at the time of his decease, and has left a widow and six children to mourn their irreparable loss.

It is with extreme regret we have to record the death of the wife of Brother J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, P.Z., &c., which sad event took place on the 20th instant. On more than one occasion we have had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Berry; she was a lady who took an active interest in the Masonic Institutions—in fact in Masonic matters generally—in association with her husband, and we feel that her loss will be mourned in more than one Masonic home, while many who have experienced her kindness will miss her. We tender our sincere sympathy to Bro. Berry in his bereavement.

Bro. R. P. Forge W.M. 1693, P.M. 1950 619, will take the chair at 8.30 on Monday, 1st November, at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, held at the Cock Tavern, High-bury, N., on which occasion he will rehearse the ceremonies of initiation and passing.

Bro. E. Farwig P.M. 180, P.Z. 180, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, in the Masonic Temple, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Thursday evening, the 18th of November next, commencing at 8 o'clock. Entrance to Temple by the lift in Jermyn Street.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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St. James's.—That successful writer of plays, Mr. Arthur W. Pinero, has once more managed to write a comedy, not only extremely funny but original. "The Hobby-Horse," in three acts was produced for the first time last Saturday, at the above theatre. The author has conceived his play in a spirit of considerable brightness, and except one or two situations it would class well with such pieces as "The Magistrate." However, several of the situations are amusing and the audience watches the progress of the play with eagerness. The characters are natural, while the clearness of the plot cannot be questioned. Each scene is well worked out, while the family complications in the last act cause considerable amusement. Still Mr. Pinero has—to our thinking—made a mistake in not providing a wife for the disappointed Rev. Noel Brice, who after proposing to a lady, whom he thinks single, proves to be married. The author, perhaps, lies under the impression that once the heart be lost it cannot be regained. An outline of the plot must suffice to enable our readers to form an opinion of "The Hobby-Horse." Mr. Spencer Jermyn, an elderly sporting gentleman, well known on the turf, has married a buxom young lady of quite a different disposition to himself. He is a jolly, racy squire, a man of the world; she a religious, philanthropic lady with a rooted aversion to the turf. Having a farm, for which he is unable to find a tenant, Jermyn's great desire is to turn this farm into a home for decayed jockeys. His wife, on the other hand, is anxious to utilize this same house for a child's home—her great aim being to pick up waifs and strays, care for them, bring them up, and give them a start in life. A governess named Moxon is visiting at Mr. Jermyn's, with whom Mr. Pinching, solicitor to Mr. Jermyn, has fallen in love. This Miss Moxon has obtained a situation in London, as companion to Bertha, a niece of the Rev. Noel Brice, who is curate in charge of one of the poorest districts in London, and whose life is spent in ministering to the spiritual and bodily wants of young and old. Miss Moxon is loth to leave the residence of Mr. Jermyn, because she would then be separated from her affianced lover. She therefore persuades Mrs. Jermyn to accept the situation in her stead, her persuasive powers being based upon the fact that a wide and exceptional opportunity would be offered for exercising the lady's long hoped for wish of rescuing poor children from the gutters and alleys. Mr. Jermyn happens to be going to London by the same train as his wife, and fortunately he has promised to escort a Mrs. Landon, a widow lady, to the station. Mrs. Jermyn takes the place of this widow, and to escape detection puts on the widows' weeds. Singularly enough her husband does not recognise her. She at length reaches the residence of the Rev. Noel Brice and in due course enters upon her philanthropic labours. However, the dirty alleys and decomposed cabbages soon disgust her, and she becomes tired of her self-imposed work. In the house with this clergyman is staying a Mr. Tom Clark. This youth happens to be the son of Mr. Jermyn; he, having quarrelled with his father, has left home, to go into the wide wide world. The curate falls in love with the so-called Miss Moxon, and is encouraged in his suit by Tom Clark, who has fallen in love with the curate's niece. Meanwhile, Mr. Jermyn has advertised for a chaplain for his home for decayed jockeys. The Rev. Noel Brice sees this advertisement, and induces Miss Moxon to answer it for him. He is about to propose marriage to her, when Jermyn himself arrives, with Pinching, who is on the scent for Jermyn's son. Naturally Mrs. Jermyn makes good her escape, and the Rev. Noel Brice accepts the position of Warden of the Home. Tom Clark returns home, as also does Mrs. Jermyn, and now the general mix up respecting Miss Moxon and Mrs. Jermyn is considered. Eventually both Mr. and Mrs. Jermyn give up their hobbies, Mr. Pinching pairs off with Miss Moxon, Tom Clark with Bertha, while the clergyman, as we have before intimated, is left in the cold. Several parts received good interpretation from the artistes engaged, foremost is Mr. Hare, as Mr. Spencer Jermyn. A comedian, in every sense of the word is Mr. Hare, and in his present part he scores excellently. Always within the lines of reality, this gentleman gave a faithful representation of an English sportsman, more especially in the last act, where he finds his wife is the leading spirit in the tale he is about to hear recounted. Mr. Spencer Jermyn will rank with the best of Mr. Hare's previous efforts. Mrs. Kendal, as Mrs. Jermyn, was not so successful. This lady has read the author's meaning in a wrong light, instead of making the wife an easy going individual she has made her rather of a sober disposition. Nevertheless, she acted well, and will undoubtedly do better when she gets a grasp of the character. Mr. Herbert Waring gave a natural rendering of the part of the Rev. Noel Brice, while Mr. Mackintosh depicted to the life a whining broken down jockey. Mr. Fuller Melish was capital as the happy and impetuous youth, Tom Clark, and Mr. C. W. Somerset did the best possible with the part of Pinching. Mrs. B. Tree, fresh from the Provinces with well-earned laurels in "Jim the Penman," made a capital Miss Moxon, while Mrs. Gaston Murray gave a life-like portrait of a pompous clergyman's wife. "The Hobby Horse" is capitally staged, and deserves to become as popular as Mr. Pinero's pieces have hitherto been.

