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OUR TWENTY-SEVENTH VOLUME.

"YES, curried fowl is very nice," said an old friend of ours, when a more than usually attentive waiter at our Lodge banquet tried to tempt him with a dainty morsel, "but I took a violent dislike to it some years ago." As he was a good hand at "pitching a yarn," we asked for particulars. "It was while travelling abroad," said our friend, "that I had the pleasure of calling on an old schoolfellow; his abode was about twenty miles from everywhere, and I was quite prepared to do without luxuries—as he told me I should have to do—during my stay with him. Imagine my surprise on the first day of my visit at sitting down to a splendid dish of 'curried fowl,' and I even enjoyed myself the next day with 'fowl, curried.' But when it came to 'fowl, with curry' for the third, and 'curry, with fowl' for the fourth, I began to wonder where it would end. I stayed for close on a fortnight, and the only difference I experienced in the way of dinner was in the way in which his cook described the dish. The menu always varied, and it astonished me to think how many different ways there were of mixing fowl with curry; but, as I said at the start, his was an out-of-the-way place. He reared fowls, and a huge consignment of curry had been sent him in mistake for a parcel of mixed goods ordered from the old country." We are reminded of this tale in preparing our pages for the new year, and commencing a new Volume; we feel that we have given our readers a fair supply of fowl and curry in days gone by. We have tried to vary the dish; we have called it many names; but are afraid we have not always succeeded in hiding its identity—it has generally been fowl and curry. Now, however, we intend to set something fresh before our readers; it will be—"curry and fowl!"

Briefly, we can but assure our readers it is our desire to continue in the future as we have worked in the past. If our remarks have occasionally appeared familiar to the brethren, it must be remembered that the work on which we are engaged is of a somewhat limited character. It is Freemasonry, and its grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; all we can attempt to do is so to vary the way in which those principles are set before the Craft so as to make our comments worthy of perusal. We heartily thank our friends for their support thus far, and assure them that, in starting our TWENTY-SEVENTH VOLUME, we shall spare no effort to maintain their good opinion.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CENTRAL CHARITIES.

THE LAST YEAR'S CONTRIBUTIONS.

THERE are some among us who are inclined to think that Freemasonry is on the decline, or at least some of our brethren are continually asserting

it is not what it was a few years back. Perhaps they are right, in a sense; but if facts or figures can prove the contrary, there is plenty of material available for the purpose. Looking around us, we confess to being impressed with a feeling that there is not so much life in Freemasonry as was exhibited some six or ten years since, and undoubtedly many of the Lodges which came into life shortly after the accession of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Masonic throne have settled down considerably, as compared with the vigour they displayed in the earlier years of their existence. This is to be accounted for by the fact that the men who succeed the actual founders of a Lodge seldom display the same amount of united enthusiasm as is common with the band of brothers who established it, while in not a few cases the actual founders come to the conclusion that a steady, quiet, jog-along career is better than the bustle and excitement with which they heralded their Lodge into being. But all these appearances are deceiving if we are to believe the mass of evidence which can be brought forward to refute them. Freemasonry is not only holding its own, but is very considerably extending its benefits year by year, in proof of which we cannot do better than point to the total of its contributions during the last twelve months to the Central Charities of the Order, which far exceed anything hitherto accomplished by the united efforts of the members of the Craft. This total was no less a sum than £61,059 0s 11d, which amount, compared with the total of ten years since, when it was something less than £39,000, supplies all the evidence that is needed in support of our theory that Freemasonry is not on the decline.

It must not, however, be forgotten that this splendid amount does not, by a very long way, represent Freemasonry's total expenditure in the cause of Charity during the year. It would be impossible to form even an approximate idea of all that has been spent in the relief of the poor and distressed of the Craft, but there are items which it is possible to ascertain, and to add to the £61,000 odd already referred to. Chief among these is the total voted by the Board of Benevolence during the twelve months on behalf of those who apply direct for the assistance of Grand Lodge, the sum thus expended being £10,500. Next we have a contribution of £6,000 voted by Grand Lodge to the three Institutions (£2,000 to each) but not yet handed over to them, in consequence of the absence from England of the Pro Grand Master, whose signature is needed before the money can be transferred: Then we have the sums spent locally by Provincial and private Lodges, as well as the amounts contributed towards the support of local Masonic Charities, the number and benefits of which are rapidly increasing year by year, together with so many other matters that render it not only impossible to gauge their extent, but even to enumerate them. We have, however, supplied sufficient data to demonstrate the continued prosperity of the Craft.

Turning again to the actual receipts of the three Institutions during the year, £61,059 0s 11d, we find the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons received by far the largest share, its total income for the twelve months being £28,968 4s 4d, or nearly £10,800 more than it collected in 1886. The items comprising this total are as follow :

**Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.**

|  | £            | s        | d        |
|--|--------------|----------|----------|
| Donations and Subscriptions - - - -  | 19468        | 13       | 8        |
| Dividends - - - - -  | 2524         | 10       | 8        |
| Grand Lodge - - - - -  | 1600         | 0        | 0        |
| Grand Chapter - - - - -  | 150          | 0        | 0        |
| Rent of Meadow - - - - -   | 18           | 0        | 0        |
| Grand Lodge (Special) - - - - -  | 1000         | 0        | 0        |
| Do. (Albert Hall) - - - - -  | 2107         | 0        | 0        |
| Prov. of West Yorkshire, purchase of Two Perpetual Presentations - - - - - | 2100         | 0        | 0        |
|  | <u>28968</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>4</u> |

It is not our intention to make any special reference to these figures on the present occasion—they speak for themselves; next week we may have to refer to them more fully, as it is our intention then to devote a larger portion of our space to the Benevolent Institution, and the claims it has on the Craft at the present time, particularly in reference to its rapidly approaching Annual Festival.

