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A JUBILEE YEAR SUGGESTION.

WE have often heard it remarked by brethren when in complacent mood that "Masonry is a succession of pleasant surprises"—that, no matter how far we may have travelled along the "hidden path," there are constantly new scenes and fresh sources of enjoyment opening up to the diligent student of the Art. If this be true in respect of the fraternal sentiments that are engendered by frequently mingling with the members of our Brotherhood, it is none the less so when opportunities are afforded of exercising that virtue which is the "distinguishing characteristic of every Freemason's heart"—Charity. The Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign will undoubtedly reveal to us many new and special objects to which it will not only be appropriate, but beneficial, that we should direct our attention. It is quite clear, from the signs and symptoms everywhere around us, that this is to be a memorable year in the annals of the Masonic Craft, equally as it will be so from a national point of view. There is already a pleasant ruffle on the surface of the waters, premonitory of social and festive gatherings which will take place in every corner of the Queen's dominions on the auspicious anniversary of her coronation. The "leading spirits" of our Lodges are reasoning together as to the most befitting means of celebrating the Jubilee of the illustrious Patron of English Freemasonry, and committees are even thus early being formed for the purpose of framing and maturing the necessary arrangements. In no stratum of society will the patriotic pulse beat more heartily than in the body of the Ancient and Honourable Institution of which it is the pride and pleasure of so many thousands of our fellow-countrymen to profess and call themselves members; and it is no empty anticipation to predict that amongst the two thousand and odd Lodges that stand on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, to say nothing of Chapters and various other adjuncts to Freemasonry, there will not be one to stand isolated from the rest in making some demonstration of loyalty and rejoicing in connection with the glorious Jubilee. The circular issued by our Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, to which we last week alluded at some length, has proved a touchstone to every Lodge within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge; and although there may be divergencies of opinion on some minor matters of detail in the proposals which have been shadowed forth, yet upon the main scheme of the Jubilee commemoration there will be no disparity of view whatever.

Apart, however, from the general aspect of the subject, even so far as it affects our own particular Craft, there is a very apparent desire that something special shall be done to stamp the Jubilee era upon the annals of Freemasonry, and the suggestion to which it is our intention to refer in this article will commend itself to many of our readers as particularly appropriate. In a month from this time the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be upon us, and notwithstanding we have heard the wish reiterated frequently of late that Bro. Terry may have "a bumper" on that occasion, there are many clouds that darken the horizon of that hope. It is plainly evident that the number of deserving applicants for the benefit of that Institution is hugely in excess of the resources of the committee to deal with, and under ordinary circumstances it would be utterly hopeless to

imagine that one tithe of the cases—all of which we may presume are urgent—can be met. In connection with this condition of things, it occurs to us as strikingly opportune that the Jubilee of our widowed Queen should be made an occasion for a grand and special effort on behalf of a large number of other widows, who are appealing for sympathy and succour, and which under existing circumstances we are positively unable to give. We stand face to face with the unpleasant fact that although there are at present only two vacancies in the "Old People's List," there is a formidable array of seventy-eight poor and deserving widows knocking at our gates, and craving for that shelter and assistance to which virtually they are entitled. Now, presuming that in the ordinary course there may be six more vacancies—and that would be an outside calculation—even then we shall find that seventy of these widows must inevitably be left "out in the cold." Provided that by any stretch of our imagination the committee could see their way to place twenty additional widow candidates on the list—which is going to the most extreme limit of what they possibly could do—that would still leave fifty helpless and despairing. Considering, then, that this is the fiftieth year of the reign of our widowed Queen, is not this a particularly apt moment to enquire what can be done for those fifty other widows who, under any possible circumstances, must stand aside unless an almost superhuman effort be made to rescue them from indigence and misery? To place them all absolutely on the fund would entail an all-round expenditure of over three hundred pounds to each widow; and, giving an average of ten years, which is a low estimate, seeing that some of our "Old Folks" live on to eighty, and some, happily, to ninety years of age, it means the raising of a clear lump sum of fifteen thousand pounds.

Now, is it asking too much, considering the wealth that exists amongst the aggregate of the members of the Masonic Order, that a special fund of £15,000 should be created as a means of commemorating, in purely Masonic fashion, Her Majesty's triumphant Jubilee? We think not, and venture to believe that when the matter is thought out the idea will strike the great bulk of our brethren as extremely simple and practicable. In the first place, if we are to deal at all with these fifty poor old women it must be done "out and out," absolutely, and at once, by a special fund during the Jubilee year. And at the expiration of the ten years' average of life to which we have alluded, in case there should be aught remaining of this £15,000, the residue might go into the general coffers of the Institution, to be applied either to the increase of the widows' pensions, or to any other purpose which the committee might deem most suitable. Any other arrangement would only be of a "hand-to-mouth" character, for supposing twenty only were placed on the fund, the probability is that no fresh vacancies would occur for two or three years, and brethren who had candidates on whose behalf they were solicitous and working hard would argue that it was futile to continue subscribing to an institution whose doors were closed to the admission of any new cases.

As we have already pointed out, there are upwards of two thousand private Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, beside an almost innumerable list of Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Lodges of Instruction—the latter of which, by-the-bye, are no inconsiderable factor in the aggregate of Masonic Benevolence—and other degrees of Freemasonry. But, taking the private Lodges

alone, and setting aside for a moment all the rest, we will suppose that they each subscribe the small sum of seven pounds ten shillings beyond their normal contribution, and the grand result which we venture to lay before them is instantly achieved. It is a fair computation that these Lodges will average a minimum of forty subscribing members each; and it needs but little calculation to demonstrate that this Special Fund could be immediately raised, were every individual member of our Lodges to put his hand in his pocket and contribute a modest five shillings. Such a bagatelle would never be missed by even the humblest member of our Craft, and see what a glorious triumph would be attained—a result not only proudly beneficial to our youngest Charitable Institution but redounding infinitely more than anything that has been done in recent years to the credit of the Order. Failing this, or any other scheme which may develop itself between now and then—if, through the lowness of the subscriptions last year the Committee do not feel themselves capable of incurring any additional risk at all—then even a more modest proposal is open for adoption. There are in all 130 candidates for admission to the benefits of the Charity, that is reckoning both sexes; and supposing the idea be carried out that the Queen, being a widow and having reigned fifty years, therefore that fifty other widows were relieved, it might be urged that no provision whatever is made for the male candidates. But when we found that the supporters of the Widows' Special Fund came forward with their donations, the male fund, which has its particular share in the general contributions to the Charity, would unquestionably be benefited in a more modest, if not to a corresponding, degree. We deal with the widows especially at this time, on the principle that it is to commemorate the Jubilee of our beloved Queen, who is herself a widow. Then, failing the greater scheme which we have sketched above, we come back to the original calculation—that there are 130 candidates for admission, and out of these there will probably be from a dozen to twenty elected, leaving 110 still unprovided for. How would it be to present to the first fifty who secured the highest number of votes the sum of £10 absolutely as a Jubilee consolation gift? This would absorb £500; to the next twenty-five highest £7 10s each, involving the additional sum of £187 10s; and to the remainder of the applicants £5 each, or another £175. In round figures this would amount to a total contribution of £900, allowing a margin for small necessary expenses connected with the collection; and surely this sum, spread over the great body of our Fraternity, is not too much to ask.

We do not desire to say one word in reference to the debatable features of the circular which our Pro Grand Master has issued in relation to the Royal Jubilee, but when we consider that Masons everywhere are asked to subscribe their guinea towards a national memorial which, though emanating directly from our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and therefore engaging his warmest attention, is not essentially Masonic, there can be no inappropriateness in placing either of the suggestions above outlined before the Craft as deserving of special attention at this eventful period. The Grand "Commemoration Festival" might still be held, with its substantial result, for the benefit of the three Charities; but this special effort on behalf of the widows would raise a splendid tribute of "Devotion to the Craft," whilst no way infringing upon the other portion of our motto—"Loyalty to the Throne." The only other hint we throw out is, that Lodges having funds in hand may be induced to vote a grant of say five or ten guineas for this special effort, and then the general contribution would be made still lighter, and would be infinitesimally felt. On the principle that such examples invariably find imitators, it is only necessary for one to begin then others would emulate the idea and a substantial result could be recorded. We proffer these observations, as our Pro Grand Master did his now much-discussed circular, "confidentially," in the hope that our readers may regard it in the same spirit, and communicate their opinions on the subject to us at "their earliest convenience."

SEEING THE UNSEEN.

ANY fool can see that which stands out objectively and plainly before him, but it requires a wise man to see the unseen. All Freemasons should be wise men, and many

of them are. Their ability to draw aside the veil which separates between the appearance and the reality of things, to enter into the secret crypt and discover long lost truths, is proverbial. Freemasonry itself is a mental telescope, designed to assist the spiritual sight of the immortals who are its initiates. By its aid, under its instruction, they learn the sublimest truths of the here and the hereafter. They learn these truths symbolically, according to a system which is peculiar to itself. All of these truths are old, for there is nothing new in Masonry, but some of them are so old as to be regarded as out of date by the *profane*. Not so by Freemasons. Truth is always truth, and never becomes superannuated. The old truths constantly need to be made new to popular apprehension—as a thoughtful writer has forcibly phrased it, so as to become "truth out of truth, a thousand times reverified, self-illustrated, made self-luminous." This is what Freemasonry strives to do, to make real the old ideals, to so clothe the eternal verities as to render them tangible to the senses, visible to the eye of the mind, attractive to the imagination, so that the intellect may comprehend them, the heart feel them, and the whole physical and spiritual entity of man be made subject to their sway. Our Fraternity is a rendezvous for thinkers, a republic of initiates who have inherited Masonic light and knowledge, and who are willing, nay, anxious, discreetly to communicate it to those who seek it and are worthy.

We "let light into the nature of things." As the sun in the heavens, when it sheds its effulgent rays clothes the earth with a garment of light, so Freemasonry when it speaks to its initiates by sign and symbol makes clear to their understandings some world truths of priceless worth. By its aid they rise to new life, lift the veil, enter the crypt, and see the unseen. Happy the Brother who "marks, learns and inwardly digests" the rich mental food offered him by the Masonic Fraternity. Such a Brother is a true "son of Light;" in him is no darkness at all.

Is there any Brother that glances over these paragraphs who has eyes which have seen not, and ears which have heard not, the *secrets* of Freemasonry which are hidden in its symbols? Has he seen the objective, without apprehending the subjective? If so he has failed to see the unseen, failed to be a true Freemason. Each Masonic jewel, each implement of our Craft, each piece of furniture in the Lodge Room, each symbol, each official title, each Masonic ceremony, from the least to the greatest, is an object-lesson to craftsmen, a truth teacher. They point Godward, Masonward and selfward. They teach us our obligations to the Grand Architect of the Universe, our Maker; to our brethren, our equals; and to ourselves, of whom alone we need to be afraid. We should love our Maker, love our fellows, and fear only ourselves.

Could the world well dispense with this race of Masonic seers. We trow not. At all events, the world has never in all of the ages been without exemplars of the Fraternity which teaches its initiates to see the unseen.