Strand.—On Monday Sheridan's immortal comedy, "The School for Scandal," was produced by Mr. Edward Compton for the first time during his present stay at this theatre. The success secured by Mr. Compton's company was thoroughly deserved; the several characters—with one or two exceptions—were in the hands of artistes thoroughly suited to the parts. An interesting feature was the introduction of Miss Angela Fenton as Lady Teazle. This lady, who has a pleasing countenance and good delivery, gave a capital rendering of the part. In the scenes where she quarrels with her husband, Miss Fenton was very successful, as also was she in the

screen scene. On the whole Miss Fenton's Lady Teazle was capital, and we can congratulate this lady on her assumption of the part. The Charles Surface of Mr. Edward Compton is another capital piece of acting; certainly the best character we have seen this gentleman in this season. He is never boisterous, ever humorous and jovial. Mr. Lew's Ball—an excellent representative of the old school—was a capital Sir Peter. Mr. Sydney Valentino, as Joseph Surface, was best in the scene with Lady Teazle. Mr. Chas. Dodsworth, Mr. Sydney Paxton, Mr. Percy F. Marshall, and Mr. T. B. Appleby made effective their several parts. Miss Dora Vivian was the Lady Sueerwell, Miss Elinor Aickin the Mrs. Candour, while Miss Margaret Terry was a pleasing Maria. This young lady has considerably improved since we last witnessed her performance, and we shall doubtless be able to record further progress at a later date. Altogether the present revival is satisfactory, and we think Mr. Compton will add to his already well-recognized popularity.