We next come to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which last year occupied the second place in regard to the total of receipts, the sum added to its exchequer during the year being £16,429 0s 6d, made up as follows :—

**Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.**

|   |               |          |          |
|---|---------------|----------|----------|
| Donations and Subscriptions - - - -   | 11904         | 7        | 11       |
| Grand Lodge - - - - -   | 150           | 0        | 0        |
| Grand Chapter - - - - -   | 10            | 10       | 0        |
| One-third of proceeds of admissions to Grand Lodge at Albert Hall, 13th June 1887 - - - - - | 2107          | 0        | 0        |
| Dividends - - - - -   | 1900          | 16       | 7        |
| Admissions by Annual Payment - - - -  | 150           | 0        | 0        |
| Music Money - - - - -   | 194           | 5        | 0        |
| Sale of Old Stores - - - - -  | 10            | 0        | 0        |
| „ Books of Subscribers - - - - -  | 2             | 1        | 0        |
|   | <u>£16429</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>6</u> |

This Institution—the oldest of the three—will unquestionably receive the premier attention of the Craft during the current year; when it will celebrate the Centenary of its establishment, which took place in 1788. We sincerely hope that in connection with this event all will be done that can be desired by the most zealous supporters of the Institution, but we also hope that in doing honour to the Centenary the needs of the other Institutions will not be overlooked. The officials of the Girls' School offer a very attractive programme in connection with this celebration, and we do not think it will be their fault if the event falls short of attaining the position it deserves. We feel it would not be out of place to give here an outline of all that is proposed in connection with the celebration, but, considering the amount of the space we have already filled, it would be unwise to do so; we could not do justice to so important a subject in the limited room now available. For this reason we must once more make a promise—to refer to the subject in an early issue.

In due order now comes the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which last year received a total of £15,661 16s 1d, as follows :—

**Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.**

|                                     |       |    |   |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----|---|
| Donations and Subscriptions - - - - | 12656 | 0  | 6 |
| Music Fees - - - - -                | 99    | 4  | 6 |
| United Grand Lodge—Annual - - - -   | 150   | 0  | 0 |
| Supreme Grand Chapter - - - - -     | 10    | 10 | 0 |

|  |               |           |          |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|
| One-third of admissions to Grand Lodge at Albert Hall, June 1887 - - - - - | 2107          | 0         | 0        |
| Sale of Lists of Subscribers - - - - -                                     | 2             | 0         | 0        |
| Dividends - - - - -  | 637           | 1         | 1        |
|  | <u>£15661</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>1</u> |

We have so recently referred at length to this Institution, both in our pages and in a Supplement (copies of which latter we shall be happy to send to any brother who will undertake their distribution) that nothing further is now needed. Suffice it to say that the returns of 1887 show an increase of upwards of £2,600 over those of 1886, while it is our fervent desire that those of 1888 may exhibit the same, or an even greater, improvement over those of the last twelve months.

The Board of Benevolence disbursed, as we have already said, £10,500 during the past year, which sum was distributed as follows :

**The Board of Benevolence.**

| Month.              | Cases relieved. | £            | s        | d        |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| January - - - - -   | 15              | 380          | 0        | 0        |
| February - - - - -  | 32              | 810          | 0        | 0        |
| March - - - - -     | 37              | 1125         | 0        | 0        |
| April - - - - -     | 36              | 1130         | 0        | 0        |
| May - - - - -       | 43              | 875          | 0        | 0        |
| June - - - - -      | 36              | 1148         | 0        | 0        |
| July - - - - -      | 25              | 540          | 0        | 0        |
| August - - - - -    | 26              | 825          | 0        | 0        |
| September - - - - - | 13              | 255          | 0        | 0        |
| October - - - - -   | 38              | 985          | 0        | 0        |
| November - - - - -  | 50              | 1255         | 0        | 0        |
| December - - - - -  | 50              | 1172         | 0        | 0        |
|                     | <u>401</u>      | <u>10500</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |

What we have here said is but a poor tribute to the splendid achievements our remarks refer to, but it would be something like trying to gild refined gold to attempt any lengthened praise of benevolence which, under four heads only, amounts to upwards of £71,559 in the short space of twelve months, and even then we do not take into account the £6,000 voted, but not yet handed over, by Grand Lodge, or the various amounts spent by private Lodges and individuals in the dispensation of Masonic Charity.

**GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

A SPECIAL Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was held in the town of Winchester, Mass., on Tuesday, 28th June 1887, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Town Hall and Public Library Building. Amongst the Grand Officers present were :—

Bros. Henry Endicott Master, Richard M. Field Deputy Master, Baalis Sanford Senior Warden, Charles Harris Junior Warden, William Parkman and Charles C. Dame Past Masters, William H. H. Soule Past Warden, Henry G. Fay as Treasurer, Serono D. Nickerson Recording Secretary, Charles H. Crane D.D. Master District No. 6, Henry J. Mills D.D. Master District No. 7, Rev. Fielder Israel Chaplain, George H. Rhodes Marshall, James M. Gleason Lecturer, Benjamin A. Gould Senior Deacon, William Parkman jun. as Junior Deacon, Marlborough Williams Senior Steward, Henry W. Gore Junior Steward, Alexander M. Hayward Sword Bearer, Z. L. Bicknell Standard Bearer, John G. Thorogood and Frank W. Dallinger Pursuivants, Henry J. Parker Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 4.15 o'clock p.m., in one of the anterooms adjoining the hall of William Parkman Lodge. A procession of the Grand Officers was formed by the Grand Marshal, and conducted by a committee of Past Masters to the Lodge-room, where the brethren of Winchester and vicinity were assembled in large numbers. The Grand Master was cordially welcomed by the Master of William Parkman Lodge, Bro. Walter V. Smalley, and an appropriate response was made by the Grand Master. The brethren then marched in procession to the site of the new building, and the ceremonies were commenced by the singing of a hymn by the Temple Quartette. After the reading of selections from the Scriptures, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, an interesting report

was made by Rev. Brother George Cooke, Chaplain of William Parkman Lodge, upon the historical matters contained in the box prepared to be deposited in the corner-stone. The services then proceeded, in accordance with the ritual of this Grand Lodge, and the corner-stone of the new building was laid in due and ancient form, and proclamation was made accordingly by the Grand Marshal. The Grand Master addressed the assembly, as follows:—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN,—  
In glad obedience to the summons from those who have planned and undertaken this ceremony, the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts have come to do their part in hallowing this public service. The sympathy of Masonry in all that belongs to the public good, in all that helps to make better men and better citizens, in all that affords a chance for different classes to meet on common ground and with common interests, in all that pertains to the higher life of the individual or of the community, justifies our participation and our joy.