How little do we actually see even of material things—how much we are compelled to take upon trust. We dwell upon a great habitable globe, only a speck of which is familiar to us. We live in a human period which includes some six thousand years, and yet a mere span of this time is known to us personally. We are compelled to see, if we see at all, the unseen in time and space through the eyes of history and biography, of chronology and geology. And then what is our tiny globe to the myriad hosts of heaven—the sun and moon, the stars and planets? And what is time to eternity, and earth to heaven? Do we not need to learn how to see the unseen? Should Freemasons not avail themselves of their manifold opportunities for grasping hidden truths, for learning Masonic verities, for comprehending the here and the hereafter? Does an honoured member of our Fraternity, rich in years and abundant in labours, with his work squarely done, pass from our sight through the portals of the grave—how we should realise, as we have never done before, the divine reality, the priceless value, of the great Masonic doctrine of the immortality of the soul! He has gone from the Lodge below to the Lodge above, from the presence of the Grand Master on earth into the presence of the Grand Master of the Universe. We shall follow him. His time measures our time; it may be, has exceeded it. We shall meet him, and shall meet each other, hereafter. Here we are taught by our Fraternity to see the unseen. If we have been diligent students of Masonry, have tasted the flavour of its kernel, and not merely toyed with its shell, have peered through the symbol and seen the truth typified, then we

shall not be surprised when the King of Terrors overtakes us, shall not fear to leave the Lodge below, shall thereafter boldly knock at the portals of the Lodge above, and having the true word and the true work, shall find an abundant entrance and a fraternal greeting in the Lodge above. Welcome the unseen here, apprehend it, comprehend and love it, as unfolded by Freemasonry, and you shall be welcomed by it hereafter, when time is past and eternity present, and the unseen shall have become the seen.—*Keystone.*

LATE HOURS AT MASONIC GATHERINGS.

FREEMASONRY calls the attention of every candidate to the importance of rightly dividing the passing hours, and appropriating them to proper uses. One portion of the day is allotted to work, another to the development of the moral nature and the services of benevolence, and still another part is devoted to refreshment and sleep. There should be a careful adjustment of these several sections that no one of them be infringed upon, and no demand of the moral, social, intellectual, or physical being be allowed to pass unheeded. Freemasonry is intended to build up the whole manhood. It recognises the various elements of human nature, and would provide for all, that so the result may be a healthy, hearty life—a full-formed, symmetrical and vigorous manhood.

To this end all excesses need to be avoided. It is not wise to crowd too much work, or too much play, into one occasion. It is not well to practice a ceremony to unseasonable length, or continue festivities beyond well approved limits. Weariness of the flesh and weariness of mind is sure to follow a tension long continued, even though the service to which attention is given may be every way pleasing and edifying. And then, possibly, there is a neglect somewhere; a want of sleep and rest, by which the body suffers and becomes enfeebled. All this ought to be guarded against so far as possible that Freemasonry may express itself most truly and accomplish its highest usefulness.

We are moved to this word of reminder by our knowledge of the fact that earnest, zealous brethren, having the direction of Masonic organisations, especially in cities, are quite likely to think it necessary to advance several candidates in one evening, besides providing for the transaction of business and giving an hour to the social features which on no account ought to be neglected. The hours of the evening quickly pass away in carrying out this varied programme, and it is midnight or later before brethren separate and depart homeward. It is needful, we are told, that these late hours should be kept, for otherwise the fulness of Masonic work could not be done and the organisation kept in an active, progressive condition. But is there this urgent need? Would it not be better to increase the number of meetings rather than crowd so much into one evening? In some cases might not the Lodge be convened at an early hour, and the work of testing candidates, &c., gone through with in the presence of the officers and a few brethren able to attend at such an hour without inconvenience, so that considerable time might be saved afterwards in the progress of the ceremony? And then it would be a great gain if promptness could always have rule, preventing waiting at the beginning, or delays during the rendering of the work. Our thought is that it would be altogether better if the work and business of every Masonic organisation could be so arranged as to close by 10 o'clock. Then there would be time for a brief social occasion, and brethren would still reach their homes at a seasonable hour. Two hours are ample for a Masonic ceremony if its full impressiveness is to be brought out. There is apt to be dullness and exhaustion if this limit is much over passed in ordinary Lodge work. Let the service be as elaborate as may be thought expedient, yet it can hardly be appreciated after more than two hours of earnest attention. The social occasion ought not to be abridged, but we hold it would be all the more enjoyed, as well as more generally participated in, if entered upon somewhat earlier than is the practice in many localities.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

THE TRIANGLE.

PERHAPS there is no symbol of Masonry more varied in its application than the triangle. It is more ancient and comprehensive than the cross. Among the Egyptians in the remotest time the right-angled triangle was the symbol of universal nature. The base represented Osiris, or the male principle, the perpendicular, Isis, or the female principle, and the hypotenuse, Horus, their son. Pythagoras brought it from Egypt into Greece, where he had learned its peculiar properties: that the sum of the squares of the two sides is equal to the square of the longest side. The figure has been adopted in the third degree of Masonry, and will be recognised as the forty-seventh problem of Euclid.

The equilateral triangle has long been used to represent the Great First Cause, the invincible Creator manifesting Himself in space and time in an infinite variety of forms. The Egyptians regarded it as the most perfect and beautiful of figures. It may be found scattered all over the Masonic system. In the Royal Arch it forms the figure within which the jewels of the Officers are suspended. It is the sacred delta of the ineffable degrees. It plays an important part in the ceremonies of Ancient Craft Masonry. The seats of the principal Officers are arranged in the shape of a triangle, the three lesser lights have the same shape, and the square and compass formed by their union on the greater light, two triangles.

The triple-triangle is familiar to the Knights Templar as the form of the jewel worn by the Prelate of the Order, and here more especially represents the mystery of the Trinity. In the Scottish Rite this form of the triangle is said to refer to the triple essence of Deity. The symbol is made more mystical by using it to represent the sacred number 81, each side of the three triangles being equivalent to 9, which is again the square of 3, the most sacred number in Freemasonry. In the twentieth degree, or that of "Grand Master of all Symbolical Lodges," it is said that the number 81 refers to the triple covenant of God seen by Solomon at the dedication of the Temple. Throughout the ineffable and philosophical degrees this symbol is more frequently used than in Ancient Craft Masonry. The radiated triangle in Masonry represents the eternal light of Divine Wisdom. It is most likely a waif of the sun-god of the old Sabian worship.—*Masonic Record.*

IS FREEMASONRY EXCLUSIVE?

UPON this question there may be a diversity of opinion. It is right that a father should guard carefully his own household. In this respect he should be strictly exclusive, for the reason that the members therein are nearer to him than all others, and the same rule holds good with societies, associations, clans, communities, or whatever the formation may be. A man must give his own kindred the preference. When a body of men are joined together by ties of the strongest nature; when these men worship at a shrine that is as extensive as the world itself, and whose motto is universality; we think that, after taking all things into consideration, such a body should be exclusive. When it comes to national affairs, matters of business, or anything outside of a fraternal nature, then Freemasonry should be non-exclusive, for every man should meet one another, in all his dealings, as a man. And when a brother violates the laws of the country, or those of society, then the fact of his being a Mason should not shield him from receiving the penalties that the violations inflict.

From our conception of Freemasonry, we should prefer our own as far as is consistent. We should act judiciously and discreetly, and the mere fact that a man is not a Mason should not deter us from bestowing toward him the good feeling, kindness and all the blessings of life that a good man has the right to expect and enjoy.—*Freemason's Journal.*

Bro. Will Carleton, the poet, author of "Over the Hill to the Poor House," and other popular poems, was made a Mason in Kane Lodge No. 454, New York City, as was also Bro. Fletcher Harper, of the famous book firm of Harper and Brothers.

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Wednesday, the 26th inst., has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Spring Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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MEDINA LODGE, No. 35.

THE installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Cowes, on Thursday, the 13th instant. There were present Bros. J. C. Airs P.M. D.C. W.M. pro tem, R. L. Robertson I.P.M., G. A. Mursell P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Sec., H. C. Damant S.W., F. Rutland J.W., J. Leftwich S.D., Albert E. Lee J.D., R. Cullingford I.G., H. H. Wheeler P.M. Reg., A. Barfield P.M. P.P.J.G.D., T. W. Faulkner P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treas., T. M. Taylor Steward, S. Young Tyler, R. Sullivan, T. Halliday, F. W. Dyett, W. H. Bartlett, S. S. Wheeler, A. Perry, Chas. Stock, Chas. Dewdney, Stanley W. R. Russell, J. Binfield Bird jun., F. Osborne, H. Barlow, W. Snelgrove, G. F. Werry, Oliver H. Caws, T. W. R. Edlind St. Nicholai Lodge, Sweden, George Brown 328 and 2169, John Stafford Bush 1037, John R. Dawson P.M. 35, Alfred Greenham W.M., and F. Raynor J.W. 1884, George R. King W.M., G. A. Brannon J.D. Albany, A. Shaw W.M. Sandown, H. J. Pain S.W., and G. J. Myers 1339, H. C. Sims I.G. 1461. Bro. S. Wheeler P.M., P.P.G.D. Albany, telegraphed felicitations, stating that he was detained on the mainland on account of the fog prevailing; and other Visitors were prevented from attending by the same cause. After the completion of the ordinary business of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master elect for the ensuing year, Bro. H. C. Damant S.W., was installed in the chair by Bro. Faulkner with all the accuracy of ceremonial and impressiveness of which he is so capable. The Worshipful Master then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year, the collars of the I.P.M. and Chaplain being taken pro tem by Bros. Airs and Barfield. —Bros. H. C. Manners Immediate Past Master, F. Rutland Senior Warden, J. Leftwich Junior Warden, T. W. Faulkner P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, Rev. P. G. U. Pickering P.M. P.P.G.C. Chap., G. A. Mursell P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, A. Barfield P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Charities Committee, A. E. Leo Senior Deacon, R. Cullingford Junior Deacon, T. Taylor Inner Guard, W. Snelgrove Org., S. W. R. Russell Director of Ceremonies, J. B. Bird Assistant Director of Ceremonies, G. Wherry Registrar, J. C. Airs P.M., H. H. Wheeler P.M. Stewards, S. Young Tyler. A Past Master's jewel had been voted by the Lodge to Bro. H. C. Manners for his services in the chair during the past year until called away from Cowes by his duty; but in his absence the presentation was deferred to the following Lodge night. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Mursell and Barfield for their labours during the past year as Secretary and member of the Charities Committee respectively. Donations to the Charity funds to the amount of about 60 guineas were announced, 20 guineas being on the list of Bro. Barfield, who is going up as Steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the remainder on that of Bro. Mursell, who will act as Steward for the Girls' School. Bros. Barfield and Stanley W. R. Russell, each contribute 10 guineas to the total. After the Lodge was closed an excellent banquet was served at Drover's Marine Hotel, when the following toasts were given: The Queen and the Craft, proposed by the W.M.; His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and Grand Officers present and past; the Right Worshipful Bro. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and I.W., and the Prov. Grand Officers present and past, proposed by Bro. Faulkner and responded to by Bros. Barfield P.P.J.G.D. and Mursell P.P.S.G.D.; the Worshipful Master Bro. H. C. Damant, proposed by Bro. Faulkner in a genial and highly complimentary manner, and responded to by Bro. Damant in a most happy and telling speech; the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Mursell and responded to by Bro. Barfield. The collection at the table in aid of the Charities amounted to £3. The I.P.M. Bro. H. C. Manners, and the Installing Master, Bro. Faulkner P.M. Treasurer P.P.G.J.W., proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bro. Faulkner; the Visiting Brethren, proposed by the W.M., who extended a hearty welcome to the subjects of the toast, responded to by Bros. G. R. King W.M. Albany, Pain, Myers, Sims, Rayner, and Edlind, who said his brethren in Sweden would be delighted to hear of the hospitable reception he had met with; the Secretary and Past Masters, proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bros. Mursell Sec., T. W. Faulkner, Airs, Haxthausen, Barfield, Wheeler, and Robertson; the Officers of the Lodge, proposed by the W.M. and responded to by all the Officers present; the Tyler's and other toasts followed. During the evening songs were contributed by Bros. Werry, Rutland, H. H. Wheeler, J. C. Airs, Myers, Lee, King, Cullingford and others. Mr. F. Rutland presided at the piano and played the accompaniments with great skill and taste.