Mohawk Minstrels.—The hold which for thirteen years the Mohawk Minstrels have had upon the affections of the north metropolitan public is never shown with greater force than on the recurrence of the annual benefits of the proprietors. On these occasions the public muster in great numbers, and the music halls send their best available talent to swell the always abundant list of specialities. On Wednesday, when Mr. Harry Hunter, to whom the troupe owes much for hundreds of lyrics he has from time to time added to their repertoire, took his annual benefit, there was no exception to the usual order of things; and although a cloud hung over the assembly, owing to a sad event of which we shall speak presently, there was as closely packed an audience as we have ever seen in the spacious annexe to the Agricultural Hall. To amuse these Mr. Hunter had prepared a special programme, containing amongst other things 20 new songs, grave and humorous, from his own prolific pen. These were given in a new "first part," which, however, for the convenience of the variety artistes, was given at the latter end of the evening, and we must say of them at once that in very few instances did they fall below the average of Mr. Hunter's compositions, being lively when humorous, and poetic when dealing with the more sympathetic school of lyrics. Prominent amongst them may be mentioned a pretty ballad, "She thought she might as well," to music by Mr. Warwick Williams, the conductor, and effectively sung by Mr. Charles Garland, an agreeable tenor; and a well-pointed ditty, "Hearts are trumps," to music by Mr. W. Redmond, which was quaintly sung by Little Thomas. A very strong contingent of music-hall performers contributed their specialities in the first part of the evening. The Torikata Japanese Troupe went through their curious acrobatic performance; and some astonishing horizontal bar performers, Mezzetti, Onzella, and Mezzetti, accomplished some new and truly wonderful feats on three bars. Chirgwin, the quaint negro performer, gave his droll entertainment, and Messrs. Harry Randall and Arthur Corney sang funny songs, the latter being especially good in a topical ditty entitled "Tremendous." Lieutenant Travis, a very clever ventriloquist, caused much mirth by animating a number of automata, and Mr. G. Medley imitated the comiques of the music halls with some fidelity. A hit was made by two children, called "The Infant Mashers," their singing being unobtrusive and intelligent. Mr. Celian Kottann, cornet soloist, Mr. Johnny Dymers and Mr. Walter Howard each contributed to the amusement of the audience, the last with a funny nonsense song, by the benefiario, called "When the sun shines bright on a moonlight night." In the course of the evening Mr. Hunter, who acts as interlocutor to the troupe, addressed the audience, and made an indirect allusion to a circumstance which had occurred, and which appeared to have become generally known amongst the audience. This was the sudden death, on Wednesday morning, of the chief proprietor and popular "bones" of the troupe, Mr. James Francis. It appears that on Tuesday Mr. Francis attended an evening party in celebration of the birthday of his only son, and the following day proceeded to a Turkish bath, where, in the hot room, he was observed to stagger and fall. He was picked up in an insensible condition, and a medical man was immediately sent for, but on his arrival Mr. Francis was found to be dead, apparently from an attack of apoplexy. Deceased, in addition to his connection with the Mohawk Minstrels, was senior partner in the firm of Francis Brothers and Day, the well-known music publishers of Oxford-street. It is a curious circumstance in connection with this fatality that two months ago the death of Mr. Francis was widely rumoured at a time when he was in the apparent enjoyment of excellent health. He was only 46 years of age.—*Daily Chronicle.*

Novelty.—"Outwitted," a new three act drama, is announced for 9th November, at this theatre. The piece is from the pen of a well-known literary lady, and will be produced under the superintendence of Mr. Edwin Drew.

In consequence of the meeting of the Metropolitan Council, T.L. (W. Bro. Henry Venn W.M.), summoned for Friday, 29th inst., clashing somewhat with other meetings, at which the majority of the members were obliged to be present, the Worshipful Master obtained a dispensation to postpone the Council till Monday, 8th November, when the Council will meet at 8A Red Lion Square, at five o'clock in the afternoon. This gathering will be held under the authority of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, England and Wales, &c., of which M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., P.G.M.M.M., is the Grand Master.

MASONIC CHARITY.

MASONIC bodies and Masons are somewhat like profane bodies and the profane in this respect, in that they vary in their views of certain important matters and in their actions based thereupon. Just as some individuals are liberal in thought and action, instinctively being generous, so some Masonic bodies will impoverish themselves rather than suffer a brother, or his widow, to go empty away. There is another point of likeness between ourselves and the profane—the good things of life are not equally distributed among us. Some Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies are wealthy and unable to spend their income; others are reasonably well-to-do, and need never act illiberally to the distressed; while still others are so straitened in their finances that they often find it difficult to meet their current expenses. The same course of conduct cannot be expected from all of these bodies. Masons are men, and Masonic bodies have to live and prosper in the good old way, by making their receipts at least equal their expenses, for if they do not, they subject themselves to the liability of becoming themselves a charge upon the Fraternity, instead of being a source of aid to the distressed.