The public ceremonies which attend the laying of the corner-stone of a new building have come down to us hallowed by tradition and by custom. Probably at first only temples, vowed to the service of the gods, were thus consecrated by the oil and the taper, by ritual and prayer; but the world has come to believe that every building may serve the purposes of God, by serving the needs of His creatures, and should, in thought, if not by public service, be nobly begun.

It is eminently fitting that we come together to-day, under the blue arch of heaven, and surrounded by the beauty of a June day, to lay with appropriate services the corner-stone of a building which shall stand through the years, to advance the good of this community and promote the moral and material interests of the people. It is to hold its own place in the growing life of this town, and to increase the opportunities which lead to purer individual and municipal life.

May it lend itself to many a noble undertaking for the common good! May the work of erection go on without interruption and in harmony! May the completed building long stand as a centre for much that is best in the intercourse of man with man, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect rest on to-day's work and crown it with completion!

At the conclusion of the Grand Master's address, the procession re-formed and returned to the Masonic Hall. The Grand Lodge repaired to the place of opening, and was closed in ample form, at 5.45 p.m.

A Quarterly Communication of the same Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, 14th September 1887, Grand Officers present:—

Bros. Endicott Master, Sandford Senior Warden, Harris Junior Warden, Wells Treasurer, Nickerson Recording Secretary, with the D.D. Masters of Dist. Nos. 1 to 8, 10 to 13, 15, 17 to 28. Bros. Israel Chaplain, Rhodes Marshal, Gleason Lecturer, Gould Senior Deacon, Williams Senior Steward, Tripp, Gifford and Gore Junior Stewards, Gerrish Organist, Parker Tyler, with a large assembly of prominent members and Lodge representatives.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at 2 o'clock p.m. The reading of the Record of the Quarterly Communication of 8th June 1887 was dispensed with, the same having been distributed in print. The Record of the Special Communication held at Winchester on the 28th June 1887 was read and approved. Proxies from several Lodges were presented; and, being found in form, the brethren designated therein were duly recognised. By-laws from several Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Standing Committee on By-laws and Charters. Bro. Edwin Wright presented a graceful tribute to the memory of Past Deputy Grand Master Marshall P. Wilder, which was accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the Records. Bro. Oliver A. Roberts, in behalf of the Committee, presented the memorial of a Past Grand Warden, which was accepted and ordered to be spread upon the Records. The report of Bro. Gifford H. G. McGrew, in behalf of the Committee on Bye-laws, was accepted and his recommendations were adopted. The sum of five hundred dollars was placed at the disposal of the Committee on Charity. The Report of Bro. Charles A. Welch, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Trials, was accepted. Bro. Parkman, Past Grand Master, made an interesting verbal report of the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner-stone of the Bennington Battle Monument by the Grand Master of the State of Vermont. No further business being presented, prayer was offered by Bro. Rev. Fielder Israel, Grand Chaplain, a hymn was sung, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, at twenty minutes after three o'clock p.m.

The brethren of the Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., unanimously elected Bro. N. Pascoe S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. A. Bennett P.M. was elected Treasurer.

## “MASONIC FACTS AND FICTIONS.”

[COMMUNICATED.]

IN the course of perusal of the excellent work of Bro. Henry Sadler, recently published under the above title, we could not avoid the reflection that whereas there can be no doubt as to the value of the information afforded in relation to the events of the century in connection with Freemasonry prior to 1813, there might also be even still more valuable instruction given to the members of our Order in the present day by further research into, and communication of the minuted proceedings of the Craft since that date.

Be it understood this present writing is not intended as a critique on our worthy brother's work, but as we are about to use some portions of it as it were as pegs upon which to hang our own comments and remarks, it is but simple justice to him to state at once that we never before closed a Masonic volume after perusal with greater regret that there was no more to read, or experienced greater satisfaction and interest during perusal than was afforded us by “Masonic Facts and Fictions.”

Bro. Sadler in his Preface remarks that “Masonic literature, especially that of the last century and the first half of the present (italics are ours) contains many fictions,” and proceeds to devote his attention to and dispose of, “to the best of his ability, what he considers to be the greatest fiction in the history of English Masonry” (italics are his), and this we have no hesitation in saying he most effectually does. This “greatest fiction is the hitherto accepted fact that there was a schism, secession, or split—call it by what name we may please—in the community of Masons in 1722, five years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of 1717. In connection with his official position as Sub-Librarian of the United Grand Lodge of England, Bro. Sadler has had the great advantage of access to the most important documents relating to the proceedings of that period and to the date of the Union in 1813, and, as we have said, the result is a most entertaining, interesting, and instructive volume, the perusal of which is to our mind necessary for all Craftsmen who profess to know the history of our Order and the status of its members in its early days, and it most undoubtedly negatives the opinions hitherto held as to the separation of the Craft in 1722 into two distinct Grand Lodges entitled respectively “Moderns” and “Antients.”

It is of course a matter of great importance in regard to the history of any Society that the truth in respect of all things connected with it should be ascertained. And when, as in the present case, a blot upon its escutcheon has been supposed, during many years, to have existed, then and that can remove a “bar sinister” is worthy of grateful recognition and encouragement, and such we feel assured will be awarded Bro. Sadler by those who take a deep interest in the proceedings of the Craft prior to the Union in 1813.

There remains, however, a vast number of our Order who entertain but little interest in what Freemasonry was antecedent to the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England; and, if the truth must be told, a still vaster number who have no interest whatever in the theory or practice of Freemasonry except in so far as it may conduce to social gatherings and the gratification of the senses. For the present generation of Freemasons, except in but few instances, that is few as compared with the many thousands who are ranged under the Masonic banners, “fictions” which help to the formation of a system which, as to its theoretical teachings, is not honoured by strict observance, are as carelessly permitted to accrue as errors of a like nature were in days long past. We can, and probably may, point out many “fictions” of the present day which might give a future Bro. Sadler occasion for research into minutes and proceedings subsequent to the first fifteen years of this century. For a while we leave to our readers the opportunity to reflect on this statement, certain that should they do so they cannot fail to note how frequent have been, and still continue, the departures from the true principles upon which Speculative Freemasonry has been established. We shall resume the subject in an early number of the CHRONICLE.