ALBANY LODGE, No. 151.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 10th instant, when there was a large attendance of members and Visitors. Among those present were Bros. J. G. Garnham W.M., G. R. King S.W., Dr. Arthur Price J.W., W. Way Buckell I.P.M., J. H. Wavell S.D., Alfred Milledge J.D., D. S. Pring Treasurer P.G.D.C., T. Kentfield jun. P.M. Secretary, G. A. Brannon I.G., Dr. M. L. B. Coombs and W. F. Beach Stewards, J. G. Jones Organist; P.M.'s C. E. Lock, S. Wheeler, George King, Francis Cooper, I. Golden, George Wyatt P.P.S.G.W., C. T. Allé; C. E. Pincock, George Knight, A. G. Calow, W. H. Towers, A. Hyams, I. J. Hyams, C. Good, Horace Groves, Colonel Astley Terry P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, F. W. B. Waterworth, H. Blackwell, H. W. Horan, George Duke Richardson, Dr. Foster Nicholls, McGrotty, W. H. Clack D.C. 551, Alfred Greenham W.M. and F. Rayner J.W. 1884, A. Shaw W.M. and H. Izod I.G. 1869, J. W. Evens P.P.G. Registrar Somerset P.P.G.S.D. Bristol, W. Lime, R. Fairlee, J. Woodford, George Green, Robert Roche, and C. Dwaine 234 I.C.,

Colonel C. P. Cramer, Quartermaster T. M. Riley and J. W. Dwaine 234 I.C., Major Montagu, C. B. F. Walker 1722 Punjaub, B. Spittle 215, R. L. Robertson I.P.M. 35, W.M. 2169, J. C. Airs P.M. D.C. 85 I.P.M. 2169; H. C. Damant S.W. W.M. elect, F. Rutland J.W., G. A. Mursell P.M. P.P.G.S.D., and T. M. Taylor 35; Henry Durrant W.M. and Charles Carter J.W. and W.M. elect 165, W. T. Wakeham, R. Cullingford I.G. 35. The preliminary business of the Lodge included the second and third ceremonies, and the balloting for thirteen military joining brethren, all of whom were elected. This having been disposed of, the Wardens' chairs were taken by Bros. Allé P.M. and Pring P.M., and Bro. Kentfield, after taking the Master's chair, proceeded to instal Bro. G. R. King S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the whole ceremony being most efficiently and impressively conducted. On behalf of the Lodge the newly-installed W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. G. Garnham, at the same time paying him a high compliment for the admirable and courteous manner in which the Master's duties had been discharged during the past year. The following is the complete list of Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. R. King W.M., J. G. Garnham I.P.M., A. Price S.W., J. H. Wavell J.W., Rev. E. W. Watts, M.A., P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, D. S. Pring P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, G. Wyatt P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Registrar, T. Kentfield jun. P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, R. B. Cheverton P.M. P.P.G.P. Director of Ceremonies, A. Milledge S.D., G. A. Brannon J.D., J. G. Jones P.P.G.O. Organist, M. L. B. Coombs I.G., W. F. Beach and H. Groves Stewards, C. Knell Tyler. After the Lodge had closed a number of the members sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Wavell in the building known as the Albany, in Holyrood-street, where they were joined by Bros. Ellis, Wakeham, Mursell, Damant, and other Visitors. The large room had been entirely renovated and carpeted, and with some appropriate decorations presented a most cheerful appearance. The toasts of the Queen and Craft, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, were appropriately introduced by the Worshipful Master Bro. G. R. King, who occupied the chair, and were warmly received. Brother Golden proposed the Masonic Charities in suitable terms, saying there was a warm place in the heart of all Masons for their three great Charitable Institutions. Bro. Wyatt responded, and said he sincerely hoped that during this Jubilee year, when their own Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., was to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, there would be a special effort made to do honour to his office, by largely increased contributions from the Lodges in his Province. The collection at the table, here made as usual on the occurrence of this toast, realised £5 5s. Bro. C. E. Lock proposed the M.W. the Pro Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W.D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers and Past Officers of Grand Lodge; the R.W. the P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Officers and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Lock said his toast was a speech in itself, and he should therefore do little more than express his admiration at the excellent manner in which their high officers did their work. Bro. Wyatt P.P.G.S.W., in the course of his speech in acknowledgment of the toast, gave some interesting reminiscences of the earlier Provincial Officers within his recollection. Bro. Wheeler P.P.G.D. also responded. He said he had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Beach for some time, and he never failed to be impressed with the admirable way in which the Provincial Grand Master did his work. Bro. Le Feuvre had carried out the arduous duties of Provincial Grand Secretary for many years in a most efficient manner. He well deserved the promotion to the rank of Deputy Provincial Grand Master which he had gained, and every brother in the province rejoiced at his preferment. Bros. Kentfield P.P.G.O. and Jones P.P.G.O. also acknowledged the toast. The Worshipful Master, Bro. G. R. King, was proposed in cordial terms by the I.P.M., Bro. Garnham, who spoke of the great pleasure with which he had worked with Bro. King for the last four or five years as an Officer of the Lodge. The brethren had bestowed well-merited honour when they had elected Bro. King to the highest office in the Lodge, and he heartily wished him all happiness during his year in the chair. Bro. King acknowledged the toast in feeling terms, saying he should endeavour to emulate the way in which his predecessor, Bro. Garnham, had discharged his duties, and he earnestly trusted that the interests of the Lodge would not suffer in his hands. He had many excellent examples before him, and he should try to follow them. Bro. Buckell submitted the toast of the immediate Past Master, Bro. J. G. Garnham, in a warmly congratulatory speech, paying a special tribute to the courtesy and efficiency with which Bro. Garnham had carried out his duties during the year. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Garnham in an appropriate manner. The Visiting Brethren, proposed by Bro. Wheeler in a felicitous speech, was acknowledged by Bros. Evens and Wakeham. The services of the Installing Master next received appropriate recognition, and the compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Kentfield. In proposing the Past Masters, Bro. Price said the Albany Lodge was particularly fortunate in its Past Masters, who did not lose interest in the affairs of the Lodge when they had passed the chair, but continued to do their best to keep their juniors up to their work. He himself looked forward to the attainment of this rank, which seemed to confer a most desirable sense of repose, of dignity, and of self-satisfaction. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Lock. The Treasurer and Secretary was introduced by Bro. Dr. Coombs, who said the holding of these two offices entailed a great deal of work, and the Lodge was particularly fortunate in having two brethren in those offices who carried out the duties so admirably as did Bro. Pring and Bro. Kentfield. In their respective positions they had succeeded two brethren, Bro. Allé and Bro. Wyatt, who had perhaps done more for Masonry in Newport than any one else. In their time the minute and account books had gained special commendation in Provincial Grand Lodge, and he was well aware that these books were kept in an equally efficient manner by the present holders of the offices. The Officers of the Lodge was submitted in complimentary terms by Brother Dr.

Foster, who said the testimony of independent visitors was a satisfactory tribute to the excellent manner in which the Officers carried out their duties. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Price S.W. and Wavell J.W., who each responded. The Tyler's toast, the Host and Hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Wavell), and other toasts followed. During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Jones, A. Hyams, Nicholls, McGrotty, Golden, Wheeler, and others.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

SPLENDID and interesting as have been many of the gatherings lately in connection with this popular old Lodge the réunion of Friday evening last must be regarded as decidedly one of the most successful and exhilarating. Those who were present at the Centenary Festival at the Criterion last year will remember the éclat with which Bro. Harry Nelson Price entered upon his term of office, and the numerous assemblage of members and visitors who clustered around him on Friday last at Anderton's Hotel, had the gratification of hearing the emphatic "well done" expressed in acknowledgment of services faithfully discharged and of duty ably done. There were many features of interest to render this gathering more than ordinarily important, for in addition to Bro. Price setting the laudable example of a Worshipful Master installing his successor—the crowning point of the masterly conduct of the proceedings of the year—there were many pleasing incidents in the course of the evening, relating to the Centenary year just closed, the Royal Jubilee that is approaching, and last, though by no means the least, a most substantial and valuable recognition by the brethren of the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Harry Nelson Price during his memorable and distinguished year of office. A spirit of robust vigour in work, and abundant, not to say lavish, hospitality to follow pervaded the entire assembly, which must certainly be set down as one of the most thoroughly enjoyable in the annals of a Lodge which proudly boasts of a continuous and uninterrupted career of upwards of 100 years. The brethren assembled soon after three o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, who was supported by a goodly muster of the members, and amongst the galaxy of Visitors, eighty-four in number, the purple and gold of distinguished Masonic rank were in profuse display upon the dais. Ample and perfect arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the numerous party were made by Bro. F. Clemow, the proprietor of this famous old City hotel and favourite trysting-place of Masons, and although there were no fewer than half-a-dozen important meetings and dinners in progress during the same evening, every matter of detail was so admirably carried out that not a single hitch occurred to mar the pleasures of the event. Amongst those present during the evening were:—Bros. H. Price W.M., A. Simner S.W., H. J. Chapman J.W., G. Everett Treasurer, H. Salmon I.G., C. Riechelmann Organist, T. Morris Secretary, J. E. Spurrell D.C., R. Hervey S.D., J. Billingham S.W., R. Pierpoint I.P.M., P.M.'s W. J. Ferguson, J. G. Walford, W. M. Funston, E. White, I. Buscall, W. Herbage, A. Bowman Spink. Visitors—Bros. E. Bowyer Past Grand Standard Bearer, J. M. Hodder P.M. 217, C. Cruickshanks P.M. and Secretary 1777, G. H. Finch W.M. 2005, J. T. Hume S.D. 141, J. Pain P.M. 1339, E. Storr P.M. 167, J. Hill W.M. 1658, J. D. Smith P.M. 1658, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, W. W. Westley J.W. 186, J. Oldis I.P.M. 1288, W. A. Scurrah P.G. Superintendent of Works Middlesex P.M. 2047, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., B. Jenner P.M. 1406 P.S.G.W., H. Stunt W.M. 1641, H. Stiles P.M. 1507, P. Allen S.W. 1056, N. Turner P.M. 72, S. Ayres P.M. 742, A. Holmes P.M. 548, W. H. Boys P.M. 1658, R. J. Taylor P.M. 141, W. W. Lee 1897, J. T. Salmon W.M. 919, H. Dickey S.W. 1744, H. Potter W.M. 1347, J. Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution P.M. 228, W. Williams J.W. 2005, E. Lowther P.M. 1307, J. E. Shand P.M. Westminster, W. W. Morgan jun., &c. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the previous meeting and the auditors' report were duly confirmed. Advancing to the second degree, Bro. V. Merillo was passed, and subsequently Bros. W. F. Turner, F. B. Hallatt, and I. J. C. Alger were raised to the sublime degree. All these ceremonies were rendered in perfect manner, eliciting unanimous expressions of congratulation from all the brethren present. Brother Abel Simner S.W. was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and having formally assented to the usual interrogatories on accepting the responsibilities of the chair, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Brother Harry Nelson Price in faultless manner, and on the readmission of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed and saluted with full Masonic honours. In presenting the Worshipful Master with the warrant of the Lodge, the Installing Master laid stress upon the fact that the document had been in possession of preceding Masters for "upwards of 100 years." Bro. Simner then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, addressing to each a few appropriate remarks relative to his respective duties. The collars were thus bestowed:—Brothers Harry Nelson Price I.P.M., Chapman S.W., Harvey J.W., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, Salmon S.D., Spurrell J.D., J. Billingham I.G., Goodfellow D.C., Hewetson W.S., and Walkley Tyler. The ancient charges to Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered with considerable elocutionary effect by the Installing Master, and the whole ceremony, directed by Brother Ferguson P.M., the musical portions being led by Bro. Riechelmann, on the organ, was carried out in the most impressive and perfect manner. Brother Ferguson P.M. then stepped forward and said an important duty had been entrusted to him, and he had undertaken it with a considerable amount of pleasure. This year was a very important one in the history of the Domatic Lodge, for it was not every Lodge that had arrived at its 100th year of active work. This Lodge had the proud distinction of having passed through 100 consecutive years of continuous work; and Bro. Harry Nelson Price was a fortunate man to have held the position of Worshipful Master during