One basic principle, however, should be thoroughly understood and admitted before action is taken or denied to those in distress: Masonic Charity is a Masonic duty. It is a debt we owe to the distressed. It ranks with the other debts which the body has. The others are not to be satisfied first and this last. If this principle be comprehended and conceded, it will be found to solve many a difficulty arising in the minds of Craftsmen. The corner-stone of the Fraternity is Charity; it is nothing if not charitable. When a Masonic body is reduced to the point of existing only for itself, it had better consider whether its occupation be not gone. Some brethren fail, practically, to apprehend this principle. They act as though they thought that Masonic charity was a work of supererogation—an act very well in its way, but not to be expected of every Masonic body, and not to be expected of any unless it has a plethoric purse. There could not be a falsier view. Charity is work of necessity. It is true Masonic work—as good work as “making a Mason,” and it may be better. What is the use of making a Mason if he is to be made to starve? Distress is a possibility to all of us. No matter how ample our means are now, no one of us can assuredly say, I shall never be a beneficiary of the Craft. The first Grand Master of Masons of England, in 1717, was aided by it only a few years after he went out of King Solomon's chair. The wings of riches are proverbial, and always ready to unfold themselves, and hence we should endeavour to put ourselves in the place of our unfortunate brother, remembering that his lot to-day perchance may be ours to-morrow.

Some Masons are so chary in dispensing charity, that you might suppose it was the last thing to be thought of, or acted upon. If sufficient time conveniently remains, then Charity may be dispensed—provided there is plenty of money in the treasury. It should be one of the first things to be thought of. It is the truest Masonry. It makes the best Masons, since “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” Again, some Masons harshly say, “We never aid a Mason unless he is entirely helpless. He must come to us penniless and forlorn.” If he does, sad is his fate, for those who exact abject penury as the qualification for fraternal aid are sure to leave the distressed very nearly in the condition in which they find him. Or if a brother's widow seeks assistance from the Masonic body in which such a penurious and illiberal brother has influence, she is asked, why she does not scrub for a living? Shame on such Masonry! Scrutinize the actions of such a body, and ten to one you will discover that it spends ten dollars upon its own refreshments to one for Masonic charity. It denies others in order that it may feast itself. It never dreams of denying itself. Especially should the so-called (though falsely so-called) higher Masonic bodies see to it that they strike not charity out of their vocabulary. Bantiquating bodies should be the most charitable, but experience proves that they are the most penurious and ungenerous. Their members are all Masons, and they should take care that no worthy applicant is turned away, but on the contrary that he be treated as a brother beloved.

We are aware of the origin of some of the illiberality abroad in the Masonic world. Brethren have discovered

that in certain cases they have been imposed upon, that they have aided the unworthy, or given perhaps an excess of aid. Nothing dulls one's charitable disposition like the realization of the fact that he has thrown away his money upon an impostor. But the remedy for that is not denial to all who call for aid, but a careful scrutiny of the surroundings of each applicant for charity. In our time, Masonic Boards of Relief do this work most thoroughly, and little or no aid is unwisely dispensed through their instrumentality. True, it were better if the charity could be directly dispensed by the Masonic bodies themselves, but as a rule it cannot. To give to all applicants indifferently, is to impair one's ability to give adequately to some of the most needy and worthy.

In this connection we may mention, that the establishment in recent years of Masonic Homes has had a most beneficial influence upon the Craft. In England they are one of the strongest bonds of union and Masonic enthusiasm. They enlarge our ideas of Masonic charity. They plant the corner-stone—Charity—in the foundation of a noble edifice, which doles out no mere pittance, but generously takes brethren, or their orphans, or widows, wholly under its protection, and cares for them FOR LIFE. Let such of the Masonic bodies as perform their deeds of charity with a niggard hand learn a lesson from the Masonic Homes. To do good and to distribute forget not, for with such sacrifices the Grand Architect of the Universe is well pleased.—*Keystone.*

Mr. Herbert Gladstone has contributed an article on the all important subject of “National Physical Education,” to the book which is to be published in December next, in connection with the opening of “Olympia,” the new National Agricultural Hall at Kensington.

The annual meeting of the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada will be held in the Masonic Temple, St. Louis, Missouri, on 17th November 1886.

Nearly 4,000,000 dols. (£800,000) has been paid to the widows and orphans of deceased Masons by the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society of Indiana in seventeen years.