Bro. Wellington Dale (ex-Mayor of Penzance) has been elected W.M. of Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121, for the ensuing year. Bro. C. Read was re-elected Treasurer.



## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

## HUMBER LODGE, No. 57.

THE installation of Bro. John Clark as the Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the next twelve months, took place in the Masonic Hall, Osborne-street, Hull, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. There was a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren, and the whole assemblage in aprons and collars was a magnificent spectacle, and worthy of the best traditions of the Humber Lodge. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. G. Wilson P.M., an old and highly esteemed member of the Humber. He was assisted in the discharge of his important functions by Bros. E. Corris (the retiring W.M.) and A. King P.M. The usual Masonic honours were rendered by the brethren, and the newly elected Worshipful Master then invested the following as his Officers for the year:—E. Corris I.P.M., T. G. Vivian S.W., I. Matthews J.W., D. J. O'Donoghue P.M. Chaplain, T. Thompson P.M. Treasurer, W. Tesson Treasurer of Benevolent and Pension Fund, M. Kemp P.M. Treasurer of Sinking Fund, W. D. Keyworth P.M. Treasurer of Poor Fund, M. Haberland P.M. Lecture Master, A. King P.M. and J. Thyer Secretaries, W. Riby S.D., I. Henderson J.D., C. Collinson I.G., R. J. McLeavy D.C., J. R. Stringer Organist, W. W. Fletcher Librarian, Jas. Walker Steward, W. Cuthbert Tyler, J. Priest Assistant Tyler. The installation banquet took place in the large hall on the ground floor, and was attended by a large number of visitors. The Worshipful Master (Bro. Clark) occupied the presidential chair, and was supported by Bros. M. C. Peck, Walter Reynolds, D. J. O'Donoghue, and a number of others, all holding Provincial rank. The hall was crowded, and the proceedings throughout were of a most successful character. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured on the conclusion of the banquet. From his presidential chair the Worshipful Master proposed the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.D. W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The last named sentiment was responded to by Bro. M. C. Peck, who, in concluding his remarks, most courteously wished the newly installed Worshipful Master of the Humber Lodge a most prosperous and happy year of office. Bro. E. Corris on rising to submit the next toast, was received with applause by the assembled brethren. He said he did not think the toast of the newly installed Worshipful Master and his Officers needed any lengthy remarks from him to commend itself to their approval. Now the Humber Lodge was often called the old Humber Lodge. From year to year they had a new captain and a new set of officers, but the bulk of the crew remained the same. He was sure this year they had got a captain who had hitherto done his very utmost for the Humber Lodge, and who by his courtesy and amiability had won the highest regard of all, whilst endeavouring to promote the prosperity and the happiness of the community with which he had been so worthily associated. Bro. Clark was a very old member. He believed he was actuated by the very best wishes, and he felt confident he would have the loyal support of his officers and the remaining brethren of the Lodge. Anything he (Bro. Corris) could do would be at his service, and would be given most cordially. Bro. Vivian, the new Senior Warden, was a very old Mason, and a member who, by his steadiness, constant attendance, and his desire to do his utmost for the Lodge, had worthily won the honour which had now been assigned to him, and he believed the bulk of the members were very pleased to see him in that chair. The Junior Warden (Bro. Matthews) would also, he felt sure, be an acquisition to the Worshipful Master. He was known to most of them, and especially to the seafaring brethren. The Worshipful Master had also appointed two excellent Deacons, and both, he felt sure, would merit the confidence reposed in them. The new Inner Guard would, he felt sure also perform his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to all. The toast having been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master (Bro. John Clark) in reply expressed his grateful thanks to Bro. Corris for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the health of his officers and himself. He said he had taken the chair with a considerable amount of diffidence, but he trusted that with the aid of the brethren whom he had invested that day as his officers, he would be in a position at the end of his year to retire from the chair with the same amount of popularity, respect and esteem, so justly accorded to Bro. Corris. He thanked them for the honour conferred upon him, and he assured them it would be his utmost study and endeavour to merit the trust which they had reposed in him. Bros. Vivian and Matthews also expressed their acknowledgments for the honour which had been conferred upon them. The Worshipful Master then proposed the retiring W.M. and his Officers. He said he rose with a considerable amount of diffidence to put this toast before the members, as he felt he could not do that justice to it which it so richly merited. Bro. Corris had had a most successful and happy reign as the chief of the Humber during the past year. He had served under him, and he had found him ever kind and ready to overlook all faults and failings, and to render every assistance to his officers in the performance of their responsible duties. It had indeed been a very happy year, and he hoped his term would end quite as happily. With the health of the I.P.M. he included those of Bro. R. J. McLeavy and Bro. John Foreman, the retiring S.W. and J.W. Bro. E. Corris in reply said it was with a certain amount of regret that he left the chair. He accepted it with a considerable feeling of reluctance, for he well knew the responsibility involved in such an important office. Now he thought on leaving office they could claim credit for handing down the destinies of the Humber Lodge, if not in a better position, in at least as good, as those who preceded them. He touched upon various Masonic events they had had in connection with the Humber during the past year, and pro-