the auspicious year in which the Centenary of the Domatic Lodge was celebrated. Bro. Price went into office at an opportune time, and had discharged the duties of that office right well; so much so that it occurred to the minds of many of the brethren that the year should not be allowed to pass by without some lasting memento of so important an event. They thought they would like to mark it in a particular way, by presenting their retiring Worshipful Master with some memento of the great occasion that was celebrated during his tenure of office. It had, therefore, fallen to his (the speaker's) lot to present to their worthy Immediate Past Master a token of the good fellowship and kindly feeling which the members of the Domatic Lodge entertained towards him, and he begged Bro. Price's acceptance of a gold watch and chain, which had been gladly subscribed for by the brethren, and which he hoped their esteemed brother might live long to wear, with the most agreeable recollections of the affectionate regard in which he was held by every member of the Lodge. Amidst hearty and spontaneous applause the testimonial was handed to Bro. Price. It consisted of a valuable and handsome gold watch and chain, enclosed in morocco case, the inscription on the plate being as follows:—

Presented to
BRO. HARRY PRICE,
To mark the close of the first centenary of
THE DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177,
As a memento of the uniform courtesy and kindness which has
characterised him as Worshipful Master during his
successful year of office—1886-7.

Brother Ferguson continued: Brother Price, I have very great pleasure in presenting you with this memento, the spontaneous tribute of respect and esteem from members of the Domatic Lodge. As you look upon it, and I trust you may be able to do so for many years to come, you will be reminded of the pleasant and successful year of office which you have just completed. You will think also of the kind feelings which you must have aroused amongst the brethren when they have taken this voluntary form, without any trouble on our part. I trust you will have the happiness of wearing that watch and chain for many years to come, and that health and strength may be vouchsafed to you. Whilst the gift marks the kindly feeling of the Domatic Lodge, it will also remind you that you owe something to the kindly feeling of the Lodge, and that therefore you should not allow the prosperity or happiness of the Domatic Lodge to want a helping hand from you. When in the course of time that watch and chain shall be transferred to some of the younger generation, it will still mark the kind feeling which the members of the Domatic Lodge entertained towards you as their Worshipful Master. Bro. Ferguson's address was received with prolonged applause, and the Worshipful Master briefly thanked the brethren for the spontaneous way in which they had come forward to assist in providing this testimonial. He assured Bro. Price it was entirely a free-will offering, and it was their sincere wish that when he looked at that watch he might have pleasant reminiscences of Freemasonry in general, and of those events which should bind him closer and closer to the Domatic Lodge in particular. Bro. Harry Nelson Price, who was received with something like an ovation on rising to respond, said he could scarcely find words adequately to express his thanks for the very great kindness which the members of the Domatic Lodge had evinced towards him that day. It had been a very important year in the history of the Lodge, and he acknowledged with gratitude that he had been well supported by every member of it in the discharge of his duties. He asked them to believe him when he said he really could not express how heartily he thanked them for this kind mark of their consideration. He should never for a moment forget the happy year he had just passed; yet at the same time, when in their thoughtfulness and considerate kindness they presented him with such a handsome testimonial, he thought he scarcely deserved it. If he had given them satisfaction he considered he had simply done his duty, and should have taken their approval as his adequate reward. However, they had been kind enough to present him with this handsome and valuable gift; believe him it would cement his feelings with this Lodge, and if he could be of any use to it, he only begged them to command his services. He trusted that as long as he lived he should continue a member of the Lodge, and that at the end of his time, when he should be called away from this world, he might leave it with the same good feelings as now subsisted amongst every member of the good old Domatic Lodge. He resumed his seat amidst renewed applause. Considerable time was then occupied in discussing the circular recently issued by the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, in respect of the approaching Royal Jubilee (fully described in our leading columns last week), and the subject was ultimately deferred to the next meeting of the Lodge. On the motion of Bro. George Everett P.M. Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Spink P.M., the sum of 25 guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge towards Bro. Simner's list, as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Worshipful Master threw out as a suggestion that as this was the first year of the new centenary of this Lodge, he should like to take up 200 guineas. If the brethren would supply between them 100 guineas, he would undertake the responsibility upon himself of making up the amount named. Bro. Ferguson P.M. gave notice of a motion for the next meeting that a committee be formed to consider in what way the Domatic Lodge would be affected by the Jubilee of Her Majesty's accession to the Throne, and what entertainment should be arranged to celebrate that auspicious event. On the motion of Bro. White P.M. a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master (Bro. Harry Nelson Price) and recorded on the minutes, for the able way in which he had discharged his important duties during his year of office. He (the speaker) was greatly pleased at the way in which the installation ceremony was performed, and the same sentiment would be shared by every one of the brethren present. Bro. Ferguson P.M. seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation; and Bro. Price having acknowledged the compliment paid to him, the Lodge was duly closed after

the customary interchange of fraternal greetings. The brethren then adjourned for the banquet, which was laid out in the most elaborate style in the Throne-room; the saloon presented an unusually brilliant appearance, the walls being literally covered with flags and trophies, while strings of bannetons were suspended from the ceiling and supporting pillars. A sumptuous menu was provided by Bro. F. H. Clemow, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the numerous company elicited unbounded expressions of satisfaction. Before proceeding with the toasts an artistic programme and book of words, together with an excellent portrait of the Worshipful Master, were distributed amongst the guests. During the evening a choice selection of music was rendered by Madame Riechelman, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Mr. Dyved Lewys, and Mr. Stanley Owens; Bro. Riechelman presiding ably at the pianoforte. The Worshipful Master, in graceful terms, proposed the loyal toasts, in doing which he characterised the Jubilee year as a theme for such an epic as had never yet been written, and no poet could treat it commensurate with its greatness. The toast Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft was most enthusiastically received. The Grand Officers were represented by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., in the absence of Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Stand. Bear., who had been obliged to leave early; and Bro. H. N. Price I.P.M. then proposed in felicitous terms the health of the Worshipful Master. They all well knew his good heartedness, kindness, and thorough application to, and love of, Masonry. They had seen him this evening initiate an old and esteemed friend of his own (the speaker's), and he was sure, from the careful manner in which he had performed that ceremony, it augured well for a grand and happy year, so far as the working of the Lodge was concerned. They would find him one of the happiest and best of brethren, and when he retired from the chair he would do so with the love, esteem, and affection of every brother of the Lodge. The toast was received with every demonstration of welcome, and Bro. Simner, on rising to respond, was greeted with the utmost enthusiasm. After acknowledging the kindly expressions made towards him, both in and out of the Lodge, he said it had always been his endeavour to improve the tone of Masonry, and in this aim he should persevere as long as he lived. He trusted his Officers would give him the same amount of support as they had done his predecessor, and perhaps at the end of his year he might be able to give as much satisfaction as their worthy I.P.M. had prophesied. He was going up as a Steward to the Girls' Festival, and if the brethren had any guineas to spare he should be pleased to add them to his list. He did not intend to press them now, but at the next meeting he should send his list round. He wished to make up that list to 200 guineas, and was prepared to take half that responsibility on his own shoulders if the brethren would make up the rest. This was the first year of their new Centenary, and also the Jubilee year of the Queen, and he wished them to show they appreciated the importance of the event. Their I.P.M. was very proud of having been W.M. during the Centenary year of the history of the Lodge, but he had the proud privilege of being W.M. in the Jubilee year, which he considered far better, for the Jubilee Festival of a Sovereign was a less frequent occurrence, and would be a season of joy and rejoicing all round. He again thanked them for the great cordiality with which the toast had been received. The W.M. then proposed the Initiate, whom he welcomed with Shakspeare's greeting—"Our hearts of brother's temper do receive you in with all kind love, good thought and reverence." Brother McPherson having replied, the Visitors were welcomed by the Worshipful Master, and appropriate responses were made by Bros. J. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., Edwin Storr P.M. 167, J. Hill W.M. 1658, and E. Lowther P.M. 1307. In giving the I.P.M. and Installing Master the W.M. said it had long been a custom in this Lodge for the outgoing Master to instal his successor, and Bro. Price had been no exception to the rule. The manner in which he performed the ceremony was an intellectual treat, and those who were present in the Lodge had an opportunity of seeing what the brethren thought of him. After some further words of eulogy he presented to Bro. Price a handsome P.M.'s jewel, bearing inscription similar to that on the watch. This made the third presentation Bro. Price had received during the Centenary year, which was a memorable one to him and to the Lodge. And he hoped he might live many years to enjoy their love and admiration. Bro. Price acknowledged the gift in suitable words. Other toasts followed, including the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge. The proceedings throughout were characterised with the utmost harmony and good feeling.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221.