The Lodges in the United States are sending liberal contributions for the relief of their brethren in Charleston, South Carolina—the scene of the recent earthquakes. At a meeting of brethren in Baltimore, presided over by Grand Master Shryock, of Maryland, the sum of 1,500 dollars (about £300) was subscribed in less than half-an-hour.

Messrs. Dean and Son have also just published the second half-yearly volume of their Chromo Magazine, “The Little One's Own Prize.” This contains over 300 original tales in prose and verse, with over 400 pictures executed in chromo lithography by Emrik and Binger.

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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.

SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

- 170—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
1462—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crowa Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

- 112—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Toughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1591—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 139—Pamure, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundolph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

TUESDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blqgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
183—Joppa, Clampton Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
829—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Delhouse, St. Peter's Tavern, Fenchurch-street, London W.C. (Instruction)
161—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1641—Windsor, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)

- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersay Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1448—Mount Edgerborne, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1895—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1797—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
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. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
129—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Shoernoss
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Barwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Brillington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cokermonth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amalweh, Anglesea
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, S. 11111 Street, Rhy
1750—Coleridge, San' Cingham House, Cleveland.
1870—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 681—Seardsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 734—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwick Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, St. Mark's Street, Regent's Park, 3 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
528—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
729—Pamure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Budeff-road, E. (Instruction)
802—Whittington, Red Lion, Poplar-corner, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and G. Girton, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 513 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
152—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1607—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruc)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cannon-row, New R. 11111 St., at 8. (Inst.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.15. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, A r-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Pamure, Goose and G. Girton, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
228—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, R. 11111
326—Moina, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wilton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
496—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Sitarium, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
615—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kewley, Farnworth, near Bolton
833—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Chertsey, Surrey. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1040—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worsnip-street, Hull
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1097—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
1095—Huntington, Masonic Hall, Tower-street, Dorset
1294—Bruno, Ernie House, Torrington, Devon
1387—Chawick, Masonic Hall, Clapton-road 5, Alawick
1406—Gunga Forts, Bell House, Sandwich
1574—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Old Lady-street
1623—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1635—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigton
1954—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Ldg., Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)

- 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
- 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
- 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
- 1812—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
- 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
- 2012—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
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- R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
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THURSDAY, 4th NOVEMBER.

- 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street
- 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 9. (Instruction)
- 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
- 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 746—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Waradon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (Inst.)
- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Staungate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1278—Burdett Counts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E. S. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
- 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)
- 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)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1625—Trotogor, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clorkonwell, at 9 (Inst.)
- 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
- 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
- R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
- R.A. 1471—North London, Albany Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
- 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
- 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
- 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
- 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
- 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
- 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywards
- 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Boverley, Yorks
- 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
- 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
- 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
- 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
- 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
- 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
- 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
- 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
- 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
- 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
- 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
- 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
- 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
- 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
- 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lasdale
- 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
- 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
- 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
- 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
- 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
- 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
- 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
- 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
- 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
- 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padlihan, near Burnley
- 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1594—Codewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Monmouthshire
- 1633—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Northampton, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
- 1776—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
- 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
- 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shorburn
- 2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
- 2050—St. Trinitius, Masonic Hall, Loca Parado, Douglas, Isle of Man
- R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Daricy-street, Bradford
- R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
- R.A. 496—Mount Edgecumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
- R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
- R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
- M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Saughfield

FRIDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 597—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (Inst.)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 834—Ruelagh, Six Bells, Hammer-smith. (Instruction)
- 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portland Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1278—Royal Standard, Alwyns Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1365—Clayton, White Hart, Lower Claydon, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- R.A. 890—Horsey, Porchester Hotel, Lothian Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
- R.A. 1439—Ezra, 90 Baileys Pond-road, N
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (Inst.)
- K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
- 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
- 375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
- 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hilliers Field.
- 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
- 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
- 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
- 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
- 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick
- 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-on-Medley
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1528—Port, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
- 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
- 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Elthwaite-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
- 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-street, Hull
- 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
- 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
- K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Brighton-on-De-Ly

SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
- 142—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, Loudon St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (Inst.)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Huddersfield, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
- 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
- 1466—Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
- 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

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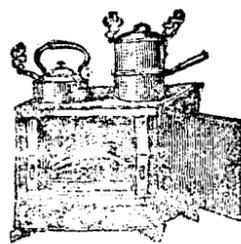
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