ceeding said no Master could have had a more loyal or a better set of officers. The retiring S.W. was not only a good man and true, but a good Mason. Bro. John Foreman, the retiring J.W. had also made many friends by his genial kindness. He had had two good Deacons, and Bro. Edward Hall had also done his duty well. Bro. Corris next bestowed a few words of very great praise on the retiring I. G., who was unable to be present that evening, and said he had to thank the members of the Humber for the good attendance they had had; and the visitors for patronising their meeting so well as they had done. Concluding, he affirmed his zeal for the welfare of the Humber, and wished the Worshipful Master and his Officers a happy and prosperous year. Bros. R. J. McLeavy and John Foreman, the retiring S.W. and J.W., thanked the brethren in somewhat humorous terms for the honour which had been accorded to them. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of Bro. G. Wilson, L.D.S., P.M., who had officiated as Installing Officer. Bro. Wilson briefly acknowledged the compliment. The Founders of the Humber Lodge, the Visitors, the Past Masters and Treasurers of the Humber Lodge, the Sister Lodges, the Masonic Charities, and other toasts followed. The evening was a thoroughly pleasing and enjoyable one throughout.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, the senior Lodge of the Order in South Devon, and the oldest but one in the Province, was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Hayshe Temple, Plymouth. The high esteem in which this ancient and popular Lodge is held was, as usual, shown by a very large attendance of brethren. Bro. W. F. Westcott presided, and the W.M. elect—Bro. W. T. Hocking—was installed. Bros. W. F. Westcott, J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Pengelly P.P.G.A.D.C., Rev. T. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, J. Griffin P.P.G.S.D., and F. B. Westlake, all of 70, were the installing officers. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, presented the Lodge with an autotype picture, handsomely framed, representing the "Reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., in Grand Lodge as Past Grand Master, 1st December 1869," and a framed photograph of the late Sir Charles Lemon, for twenty years Prov. G.M. of Cornwall. On the proposition of Bro. J. Du Prez, seconded by Bro. F. B. Westlake, thanks were enthusiastically voted to Bro. Lemon for his gifts. In the evening the members of the Lodge and a large number of visitors dined together at Bro. H. Rogers, Newmarket Hotel, Cornwall-street. Bro. W. T. Hocking presided, and between seventy and eighty brethren sat down to a banquet, the general excellence of which was cordially recognised later in the evening, when the host and hostess were specially thanked for the manner in which they had catered for an unexpectedly large company. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed The Right Worshipful Brother Lord Ebrington, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Lodge. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. D. Cross, who said they all recognised that Lord Ebrington, as the Grand Master of Devon decidedly improved on acquaintance. It was always a real pleasure for Masons to meet his lordship, and they were all looking forward with gratification to the interesting and important ceremony which was to take place at Plymouth the next day, when the Prov. Grand Master would lay the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall in Princess-square. He sincerely hoped that the brethren would attend in large numbers, and support his lordship in a manner worthy of an occasion of so much interest and importance. Bro. J. B. Gover proposed The Right Worshipful Brother the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall. He remarked that next to their own Provincial Grand Master there was no Grand Master of Freemasons in England who secured the approbation and esteem of the brethren more than did the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. The noble earl was always wise in the selection of his officers, he always did the best he could for the Province over whose deliberations he presided with such conspicuous ability, and Masonry in the West of England owed much to the admirable manner in which his lordship always directed its affairs. Bro. G. Roseveare briefly responded. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, in proposing the toast of Bro. W. T. Hocking, W.M. of Lodge 70, said it was no small honour to preside over the premier Lodge of the district, and the brethren might be sure that the choice which they had made of a W.M. for the coming year was one which they would have no cause to regret. Bro. Hocking returned thanks. He fully recognised the responsible nature of the duties he had undertaken, and sincerely hoped that the interests of the Lodge would not suffer in his hands. The toast of Bro. W. Frank Westcott I.P.M., was proposed by Bro. Du Prez who spoke in terms of high eulogy of the manner in which Bro. Westcott had filled the office of W.M. of St. John's Lodge during the past year. Bro. Westcott was a very young man to fill such an office, but the manner in which he had got through his difficult work was little less than marvellous. He was an example to every member of the Lodge, and he (Bro. Du Prez) had great pleasure in asking Bro. Westcott's acceptance of a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of his office. Bro. Du Prez then pinned the jewel to Bro. Westcott's breast, amidst hearty applause, and the I.P.M., in acknowledging the gift, said it would be a strong incentive to him to continue his interest in the Lodge no less earnestly than he had done in past years. Bro. J. R. Lord proposed The Past Masters of Lodge 70, and Bros. Sercombe, F. B. Westlake, Tont, Griffin, Lean, H. Thomas, Pengelly, Gover, and Du Prez responded. The other toasts were the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Senior and Junior Wardens and Assistant Officers of the Lodge, Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren, Masons' Wives and Masons' Sweethearts, the Host and Hostess, and Our Poor and Distressed Brethren. At intervals during the evening musical service was rendered by Bros. J. Rendle, J. Avery, C. Mutton, T. W. Lemon, T. Goodall, H. Thomas, J. Leonard, and J. Hicks. Before the proceedings closed, Bro. Hicks, the Charity Steward, mentioned, amidst loud applause, that Bro. F. B. Westlake had handed him the sum of ten guineas towards the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and had thus qualified as a vice-patron of the Fund for life.

## LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 75.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual festival on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at Falmouth, when there was a large attendance. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. T. Olver, was ably installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. S. Tressider jun. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. S. Tressider I.P.M., William Anderson S.W., T. R. Grylls J.W., Rev. M. J. Sutton Chaplain, W. F. Newman Treasurer, Harry Tucker Secretary, H. Liddicoat S.D., R. C. M. Pooley J.D., W. M. Harrison D.C., J. E. Dinnen Organist, J. Martin I.G., J. S. Kelway and W. Penhay Stewards, and J. N. Francis Tyler. The business of the day being over, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared by Bro. E. Carter. Over forty brethren sat down under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Olver. The menu card bore a photograph of the W.M. in full Masonic clothing. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts, the evening was devoted to harmony, the W.M. contributing greatly to this part of the proceedings.

## ECONOMY LODGE, No. 76.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., Bro. J. Harris was unanimously elected W.M. in succession to Bro. T. Stopher. Bro. W. H. Jacob was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Sims Tyler. The W.M. was heartily thanked for his welcome and interesting present to every brother of a book containing many extremely interesting extracts from the ancient records.

## LOYAL PALLADIAN LODGE, No. 120.

THE members of this Lodge assembled at their Lodge-room at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and to instal Bro. G. J. Caldwell, the W.M. elect, for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. Blinkhorn W.M., assisted by Past Masters W. Earle, T. Smith, and John Barnes. After this ancient and annual ceremony had been performed, and the W.M. had received the customary homage of the Brethren in due Masonic form, he proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Norton S.W., Callwick J.W., Beddoe Treasurer, Parly Secretary, Caldicott S.D. and Organist, George J.D., Shellard D.C., Chance I.G., Stephens and Gethen Stewards. At the close of the Lodge the Brethren retired to the Banquet, which was credibly served up by the Green Dragon Hotel Company, under the direction of the manageress, Mrs. McKay. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant and fraternal evening was spent by the Brethren.

## UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, Bro. Colonel A. W. Adair P.P.G.M. of Somerset was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and he will be installed in January, by the outgoing Master, Bro. Arthus Stevens. The Lodge this year celebrates its Centenary, its warrant having been granted in 1788, and Colonel Adair has, by special request of the brethren been induced to accept the Mastership on an occasion so interesting to local Freemasonry.

## GOOD FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 276.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge, which was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at Chelmsford, gained considerable interest, from the fact that the Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke had signified his intention of being present, in order to confer P.P.G. rank upon certain brethren in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. Permission had been obtained to use the Grand Jury-room at the Shire Hall, which was fitted up as a Lodge. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock, when Bro. Wm. Tanner 1,627 was admitted as a joining member. The business also included the raising of several brethren and the despatch of routine matters. Bro. Wilson Metcalfe, W.M. elect, was appointed as a representative to serve on the Essex Charity Committee. The raising was ably done by Brother Adolphus G. Maskell W.M. Lord Brooke, who was received with Masonic honours and acclamations, was escorted into the Lodge by the Director of Ceremonies and a large body of Provincial Officers. On taking the chair of the W.M., he said the authorities, following the course adopted in Grand Lodge, had seen proper to celebrate the year of the Queen's Jubilee by the dispensing of Provincial honours to certain Masons thereof worthy, who had not already held prominent offices. Four such honours fell to Essex, and he had pleasure in investing the following, for their services in Freemasonry:—

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| Bro. W. D. Morrill P.M. 1000      | - | - | Past Senior Warden   |
| A. G. Maskell W.M. 276            | - | - | Past Junior Warden   |
| A. Gosling P.M. and Treasurer 697 | - | - | Past Senior Deacon   |
| T. Malyu P.M. and Secretary 1312  | - | - | Past Standard Bearer |

Bro. Wilson Metcalfe was then installed in the chair of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. (Grand Registrar of England), Deputy P.G.M. The W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. Langham S.W., T. R. Jarvis J.W., Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Frank Whitmore P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, J. P. Levin P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, Andrew Durrant P.M. P.P.G.S.W. P.G. Treas. D.C., F. P. Sutherly P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Organist, Chas. Williams S.D., T. Winniatt Smith P.P.G.O. J.D., John Taylor I.G., F. H. Meggy Steward. After the Lodge, a banquet was served at the White Hart Hotel, by Bro. Hipkin, to which about 50 or 60 sat down.

## UNION LODGE, No. 310.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 27th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle, followed by a banquet in the evening at the Grey Goat Hotel. At the meeting in the afternoon there was a large assemblage of brethren and a number of visitors from Wigton and from the Bective Lodge, Carlisle. Bro. Ormiston was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being performed in a very able manner by Bro. John Slack P.M. After being installed the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, the principal of which were as follows:—Bros. Thomas Beaty I.P.M., James Baty S.W., Lockyer J.W., the Rev. W. H. Cockett Chaplain, William Court Treasurer, J. T. Graham Secretary, Wharton S.D., E. J. Balman J.D., John Slack D.C., Carruthers I.G., Reed Steward, Murchie Organist, and Samuel Clark Tyler. The usual routine of business having been gone through, the brethren adjourned to the Grey Goat Hotel, where they had dinner, provided by Bro. Martin. The Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by his Officers. After dinner the customary Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and songs were sung at intervals by Bro. Slack and others. The proceedings terminated shortly after eleven o'clock, a pleasant evening having been spent.

## TRUE AND FAITHFUL LODGE, No. 318.

THIS Lodge held its Annual Meeting and commemorated the Festival of St. John, on Friday, the 30th ult. The brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Helston, at half-past one o'clock, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Richards. The ceremony of installation was very ably and impressively performed by Bro. Dunstan assisted by Bro. Trembath. Bro. Trembath was re-elected Lodge Almoner and Steward to the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund. After the transaction of the usual Lodge business the brethren adjourned to Bro. and Host Blackwell's Angel Hotel, where a *récherché* spread awaited them. The dinner was followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were admirably interspersed with songs, duets, trios, and choruses, the whole comprising a rare musical treat, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Bro. Heath presided at the piano as accompanist with his well-known ability. The evening was one of the most pleasant and enthusiastic ever spent in the annals of this old Lodge, and the Worshipful Master is to be congratulated on the bright prospect of a successful Masonic year.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 327.

THE festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by the members of this Lodge on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when Brother James Kirkland S.W. was installed W.M. of the Lodge, by Brothers E. Clark and Gowan. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Brothers J. Martin I.P.M., W. S. Pouton S.W., E. T. Burgess J.W., H. Bewn Treasurer, J. Harris Secretary, Dr. White S.D., R. Pearson J.D., F. Richardson I.G., and T. Penrice Steward.

## PHENIX LODGE, No. 257.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge was held in the Lodge-room, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. (St. John's Day), when there was a large attendance, amongst the Visitors being the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Bach, M.P.), and the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Edgar Goble). A number of apologies were received from Brethren who were prevented by private engagements from being present. The retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. W. P. G. Gilbert) conducted the ceremony of installing his successor, Bro. Major W. Campbell, R.M.A., and gave a correct and eloquent rendering of the ritual. The new W.M. appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Gilbert I.P.M., Drummond S.W., Darwin J.W., Rev. Morton, M.A., Chaplain, Ernest Hall P.M. Treasurer, Lieut.-Colonel Kennedy Secretary, Long S.D., Collier J.D., Lovegrove Organist, Commodore Markham, R.N., I.G., Colonel Crease, C.B., R.M.A., P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Brickwood P.M. Assistant D.C., Bland and O'Connor Stewards. The proceedings at the banquet, served on the Lodge premises in excellent style, were enlivened by the string band of the Royal Marine Artillery, who discoursed an appropriate selection of popular music. During the evening an interesting presentation was made to Bro. G. D. Lovegrove, in the form of a very handsome clock, in recognition of his gratuitous services as Organist of the Lodge for many years.

## SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 439.

ON Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., the Installation of Bro. Paget Priestley as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, took place. He was installed by Bro. Hopwood, assisted by Bros. J. W. Monckton P.P.G.D.C., Edward Hallas P.M., H. S. Wood P.M., and Thos. Ecroyd P.M. After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the members celebrated the Festival of St. John.