THE annual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Present: Bros. Charles Crompton W.M., P. Bradburn I.P.M., James Walker S.W., W. H. Chambers J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treas., J. W. Draycott Secretary, W. Siddorn S.D., R. Cuerden J.D., J. W. Taylor P.G.S.D. Director of Ceremonies, W. Forrest I.G., E. Halliwell and J. F. Elliston Stewards, J. R. Haslam Organist, Thomas Higson Tyler. Bros. T. Morris, J. Boothroyd, E. Melrose, J. M. Rutter, Sterling, Critchley, Margerison, Sutcliffe, Stevenson, Radcliffe, Truman, Bentley, Entwistle, E. Howarth, Brown and F. Jackson. Visitors: W. P. Brockbank 37, Nightingale W.M. 146, Mantell I.G. 348, W. Lory 1509, N. William 269, A. Cosgrave W.M. 1723, W. Chadwick W.M. 348, J. W. Abbott Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. Hardcastle Provincial Deputy Director of Ceremonies, J. Barrett P.M. 1723, W. Hughes P.M. 721, J. Yates 548, W. Peers 721, J. Seddon 381, H. M. Staveley 1723. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge proceeded to the 2nd degree, when Bro. James Walker S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the W.M. and obligated, as regards the government of the Lodge. The Lodge was then opened in the 3rd degree, and a Board of Installed Masters formed. Bro. Walker

was solemnly obligated, installed, and proclaimed in ancient form as W.M. for the ensuing year, the Installing Officer Bro. Crompton discharging his duty with remarkable ability and accuracy. The following were invested as Officers, the brethren being instructed and addressed as to the nature of their several duties by Brother Boothroyd P.M.:—Brothers W. F. Chambers S.W., W. Siddorn J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treas., J. W. Draycott Sec., R. Cuerden S.D. W. Forrest J.D., J. W. Taylor Dir. of Cers., J. R. Haslam Org., Edwin Halliwell I.G., J. F. Elliston and W. H. Brown Stewards. The final addresses to the W.M., Officers, and Brethren were delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.G. Standard Bearer of England, and senior member of the Lodge. The proclamations of the Installation of the Worshipful Master were ably rendered by the veteran Director of Ceremonies, who excelled himself on this occasion. Brother Brockbank presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a Charity medal of the Order to Bro. James Walker W.M., he having served as Steward at two Festivals, and qualified himself as a Life Governor to two of the Charities. A Past Master's jewel—specially designed and furnished by Bro. Lamb, of Clerkenwell, London—was presented to the retiring Master, who was highly complimented on the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office for the past year. The sum of five guineas was voted in aid of the fund for presenting a portrait from the East Lancashire Lodges to their esteemed Prov. G. Master, Col. Starkie P.G.W. Bro. Peter Bradburn P.M. presented an elegant purse for collecting the alms of the brethren, and the same was forthwith put into active service. A sum of £3 17s 6d was the result; this was handed to the Secretary. A gentleman was proposed for initiation; after which a portion of the ancient rules and charges was read, and hearty good wishes tendered from the Visitors. Lodge closed at six o'clock, in peace and harmony, and the brethren forthwith adjourned to banquet. The Lodge-room was most elegantly and tastefully decorated with the banners of R.A. Chapter 221, and from forty to fifty private banners of the members of this and other Lodges of the town, who kindly lent them. The work of arrangement was confided to the willing hands of Bros. Boothroyd, Bradburn and Radcliffe. This Lodge has given about eighteen Charity medals to brethren who have served as Stewards and qualified as Life Governors within the last fifteen years. The retiring Worshipful Master last year served as Steward for the Boys' School and qualified as a Life Governor; he collected in small sums £10 10s, this he paid in name of the Lodge to the same Charity; we trust he will be enabled to make up another Stewardship before long, and that he may be numbered amongst the brethren who wear the honourable badge of Charity.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 357.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Monday afternoon, the 17th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Southampton, when Sheriff E. Brown was duly installed W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Brother Aldis P.M. The newly-made Master then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Brother G. Aldis I.P.M., Brother Dasantoy S.W., Brother A. J. Blackman J.W., Brother Jenvy S.D., Brother A. J. Baker J.D., Brother Dacombe I.G., Brother Hardie Organist. There were over 28 Past Masters present, and after the Lodge had been closed about 70 of the brethren sat down to a banquet, prepared by Brother T. Dartnall.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THERE was a goodly muster of the members of this Lodge on Wednesday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. G. W. Knight W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. C. Edmonds S.W., T. Dimsdale J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., F. J. Perks P.M. Sec., W. F. Bates J.D., R. C. Fraser I.G., J. Bruton A.D.C., R. Alaway A.W.S., J. F. Saunders Org., Past Masters Bros. C. J. Scales, W. M. Stiles, Henry Stiles, J. J. Michael, &c., with Bro. Richard Whiting Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. Powdrell, R. Ross, W. H. Ross, and A. Dickey 1744, J. A. Ames 390, W. D. Palmer and R. Bott 1949, G. Dickinson 1681, E. G. Cherry 861, and J. Edmunds 279. Lodge was opened soon after five o'clock with the customary formalities, and advanced to the third, when Bro. Henry Wells was raised to the sublime degree. Resuming in the second, Bros. David Trongi, Celeste Pezzati, Edwin Elton Hawkins, and Stanley Saxby were duly entrusted, and passed. The ballot was then opened for Mr. John George Evans, assistant manager of Anderton's Hotel, proposed by Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M., and seconded by Bro. C. J. Scales P.M.; Mr. George Davey, proposed by Bro. Cherry, and seconded by Bro. Jagers; and Mr. Carlo Meschini and Mr. Constantino Martignini, both of the Café Monico, Tichborne-street, W. The latter were proposed by Bro. J. V. Baggi, and seconded by Bro. Churchill. All were unanimously accepted, and the candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the ceremonies being performed in a very commendable manner. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Brother F. H. Clemow, the arrangements being admirably carried out under the personal superintendence of Brother Smith. At the conclusion of a well-served dinner the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the Worshipful Master alluding in suitable terms to the approaching Jubilee of her Majesty's reign, and the suggested Masonic commemoration of that auspicious event. The Immediate Past Master in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, spoke in felicitous terms of the able manner in which Brother Knight discharged the duties of his office, keeping the brethren well together, and sustaining harmony and good feeling in the Lodge. Referring to the Charities, he reminded the brethren that Brother Willing, their esteemed Treasurer, was going up as a Steward to the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he should very much like to see a list

in his hands of not less than 100 guineas, in addition to the 25 guineas voted from the funds of the Lodge. The Institution was deserving of every support, and there were many poor old men and women knocking at the gates, longing to participate in the benefits of the Home at Croydon. To relieve these poor old people was the duty of the Freemasons of England, and he sincerely trusted that for the coming Festival Brother Terry would have a "bumper." He should like to celebrate the Jubilee Year by sending up such a list as had never before been equalled in the Metropolitan Lodge, and concluded by again alluding to the satisfactory way in which Brother Knight fulfilled the duties of the chair. The W.M. briefly acknowledged the toast, and in the course of his remarks said he thanked them for the support he had received from the brethren generally in the position he was proud to occupy. His rise to that position showed what could be done by constant perseverance, and he thanked Bros. W. M. and Henry Stiles, and also their excellent Treasurer, Brother James Willing jun., for introducing him into the Lodge. He hoped he might live many years to be a member of it, and to see the brethren whom he had just had the pleasure of initiating rise to the position he now enjoyed. He then proposed the Past Masters, and in doing so expressed his acknowledgment of the valuable assistance and counsel he had received from them individually and collectively. The Immediate Past Master, in returning thanks, spoke of the excellent way in which the affairs of the Lodge were carried on under the presidency of Brother Knight, who had told them he was initiated into this Lodge, eleven years ago, by Brother Clark. He had the pleasure of meeting that brother on the preceding day, and he asked him to express his regret that another engagement would prevent him from being present this evening. He trusted the Lodge might continue to prosper, and felt sure that all the Past Masters would do what they could to promote its welfare. Brother Willing, in the course of his response, expressed the hope that the contribution from this Lodge would exceed the 100 guineas which had been mentioned; and this wish was cordially endorsed by Brother W. M. Stiles, who said the Past Masters had the best interests of the Lodge thoroughly at heart. Brother Henry Stiles, in his remarks, thanked the brethren for the kindly letter they sent him during his recent illness, and said it was the most comforting of all the letters he received at that time. He was thankful and proud to be amongst them again, and hoped the day might be far distant when the chain which bound him to the Metropolitan Lodge would be severed. Bro. Michael also responded in suitable terms. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, the former of whom was the father of the Lodge, and was always willing to come amongst them and assist in promoting the interests of members. The same remarks applied to their excellent Secretary, Bro. Perks; by the aid of those able Officers there had never been any trouble whatever in carrying on the business or pleasure of the Lodge. The toast was appropriately acknowledged, and the Worshipful Master then gave the health of the Initiates, one of whom was the assistant manager of Anderton's Hotel (Bro. J. G. Evans), who thoroughly intended looking after the interests of the Metropolitan Lodge. They might rest assured that nothing would be wanting in that respect at the hands of Bro. Evans; and that in the future the management of this old-established hotel, in which so many Masonic gatherings were held, would be as excellent and praiseworthy as it had ever been in previous years. He was proud and pleased to welcome the Initiates, all of whom he hoped would become apt students of the Masonic art and worthy members of the Metropolitan Lodge. Bro. J. G. Evans thanked the Worshipful Master for the kindly terms in which he had proposed the toast, and promised he would do his best to promote the interests of the Lodge to which he had now the honour of being attached. The Worshipful Master had spoken some very encouraging words to the initiates who, he hoped, would each strive to attain to positions in the Craft. Bros. Meschini and Davey also briefly replied, thanking the Lodge for having admitted them as members of the Ancient and Honourable Institution. The Worshipful Master then extended a cordial welcome to the Visitors, on whose behalf acknowledgments were made by the several representatives of the sister Lodges present; and the services of the Officers of the Lodge having been recognised by the Worshipful Master, and responses made by the Senior and Junior Wardens, the list was closed in fitting manner by the Tyler. At intervals, some excellent songs were rendered, Bro. Saunders presiding at the piano-forte, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—

The weekly meeting of this successful Lodge of Instruction was held at the St. Andrew, George-street, Baker-street, W., on Friday, the 14th inst., at 8 p.m. Bros. Grassi W.M. elect New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, W.M., F. W. Spurgin S.W., C. Wetzbar J.W., G. Coop Preceptor and Treasurer, F. Smith Secretary, R. Carsons S.D., J. Schew J.D., Langley I.G.; also Bros. C. Dairy, Dusterwold, C. Bellerby, Blumenstein, W. Woodruff, Prendergast, Artand, Fromholz, Klein, Von Joel, Halliday, and others. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Cursons candidate. The Worshipful Master now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Dusterwold, when the ceremony of the third degree was beautifully rehearsed, Bro. Dairy being candidate. Bro. Coop announced that two, and probably three ballots, would be drawn on the following Lodge night, 21st instant. This is the second Association working in connection with this Lodge of Instruction; the first (nearly completed) will have caused upwards of 250 guineas to be paid into the funds of the three Masonic Institutions. It is fully expected that the second Association will be equally successful, there being already twenty-five members. Bro. Spurgin J.W. 1305 was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Coop informed the brethren that he had been invited to rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday, 8th February, in the Queen's (Westminster) and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly. On this occasion would be presented the

Auditors' report for the past year, and Officers elected for the year ensuing. Several brethren intimated their intention to attend. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to Bro. Grassi, this being the first time he had occupied the chair in this Lodge. Nothing further offering, Lodge was duly closed.

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THE ROYAL JUBILEE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since reading your very able and sensible article on this subject, in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, I have had the privilege of attending three or four Lodge meetings at which our Pro Grand Master's circular has been considered; and on canvassing the opinions of many of the brethren found them very nearly in accord with those expressed in your editorial columns. But, inasmuch as you invite correspondence on a proposal which is now engrossing so much attention in the Craft, I may be permitted to say that a very general feeling seems to be that the Jubilee in which all Englishmen naturally take such a patriotic interest should be decidedly marked by a great and representative gathering of the Masonic body, such as is suggested by the Earl of Carnarvon. On that point most of the brethren with whom I have conversed appear to be unanimous, the great recommendation of such an assembly as that which would undoubtedly fill the Albert Hall or "Olympia"—or both—being that a splendid addition would be made to the funds of our three Benevolent Institutions, each of which would be thus strengthened in its sphere of usefulness. The main questions in dispute, if indeed the discussions that have taken place on the subject admit of such a term, are as to the amount of the admission fee suggested, the manufacture of a Jubilee jewel, and the proposed contribution on the part of individual members of the Imperial Institute.

Now, there are no doubt many Masons who would be glad to meet the views of our worthy Pro Grand Master in each and all of these respects; but it must be borne in mind that all Freemasons are not affluent, and that in our Lodges there are a vast number to whom, in these "bad times," every guinea is a consideration. These brethren doubtless, rather than "look small," or appear to a disadvantage by the side of those to whom money is less an object, would strain a point to keep pace with the rest; but in a great many cases that effort would amount to a tax, pressing rather severely upon a not overburdened pocket.

So far as the great "Commemoration Festival" is concerned, there may be ten or twelve thousand among the richer classes of the Craft who would gladly pay their guinea, or even two, for the honour and distinction of assisting at a monster meeting over which our Most Worshipful Grand Master is to preside, and thus a substantial sum would accrue to the coffers of the three Charities. But in other cases, where brethren are not blessed with too much of this world's goods, they would either have to suffer temporary inconvenience or feel themselves left in the cold, so far as the Jubilee is concerned. There can be little doubt that in every Lodge throughout the Queen's dominions there will be a Jubilee celebration of some kind or other; and, in fact, committees are already being formed for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for such "special occasions." This, of course, is entirely optional, but I imagine it will be none the less warmly taken up on that account. So far as I have been able to gather, there is a very general and unanimous opinion that the great Olympia meeting might be open to those who have the means and inclination to attend, and that all other matters connected with the Jubilee celebration should be left to the option of the members themselves. The remarks you offered last week as to the unwisdom of adding to our stock of Masonic jewellery were quite to the point, and have been endorsed by every brother whom I have heard speak on the subject; and the verdict of many of our Lodges already is that such a jewel is unnecessary and uncalled for. The contribution of a guinea per head to the "Imperial Institute" fund is also regarded as straining a point beyond which it is advisable to go from a Masonic standpoint. Whilst yielding to no one in my loyalty and devotion to our illustrious Grand Master and our most Gracious Queen (God bless her!) whose Jubilee is to be thus commemorated. I agree with the sentiments I have heard expressed that the funds to be raised for the "Imperial Institute" should be left in cosmopolitan hands, and not made a distinctive feature of the Masonic celebrations. There will be ample and abundant responses from all classes of her Majesty's loyal subjects in aid of that scheme, to which every one of us must wish success; but to make a special and almost imperative appeal to the Masonic body for that object, in addition to the other exceptional efforts they are about to make, would, in the opinion I believe of a majority of Masons, be travelling a little beyond the bounds of prudence. Probably you may receive the expression of other views on this important matter, but these are a reflex of the opinions which have found utterance in the presence of,

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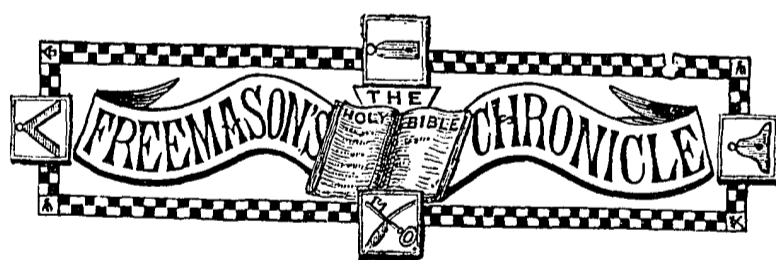
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ROYAL JUBILEE NOTES.

WE have received several communications from es-
teemed correspondents in various parts of the
country, in which opinions are expressed relative to the
circular issued by the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master,
and which was dealt with in our column last week. They
are, however, so uniformly in one direction that, dictated
by economy of our space, we are disposed to summarise
them for the information of our readers.

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Taking the paragraphs of the circular *seriatim*, the
majority of the writers express their unbounded satisfac-
tion at the idea of commemorating the Jubilee of Her Most
Gracious Majesty's reign with every demonstration of
loyalty and affection, and of respect for our Most Worship-
ful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of
Wales. That this would be the prevailing sentiment of
the Craft at large we were confident in predicting when our
comments on the circular were penned; and it must be a
source of universal congratulation that a chord of such
harmonious note has been made to reverberate throughout
the entire ranks of English Freemasonry. Thus there

appears to be entire approval of the scheme for holding a great representative meeting of Masons, as suggested, and additional congratulation is expressed that the "Commemoration Festival" is to be made the vehicle for conferring substantial benefit upon the three Charitable Institutions of our Order. In that direction the brethren are going to the extreme limit of their ability, and wishes are ungrudgingly expressed for the entire success of that laudable undertaking. In the minds of some, however, it is thought that one guinea, and not two, should be made the scale of admission, as the larger sum would press somewhat heavily on those who are not in too prosperous circumstances, in the face of many special appeals which are certain to be made to them during this eventful year.

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The matter of the Jubilee jewel is treated with levity, if not with actual resentment; the impression being that it would partake of the nature of a medal, the price of which might be five shillings or "another guinea." Apart from this, however, it is deemed inadvisable to make any addition to our Masonic decorations, of which there is already a sufficient catalogue, many of them being of very trivial and obscure value. There is a decided tendency to reduce, rather than add to, the number of such personal adornments; and amongst the grounds given for this opinion it is advanced that in connection with some of our recent military campaigns the profuse distribution of reward medals has reduced their value and importance to such an extent that many of our soldiers fail to appreciate such embellishments at all.

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The "Imperial Institute" question is regarded as "outside the pale of legitimate Freemasonry," notwithstanding that the national memorial was conceived by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and is being matured under His Royal Highness's especial and personal supervision. No disrespect or disloyalty is implied by the expression of this opinion, but the "Institute" is regarded as of a purely national character, apart from the proper sphere of Masonry, and that therefore it should be left purely optional on the part of individual members of Lodges as to whether they should subscribe to it or not. Masons who either cannot afford, or are not disposed, to spend a guinea in this direction must not be laid under the stigma of disloyalty to the Throne, or lacking in devotion to the Craft on that account, which it is urged they would be if the order were given for a general contribution in Lodges, and they failed, from any of the causes hinted at, to comply with it.

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A correspondent writes:—If we could subscribe such an amount as would enable us to secure the admission of all candidates now on the lists of our Masonic Charities, it would be the greatest achievement of modern times, and a far greater Jubilee commemoration than the "Imperial" or any other Institute that could be devised. That scheme has no connection with Freemasonry, except that our Most Worshipful Grand Master is at the head of it. If we wish as citizens to subscribe to a memorial to celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign, by all means let us do so, but we strongly object to mix up our Masonic Institutions with the outside public.

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Another writer takes a sensible and dispassionate view of the case when he advises the brethren not to deal too summarily with the circular, the purport of which they may not thoroughly comprehend. He points out that the circular consists of two parts, the first referring to a great meeting of the representatives of Lodges, for the purpose of presenting a congratulatory address to Her Majesty on the anniversary of her coronation, and for which a certain fee for admission is proposed, the proceeds to be devoted to the benefit of our Masonic Charities. That must commend itself, our brother opines, to every member of the Craft. The other part of the circular is quite a separate matter, and it should be left optional as to whether they should or not subscribe towards the funds for the Imperial Institute.

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From other opinions communicated to us it is evident that to make the circular "confidential" was a mistake, though it is not too late to remedy the error. The document sent in confidence to the Worshipful Masters first came under the notice of the brethren when read in open Lodge, and consequently they were in no position to grasp

its scope or in any humour to discuss its provisions. The suggestion now is that the "confidential" restriction should be removed as soon as possible, and copies of the circular furnished to the Secretaries of Lodges for enclosure with the ordinary summonses, and this would enable every brother to make himself thoroughly acquainted with its contents, and go to his Lodge fully prepared to discuss the various matters contained in it.

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We shall be glad to receive further communications on this subject, and need hardly suggest to our correspondents that brevity and conciseness are recommendations to all contributions to journalistic columns.

CONSECRATION OF THE SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190.

ON Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, was consecrated the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England. The warrant for the creation of the Lodge was recently granted by the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the petition of Brothers Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, the Earl of Dunraven, Henry Irving, Sir John Richard Somers Vine, Thomas Catling, W. E. Chapman, Thomas Burnside, John M'Lean, Raymond Tucker, and Archibald M'Neill, members of the Savage Club. About 100 brethren were present at the ceremony. The Consecrating Officer was the V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D., Grand Secretary, who was assisted by R.W. Brother Sir John Monckton P.G.W. as S.W.; V.W. Brother Thomas Fenn, President of Board of General Purposes, as J.W.; V.W. Brother Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain; and W. Brother J. H. Matthews P.G.S.B. as Director of Ceremonies. After the consecration Brother Sir F. W. Truscott was duly installed as first W.M., and he in turn invested as his Officers Brother Sir J. R. Somers Vine S.W., Brother Thomas Catling J.W., Brother W. E. Chapman S.D., Brother T. Burnside J.D., and Brother A. M'Neill Secretary. Brother Henry Irving was elected Treasurer and was invested accordingly. In the course of the proceedings Colonel Shadwell Clerke, addressing the brethren, said they had met on an occasion both interesting and important to all Masons. They were there to add one more name to that illustrious roll of Lodges which already existed under the Grand Lodge of England. It was just a year ago that he had the honour of consecrating a Lodge in the City of London which was specially devoted to the interests of brethren of the literary, musical and dramatic professions. The Lodge they were now about to consecrate was, if he might be permitted to say so, to run on somewhat similar lines, and he could only say that if it was able to achieve the success of its brother Lodge it would be extremely fortunate. There were at the present time a very large number of Lodges within the metropolitan area, and it was therefore only right and proper that the Most Worshipful Grand Master should be loth to establish new Lodges unless good and sufficient reason could be given to him for such an increase. In the present instance the brethren, who were members of a well known society in London, the Savage Club, had thought it desirable that they should bind themselves in the Masonic bonds of friendship by having a Lodge associated with their club in which they might meet. These brethren, therefore, had petitioned the Grand Master to grant them a warrant, and His Royal Highness, after due consideration, had come to the conclusion that the reasons they had advanced were good and sufficient, and he had decided that they should be warranted as a Lodge. The brethren had been fortunate in securing as their first W.M. a Brother distinguished in every walk of life, Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, a Past Grand Warden, and under his kind and genial sway he doubted not that the Lodge would attain to a high position among kindred communities in London. The Prince of Wales and Sir Francis Knollys, K.C.M.G., C.B., were by acclamation elected honorary members. Thirty brethren were nominated as joining members of the Lodge, and five gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. The Lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren partook of a banquet, at which were present, besides those whose names have been already given, Bros. Lord Lonsborough, Lord John Taylour, A. F. Philbrick (Grand Registrar), A. Burdett-Connors, Captain Philips, C. J. Parkinson, Augustus Harris, E. Swanborough, Bram Stoker, Edward Terry, J. H. Thomas, J. Willing, J. Willing jun., Byron Webber, C. Greenwood, C. W. Blake, C. Townley, W. Phillips, J. P. Fitzgerald, E. J. Odell, Franklin Clive, and many others. Letters of agreement, and apology for absence were read from Lord Randolph Churchill, the Duke of Abercorn, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Bective, and the Bishop of New Westminster. After dinner the usual toasts were honoured, and several brethren assisted in rendering a varied musical programme, under the direction of Bro Edwin Bending.