## CAREW LODGE, No. 1136.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lodge-room, Torpoint, on the 21st ult., to instal Bro. James Black S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. A. K. Collins, assisted by Bros. Poor P.M. P.P.G.D.C., G. Cassell P.M. 1136 P.G. Steward, assisted by a Board of Installed Masters. The Worshipful Master appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Collins I.P.M., Tresise S.W., Wood J.W., Poor P.M. Treasurer, Cassell P.M. Secretary, Jeffery S.D., Akenhead J.D., Davis I.G., Carey Chaplain, George Dir. of Cers., Dart Organist,

Williams S.Stwd., Wotton J.Stwd., Trotman and Lord Assistant Stewards. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Bosworthick's restaurant, in Marlborough-street, Devonport, where they sat down to the annual banquet, which was admirably served. A very pleasant evening was spent.

**The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.**—An important meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, as the opening of the first session in the new year, was held at the Masons' Arms, Masous' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 5th inst. Amongst the many present were Bros. Robert Greening, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who presided, and who was supported by Bros. James Stevens the first Master of The Great City Lodge and Preceptor to the Lodge of Instruction, Baber P.M. and Secretary of the Mother Lodge, Past Masters Paddle Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, Pitt Assistant Preceptor, Rush, Arthur Taylor, James Amsden, Munday, Berry, Lloyd, Parr, Saul, Parkor, Sunshall, Ewins, and Dyer, Bros. Belchambers as I.P.M., Hills J.W., Whitehouse S.D., Jolliffe J.D., Gomme I.G., and Barrett, May, Tattersall and others. The Lodge having been opened and former minutes approved, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a most creditable manner by the acting W.M. Bro. Greening, whose working gave considerable satisfaction. He subsequently raised the Lodge to the third degree, and brethren below the degree of Installed Master retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, in accordance with ancient form and ritual, the fullest explanations being afforded by Bro. Stevens the Preceptor, both in regard to the opening and closing of the Board, and in many parts of the installation ceremony. Great satisfaction was expressed by the numerous Past Masters who took part in this work, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Stevens for his share in the interesting proceedings. Bro. Greening was elected a member of the Lodge, and subsequently became a member of the Benevolent Association connected therewith. A vote of sympathy and condolence was recorded in respect of the severe domestic bereavement sustained within the past few days by Bro. Ball the esteemed Secretary of the Lodge. Bro. Baber was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and after hearty good wishes had been expressed, together with interchange of seasonable compliments, the Lodge was closed in due form, but somewhat later than usual, the brethren generally having enjoyed a most instructive evening. We cordially recommend our brethren to visit this Lodge when opportunity affords, and they may desire to make progress in Masonic work.

**Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1601.**—Meeting held at the George Inn, Catford, on Wednesday, 4th January 1888. Present—Bros. G. Pickering W.M., C. Thomas S.W., H. Visger J.W., H. Shaw P.M. and Preceptor, T. J. Axford S.D., Dale J.D., W. Remington I.G., James Stevens P.M., T. White, C. Atkins Secretary, Drew, C. Anderson, E. Blake, W. Smith, T. V. Catt, H. Broadbridge, P. McCarthy, Johnson, and others. After usual preliminaries the ceremony of the third degree was fully rehearsed in very excellent style by the W.M., who received hearty acknowledgment of the perfect manner in which he had worked the degree. After Lodge had been reduced, and called off and on, in accordance with the usual practice of this Lodge of Instruction, the ceremony of the M.M. degree was resumed, and in proper order the Lodge was lowered to the first degree, every portion of the ceremonies of closing being minutely observed. Bro. Johnson, of the Henley Lodge, was admitted a member. It was resolved that the Fifteen Sections should be worked in this Lodge on an early Wednesday, of which sufficient notice will be given. Many of the sections were taken by the brethren present, and others will be selected on Wednesday next. Bro. Thomas was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and after many compliments had been paid the Worshipful Master on his evening's work, and seasonable good wishes exchanged by the members, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.**—The brethren assembled at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Thursday evening, the 29th ult. Bros. Grammant W.M., D. Channon S.W., W. Briant J.W., C. H. Stone S.D., W. Souton J.D., Curry I.G., D. Rose P.M. Preceptor, Eckersall, Rivers, Irwin, Clapp, Grey, Whitehead, Wolfski, Murché, Elgar, Brown, Thompson, Hilton, Cowly, Bond, Eidmanns, Beneditti, Brinton, Dr. Outhwaite, Mole, Myer, Martin, Davis, Penny, Dunn, and Addington. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, also that of raising, after which the Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. Murché remarked that since their last meeting Bro. G. J. Venables had been called away, at the comparatively early age of 42. Bro. Venables was well known in connection with the South London Choral Association, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, and also amongst the members of the Masonic Lodges meeting thereat. His unvarying courtesy and genial manner endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. The deceased, as was well known, undertook and carried out the general arrangements for the various Masonic Lodges meeting from time to time at that Hall. His death was preceded by a short illness, and he has left a wife and eight children—the eldest only 14 years of age—to mourn his loss. Inasmuch as they all knew Bro. Venables, more or less, he would move that a vote of condolence be passed, and that it be forwarded to Mrs. Venables by their Secretary, Bro. Grammant. Bro. Rose, in feeling language seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried. An Audit Committee was appointed, Bros. Briant, Eckersall, and Curry being chosen to act. After routine business had been transacted, the Lodge closed in the usual manner. Bro. Rose now took the chair as principal, and Bro. Hilton the vice chair. Bro. Rose remarked that for a series of years it had been customary on the anniversary of the natal day of their esteemed Bro. Grammant to commemorate that event. He did not intend to occupy their time by dilating on the manifold qualities of their respected Secretary, who had, as usual, so well filled the chair that evening.