The installation meeting of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, will take place on Tuesday next, the 25th inst. The members meet at the Cannon Street Hotel at 4.30. Bro. Solomon Jacobs is the W.M. elect.

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LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

THE 119th anniversary and installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Frederick Joseph Dellow. There were present Bros. H. J. Cant S.W., C. Blain J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, C. H. Webb P.M. Secretary, Dr. W. Wiles S.D., Richardson J.D., W. J. Higgs I.G., H. Magee D.C.; P.M.'s John Newton, G. Jones, J. S. Fraser, W. C. Barlow, John Bulmer, E. J. Moore, G. T. H. Seddon; J. Miller Steward; J. T. Barnes 226 (S.C.), A. Toulmin jun., I.G. 1503, Bentley Haynes P.M. 27, G. T. Dix P.M. 1421, H. Coningham 1625, J. Child P.M. 453 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, J. Terry P.M. 228 P.P.G.W. Norths and Hunts, G. Corble P.M. 453 P.P.G.J.W. Essex, H. James W.M., 749, R. Cushing P.M. 1679, C. Mullin 1672, C. A. White 1777, S. Mellish 188, J. E. Pont 1915, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, W. J. Nash 1716, J. D. Gray 55, G. W. Kidd 860, J. Tracy 1062, Henry Prenton 1319, A. J. Pritchard 9, &c. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the ballot was opened for Mr. Henry Edwin Sambrook, who had been proposed by Bro. T. Scott and seconded by the Secretary. This veteran candidate having been unanimously accepted, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M. whose working was admirable throughout. Bro. C. Blain was now duly presented as the W.M. elect, and, assenting to the responsibilities of office, was obligated by Bro. Dellow; after which Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. the esteemed Treasurer of the Lodge assumed the chair and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the S.W. was installed into the chair of K.S. with all solemnity. The proclamations in the East, West and South respectively were made by the Installing Master; Bro. John Newton P.M. (late Secretary), who occupied the Senior Warden's chair; and Bro. C. H. Webb P.M. Secretary in the Junior Warden's chair. The addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered in the same order by the above-named with admirable effect. At a late meeting Bro. John Bulmer, the senior Past Master of the Lodge, had consented to act as a Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and it now transpired that it is just a quarter of a century since that worthy brother served in a similar capacity. In consideration of this being the Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign, and in order to commemorate that interesting event, the Lodge unanimously agreed to grant the munificent sum of 50 guineas to head Brother Bulmer's list. After the transaction of some minor matters of business, in the course of which the resignation of a member of the Lodge was announced, and the Pro Grand Master's circular on the Jubilee question deferred until the next meeting, a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Dellow on his retirement from the chair, as a mark of esteem and regard, and in recognition of faithful and zealous services rendered to the Lodge during his term of office. The newly-installed Master, in affixing the jewel to his breast, complimented Brother Dellow upon the punctuality he always observed, in spite of the heavy calls upon his time, both in his public and private capacities, and in connection with the Lodge, and remarked that he had never been absent from any of its meetings. The gift was suitably acknowledged by the Immediate Past Master, who thanked the brethren for their considerate kindness and appreciation of the humble services he had rendered to the Lodge, in which he had ever taken a deep interest. Brother John Newton P.M. then reminded the brethren that at this time last year when he requested to be relieved of the duties of the Secretaryship of the Lodge, he asked the brethren that he might be permitted to compile a history of Sincerity Lodge. This permission was accorded him, and he had found the labour a most interesting occupation, though it had taken him considerably longer than he had at first anticipated. However, the work was now complete, and he wished to place the MS. in the hands of the Worshipful Master, with the view of its acceptance by the Lodge, so that the members might deal with it in any way they should deem expedient. It was resolved that a committee, consisting of the W.M., the Treas. and Sec., Bros. Bulmer P.M. and Dellow I.P.M. be appointed to act in conjunction with Brother Newton, and to decide what steps should be taken to publish the "History," for the benefit of the members. Soon after this Lodge was closed with the usual interchange of amenities, and the brethren subsequently partook of a sumptuous banquet, where the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. J. Marchant superintended, and all the arrangements were of a satisfactory character. As a rule, the speeches were of commendable brevity, and thus time was gained for harmony, some excellent songs and music being rendered by Bros. H. Prenton, A. G. Pritchard, C. A. White, and other brethren. After the usual prefatory toasts, the Immediate Past Master proposed the health of the newly Installed Master, in doing which he said it had happened somewhat out of the ordinary course that Bro. Blain occupied the chair, but this arose in consequence of their excellent Senior Warden, Bro. Cant, finding that, owing to his time being so fully engaged, he deemed it advisable, for his convenience and for the comfort of his brethren, to defer his candidature for the chair until some future time. Bro. Blain's qualifications for the presidency of the Lodge were fully recognised, he having passed through all the offices in rotation; and the brethren all united in wishing him a happy and prosperous year. Bro. Blain acknowledged in appropriate manner the compliment paid him, and promised to do all he possibly could for the welfare of the Lodge. He then proposed the Visitors, of whom he was pleased to see so many present, especially Bros. Corble and Child, gentlemen with whom he had the honour of being associated in business. These brethren replied, expressing their gratification at seeing Bro. Blain occupying so exalted a position in the Sincerity Lodge. The W.M. in proposing the Charities alluded to the special circumstances under which Bro. Bulmer had taken up the Stewardship. That brother was assured

from personal friends the sum of £90, and the Lodge had voted fifty guineas to his list. This had been supplemented by the brethren around the table by a sum which raised the total to £195 6s 6d—an announcement which was received with prolonged applause. Brother Jones P.M. thought it was a pity the amount should not go freely into the double figures, and expressed his readiness to give five guineas, which would raise the total to £200 11s 6d. Doubtless within the few weeks which elapse before the Festival, and after the pressing appeal by Brother Terry, this sum will be supplemented still further. In fact, we are sure this will be the case, inasmuch as we ourselves are enabled to announce that an esteemed member of the Lodge (Bro. H. R. Yates), with whom we were in conversation, suggested that the amount ought to be made guineas instead of pounds, and that if this could be effected it should be tried at once, and he would aid such an effort by giving five guineas. We commend this gratifying fact to Bros. Webb and Bulmer, who may possibly be able to find other brethren of the same way of thinking, and who will help further to increase the sum. Brother James Terry was most eloquent in his reply; he acknowledged the deep indebtedness of the Institution with which he was most directly associated to the brethren of Sincerity Lodge. Brother Terry's sentiments, as expressed on this occasion, will be found fully embodied in our leading article of this week, and we commend it to the consideration of our readers. Other toasts followed, and the evening was closed most enjoyably.

SALISBURY LODGE, No. 435.

THERE was a large attendance of members and Visitors at the installation meeting of this Lodge, held on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. E. J. Jeffs W.M. Amongst those present were Bros. A. Ross S.W., D. Belinfante J.W., W. T. Ball P.M. Secretary, S. Lehmeyer Organist, W. H. Kelly S.D., G. Witt J.D.; A. Allhausen P.M., R. T. Cook P.M., R. Secker P.M., Wilhelm Ganz P.M. P.G. Organist, H. Eskell Paget, W. Michael, A. Schwerze, T. P. Fisher, R. J. Patten, W. Spilling, C. Sheather, G. Pratt, F. Atkins, and others. The Visitors included Bros. A. D. Cohen 1017, G. W. Reed P.M. 13, J. Tickle P.M. 1196, A. W. D. Passmore 843, J. H. Walker 1245, A. Staley P.M. 185, Maguire 2209, Meacock 742, J. Blundell 742, A. Timothy P.M. 87, R. Griggs P.M. 228, G. C. Rivers S.W. 459, G. W. Saul W.M. 1851, H. P. Isaac P.M. 1693, W. W. Lee 1897, J. Hill Secretary 1702, A. Burden P.M. 11, A. Rosenthal P.M. 1673, J. H. Atkins 1634, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, F. M. Wenborn 813, A. W. Fenner P.M. 1227 and 1693, E. W. Parkes P.M. Finsbury, &c. Lodge having been opened in form, the ballot was opened for Mr. Max John Berner, who had been nominated by the W.M. elect, and seconded by the Secretary. The nomination was unanimously accepted. On the motion of Bro. Hooper P.M. Treas., seconded by Bro. W. T. Ball P.M. Secretary, it was unanimously resolved "that a double subscription (£10 10s) be placed upon the Steward's list for the Girls' School this year, as the Lodge was not represented at the preceding Festival." Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Captain T. P. Fisher was passed, the ceremony being well performed. Bro. Augustus Ross S.W. was then presented as the W.M. elect, and in due order the ceremony was carried out by the outgoing Master, Bro. Jeffs, who delivered the charges in a very impressive manner. The newly installed W.M. having been saluted with full Masonic honours, invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Edward J. Jeffs I.P.M., D. Belinfante S.W., W. H. Kelley J.W., W. T. Ball P.M. Sec., G. B. Witt S.D., S. H. Echrend J.D., W. Spilling I.G., C. J. C. Pridham D.C., S. Lehmeyer Org. Bro. W. H. Hooper P.M., who was re-elected Treasurer, being unavoidably absent, his investment was deferred. Some minor matters of business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in Messrs. Spiers and Pond's best style. The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, the W.M. observing that the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty was one of joy and rejoicing, for such an event had only occurred thrice before in the history of our country. During Victoria's happy reign there had been greater progress in science and education than at any other period, and the interest she took in the welfare of her subjects aroused feelings of the utmost loyalty and affection. The toasts of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Officers followed, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O. responding for the latter, and Bro. J. Tickle P.P.G.Reg. Middlesex for the Provincial Grand Lodges. He spoke in favour of a scheme for the division of London into Districts, with a view of enabling deserving brethren to obtain further honours. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, was sure the toast would be received with enthusiasm. For six years Bro. Ross had done his best to work his way through the various offices he had had to fill, and he had discharged the duties of each with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. Their Worshipful Master had had very little work that evening, but he had performed it in an excellent and elegant manner, that would leave nothing to be desired in future. He asked them to drink the health of their Worshipful Master, and join in wishing him a prosperous year of office, and that the Lodge would flourish under his guidance. The toast was heartily accepted, and the Worshipful Master, in responding sincerely thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which he had been received, and for the compliments which had been paid him. He assured them no effort should be wanting on his part to deserve the kind words which had been spoken of him by their Immediate Past Master, and to gain the respect and affection of all the members of the Lodge. He then gave the health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer, in doing which he remarked on the excellent manner in which Brother Jeffs had acted, and how well he had acquitted himself in every office he had undertaken; this was known to the members and had given them the utmost satisfaction. He then pre-

sented to Bro. Jeffs a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the very valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge. In doing so he expressed the hope that the jewel would be an ornament on his breast for many years, and that it would recall fond recollections of the love and affection of the brethren, and be a remembrance of his having gained the appreciation of them all. Bro. Jeffs I.P.M., after thanking the brethren for the kindly feelings they had evinced towards him since he first took office, said that six years ago he had done his best to work for the Lodge, and to put himself in such a position that when he arrived at the height of his ambition he should be able to perform the duties. If he was able to leave the chair, knowing that in the opinion of his superiors he had done well and earned their esteem, he was amply repaid. Having now left the chair he really considered his duties had commenced; he should continue to do what he could for the Lodge, and hoped for years to come to continue a Past Master. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Visitors, said he was glad to see so many present, and he hoped the working they had witnessed would be an inducement to them to come again. The toast was replied to by Bros. Staley P.M. 185, Passmore 843 (New South Wales), and others. The services rendered by the Past Masters, the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers were recognised, and replies given respectively, and the list was closed in the usual way by the Tyler. During the evening a choice selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. S. Lehmyer Organist, amongst those who contributed to the harmony being Bros. J. H. Walker, T. Forman, W. T. Ball P.M., E. F. W. Berger P.M., Jeffs I.P.M., and others.

Creton Lodge of Instruction, No 1791 — At the meeting held on Thursday, 13th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Bros. Craggs W.M., J. Davies S.W., Lindfield J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Cross S.D., Altman J.D., Jennings I.G., P.M.'s Bros. J. Davies Preceptor, Spiegel, Child, Game, Cantell, Josey, Cavers, Rogers, Hardy, Cockrell, Breitbart, Colville, Head, Borham, Whittle, Gilbert, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Hardy offered himself as candidate for raising, and answered the usual questions. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Rogers, W.M. of the Creton Lodge, who desired to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. Austin was presented as W.M. elect, and he afterwards invested the Officers. Bro. Craggs resumed the chair. Bro. Davies was elected W.M. for next meeting. Later on the Benevolent Society, established in this Lodge only five weeks, proceeded with its second ballot, which resulted in favour of Bro. Altman.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Haymarket.—"Hard Hit," the name chosen for Mr. Henry Arthur Jones's latest play, was produced on Monday evening, at this theatre, with every token of success. "Hard Hit" is a play that cannot claim to have any original ideas connected with it, but this is recompensed for by the skilful manner in which the play is constructed. The weakest scene is the first, and this is not much of a fault, for when an author can make his story more interesting as he goes along he may be said to have achieved a gratifying result. Undoubtedly Mr. Jones has handled familiar ideas with skill. His hero is a man of deceitful and selfish ways; in fact all his characters are commonplace people, doing what might be expected of them; but never coming forward with a surprise. The old story of an innocent wife being subjected to the gravest suspicion is the theme chosen, while the downfall of the husband is brought about by horse-racing. By this it will at once be acknowledged that "Hard Hit" is not original in its conception; it is simply a play well written and admirably acted. We give an outline of the piece: Bertha Saxon is secretly married to Geoffrey Calvert. Tony Saxon, a broken down sporting gentleman, father to Bertha, is the only one who knows of this. The day the piece opens is that of the St. Leger, and Geoffrey Calvert has put all he possibly can on a horse named Daredevil, which, however, does not win. Geoffrey will now be posted as a defaulter at Tattersall's unless he can immediately procure £5,000. He has been cast off by his father, Sir Baldwyn Calvert, while his aunt has also left off paying his debts. Stephen Cudlip, a smooth-spoken villain, accidentally becomes aware that Bertha Saxon is entitled to £80,000, which sum is locked up in Chancery. This individual being unaware that she is already married, proposes to her, but, of course, is rejected. Mrs. Ashbee, a lady who refused Geoffrey Calvert's offer of marriage three years since, is now desirous of winning him, but she, finding he is otherwise engaged, enters into a plot with Cudlip to ruin Bertha. For this purpose Mrs. Ashbee offers to advance Bertha the money for Geoffrey, if she will take a letter to Cudlip—who is a promoter of bubble companies—authorising him to sell out certain shares in a company Cudlip is managing, and by that means he can raise the money. Meanwhile, however, Cudlip has done his share of the work; he has written to Geoffrey inviting him to dinner, and purposely enclosed a letter written to Bertha, while Geoffrey's letter he sends to Bertha. Cudlip, in order to give more publicity to his fiendish purpose, has a dinner party, among his guests being Sir Baldwyn Calvert. Bertha duly arrives at Cudlip's rooms, and when Sir Baldwyn is announced is placed in the card-room—for a few minutes only, as Bertha thinks, but really to be brought forward when all is ready. Cudlip tries to make it known there is some secret connected with the card-room, and necessarily arouses the suspicions of the company. However, Tony Saxon and Geoffrey come in search of

Bertha, and when the unsuspecting woman emerges from her place of concealment the pretended excuses of Cudlip only make matters worse. This brings the third act to a close. The fourth is occupied by the explanations, which as a matter of course follows. A well written scene is introduced when the unfortunate wife, hoping to show her husband that she is true to him, induces him to hide behind a curtain, while Cudlip is introduced, but the heartless villain knowing Geoffrey is within hearing, coolly continues to make love to her, and thus prevents Bertha proving her innocence. This result, however, is brought about by Bratby—the man who informed Cudlip of Bertha's fortune—turning traitor, and relating all he knows. Thus ends a story that is certainly interesting, well written, but never exciting. Several good parts are in the play, foremost of these being those allotted to Messrs. H. Beerbohm Tree, Arthur Dacre, E. S. Willard and Miss Marion Terry. Mr. Tree's rendering of the part of the villain Cudlip was excellent his every movement showed how thoroughly he understood the character. In short, this gentleman's style was admirable, and when the time came for him to take his departure, Mr. Tree certainly introduced an original mode of exit. Mr. Arthur Dacre made a good Geoffrey Calvert, his nervousness, cowardice, and deceit was admirably portrayed, and when required Mr. Dacre touched the true vein of emotion. Mr. E. S. Willard although having but a small part in Tony Saxon, managed to invest it with a finish that was both kind and affectionate. Miss Marion Terry gave a powerful rendering of the Bertha Saxon, and showed plenty of emotion in the scenes that required it. Miss Mary Rorke was unsuited in Mrs. Ashbee, but this lady's admirable acting made up in some degree for this. Mr. Frank Archer gave a polished representation of Sir Baldwyn Calvert, while the smaller parts were in good hands. Mr. C. Dodsworth (Bratby), Mr. H. Kemble (Major Fysh), Mr. Compton Courtts (Hon. Effingham Nangle), Mr. P. Ben Greet (Joe Jeffcoat), and Miss Lydia Cowell (Cherry Jeffcoat) made the most of what was allotted them, thus adding to the success achieved. At the conclusion the artistes and author received the usual call.

Globe.—After having introduced two pieces that have proved as successful as "The Private Secretary" and "The Pickpocket," it was but natural that the next production of the management of this house should be looked forward to with some amount of interest. This was fully realised on Tuesday last, the night chosen for the production of "The Lodgers," founded on a French Vaudeville, by Messrs. Brandon Thomas and Maurice de Verney. The piece is nothing else than a version of the same outline as "My Neice and My Bear" was founded on, and when we say that the plot of the piece is developed by three gentlemen proposing at the same time for the hand of a young lady, who elopes with one of her admirers, while a bear, containing the savings of a naturalist, is placed in a box and taken away in mistake for the lady, it will be easy to recognise "The Lodgers." The adapters have invested the piece with some amount of fun, but have missed many opportunities presented in the original. The first act is full of fun, but the second goes slowly, and not until the business verges on pantomime is there anything amusing to notice. The last act, however, runs better and we have a fairly strong termination. As "The Lodgers" was played on the first night it will not succeed, but with such actors as Messrs. W. S. Penley and W. J. Hill in the caste there is no knowing what they may be able to achieve. If there is humour in a piece, and there certainly is a good deal in "The Lodgers," these gentlemen will make the most of it, and being well backed up they may make "The Lodgers" as great a success as the pieces that have preceded it at this house. Certainly the best character is allotted to Mr. W. S. Penley, whose appearance, in a tight fitting jacket and a little Scotch cap, caused the greatest amusement. This gentleman acted well throughout as Benjamin Huddlebee, but was most successful in his scenes with Mr. Hill. The latter has a part, in Muggridge wherein he displayed to the fullest extent his stolid humour; this was thoroughly appreciated, while his oddities were as amusing as ever. Mr. Charles Glenny played the naturalist well, while Mr. C. H. Hawtreay gave a pleasant embodiment of the part of Reginald Sparker. Miss Fanny Brough was intensely humorous as Mrs. Muggridge, while Miss Blanche Horlock was winning as Kitty. Mr. M. de Verney and Miss Vane Featherstone were the other principal artists. "The Lodgers," as presented on Tuesday, needs considerable alterations, and when that is done success may attend it.

ENGRAVINGS.—GEO. REES, Cheapest House in London. All Briton Riviere Engravings and Etchings on view—Sympathy, Hi Only Friend, Night Watch, Poachers, Cave Canem, and many others.

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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, 22nd JANUARY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Mugeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 320—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

MONDAY, 24th JANUARY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield
 M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 25th JANUARY.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1411—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 2103—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
 R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
 R.A. 1612—Earl of Carrington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Groydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1016—Wilkinson, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaigton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead

- 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
 R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stantops Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Maro-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.
 R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 720—Pannure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechape-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 439—Sciartile, Masonic Room, Bingley
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Rigerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 1967—Beacon Court, Gluzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Muldo-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 27th JANUARY.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 31—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Strand Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 8.30 (Inst)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Gainswell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1653—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheat-sheat Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1971—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancas hire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
 R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
 R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
 R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 28th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (I)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 993—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square
 Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 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. (In)
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 1276—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1708—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—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

GLEANINGS.

Masons should be better than other men, for otherwise Masonry will have no vindication, no excuse for its existence. We should carry out from our Lodges into the world that sobriety, that reason and circumspection in our lives, that sense of the separation which exists between us and those who have not walked in our pathway and learned the significance of our tasks, which will mark us from the uninitiated throng, and be evidence that we have a possession, a calling, and a consecration apart from other men.

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THE CHARTER OF OUR ORDER.—Apart from what science may teach, or the world may think, we assert that the Bible is the charter of our Order, in its highest and purest sense. All of its rules for the guidance of the Craft are based upon the teachings of the Holy Bible; and its interpretations are in accord with the wisest and best minds of the Fraternity of the past and present. It thus takes its position as secondary to the Church, and does not seek to do the work of religion; only seeking to do the work of morality and virtue.

And this spirit, carried out into life, makes members the truest, the most loyal to the State; the citizens who illustrate by their walk and character the power of their Bible. This is the root from which the Order has grown. Masonry, through its teachings, inculcates a belief in God as its first requirement. This is its grand characteristic. The Mason is urged to make the Great Architect of the Universe the source and object of his faith, the great law of his conscience. And here it rests upon the Holy Teaching as the foundation of the Institution, the strong rock out of which the temple rises in all its rich proportions and stately architecture. And it is its glory that, in every Lodge and Chapter, and in every department of its work, an open Bible rests upon its altar. This is the silent authority, the supreme sanction, the command for every act. This is the spirit in which our Order, as Masons, believe and accept the Bible as the inspired voice and message from God. It is because of the divine power dwelling in the word that it becomes an authority and guide in our Institution. It is this that makes our Order more than a moral temple, that makes it also a spiritual temple, in which the faithful, believing members, as living stones, are built up and hallowed by a divine light.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

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