All who heard him (the speaker) would endorse what he said in reference to their brother. There were many present who felt their indebtedness to him for what they knew of Freemasonry. Moreover, all could testify to the able manner in which he had at all times discharged the onerous duties associated with his office of Secretary of their Lodge, an office he had filled for many years most ably, efficiently, and satisfactorily to all who came in contact with him. He would now propose his health. Bro. Cowley endorsed all that their President had said. Bro. Grammant was a most efficient Freemason, and had won "golden opinions" from all who had the privilege of being associated with him. The toast was received with "three times three," and musical honours. Bro. Grammant, in response, thanked the brethren for their appreciation of his services. He assured them that it was a great pleasure to him to place his humble services at the disposal of the Lodge. During the time he had been their Secretary he had from time to time received kindness and courtesy from all the brethren, which he could assure them he appreciated more than he could express. The Lodge was in a most prosperous condition, numerically and financially; this was a most satisfactory report to make. They had, as a Lodge, cultivated fraternal feeling at all times. He could not sit down without expressing his thanks to the brethren, more especially to their Preceptor, Bro. Rose, who had on all occasions rendered him most efficient service; and therefore, the duties of his office had been rendered most pleasing. Bro. Brinton proposed the health of the Preceptor, Bro. Rose, to whom they were all more or less indebted for his able services. There was not a brother present who did not feel he owed him something for his care, ability and earnestness. Moreover, they were all aware of the fact that their Preceptor possessed the happy gift—which all had not—of communicating edification, in a most pleasing and able manner. He would, therefore, call on them to pledge the toast, in a manner that would become Masons. Bro. Rose, in a characteristic speech, acknowledged the compliment. During the evening some excellent songs were sung and recitations given.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### SINCERITY LODGE, No. 35.

**T**HE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, 2nd inst., at the Lodge-room, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, to instal Bro. White as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. R. H. Rae P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Secretary performed the ceremony of installation, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., C. Croydon, W. Ellis, G. R. Barrett, F. Crouch, H. Langmead and A. Trout. The Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—W. M. Robins S.W., Frank R. Thomas J.W., J. T. Bond M.O., G. D. Daunt S.O., C. Croydon P.M. J.O., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Chaplain, T. S. Bayly Treasurer, C. Spence Bate Reg. of Marks, R. H. Rae P.M. Secretary, G. R. Barrett P.M. S.D., J. Austin P.M. J.D., G. Jackson I.G., J. Gidley Tyler. A meeting of the Lodge of Ark Mariners attached to Lodge Sincerity M.M.M. was afterwards held, when Bro. F. Crouch was installed W.C.N. by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. P.G. Chap. Chaplain. The Officers invested were Bros. E. A. Davies I.P.M., H. Langmead J., W. Trevena S., T. W. Lemon Chaplain, T. S. Bayly Treasurer, R. H. Rae Scribe, A. W. White S.D., R. Lavers J.D., J. D. Cobledick Dir. of Cers., C. J. H. Sellick Organist, A. Tout Guardian, J. Gidley Warder.

**Mohawk Minstrels.**—This troupe have again returned to their home at Islington, after a short absence, and with new songs, &c., retain their established reputation. A very enjoyable and attractive Christmas programme has been provided, contributed to by Messrs. C. Cuivers, E. Gordon, R. Oliver, T. Campbell, and Messrs. F. Beauclerc and Frank Elsworthy, two new members, who met with a very flattering reception. The comic element is in the hands of Messrs. Brewer, Walter Howard, Little Thomas, and Johnny Danvers, who all "come out strong." The first part concludes with a new comicality, "John Bull and his Brothers," a patriotic piece, which goes excellently. The second part consists, as usual, of a variety entertainment, commencing with the Flying Eugenes on their high trapeze, a performance simply marvellous; Mr. Walter Howard has a new banjo song; the Mohawks' Choir; Mr. Johnny Danvers, in a new impersonation, which is intensely amusing; Mr. Edmund Forman, with many instruments; and Mr. Celian Kottaun, with a cornet solo. The whole concludes with a new sketch, by Mr. Campbell, entitled "The Private Omnibus," which is very well received.

On Thursday morning, 29th ult., Mrs. Elizabeth Trew, mother of Bro. Archibald R. Trew W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, 959 (Ipswich), and of the Princess of Wales, West Ham-lane, peacefully passed away during sleep, at the house of her son. The deceased had reached the 98th year of her age, and we understand has been a resident in the district for twenty-two years.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasure or pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the spring of life.



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## THE LATE BRO. WOODFORD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the obituary notice of our lamented Bro. Woodford, which appeared in your last issue, there are the following typographical errors that I should wish corrected:—

The last line on page 416, column 2, should form the last line on page 417. Column 1 on page 417, line 26, should read "Masonic labour;" line 39, "doyen" (not "dozen"); and line 54, "on (not "in") a variety of subjects."

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

## THE SILVER WEDDING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am much obliged by the publication of my letter on this question, and your kindly notice of it in your leader of the last number of your paper; but I am sorry that our Bro. "P.M. P.Z." was so upset by its appearance as to render him unable to see its meaning; there certainly was no hint of objection to the gift, it was merely the source from which it was to come. By all means let the presentation be of some personal character to Her Royal Highness, and of the full value of £500, which even the smallest silver coin collected in the manner suggested would produce, and, I still contend, be a more graceful tribute of respectful love and loyalty; but if that is objected to, I would say that the original suggestion of the sixpences be adhered to, and in addition to the personal gift let the balance be divided between the three Institutions, making Her Royal Highness Patron, with the usual number of votes accorded to ladies. In conclusion, I beg to add that my letter was not written in any spirit of dictation to the Craft or Grand Lodge, but merely as a suggestion. This I know will be taken for what it is worth. Reciprocating your good wishes for the new year,

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. T. C. KEEBLE P.M. 1426.

Inverness, 5th January 1888.

We glean the following from the *Western Morning News*:—

The year 1887 has been an active one, Masonically, in Devon and Cornwall, and particularly in the latter county, in relation to contributions on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held in February, under the chairmanship of the Prov. G. Master of Hunts and the Isle of Wight. Cornwall, with Bro. G. B. Pearce, of Hayle, as Steward, sent up the large sum of £368 11s, and Devon, with Bro. John Lane as Steward, subscribed £50. In May the 99th Festival of the Girls' Institution was held, Bro. Pearce, as the Cornish Steward, having on his list the sum of £141 15s. In June the Boys had their turn. Bro. Pearce, for Cornwall, presented a list of £194 5s (being over £700 in 1887 from that county). Devon was unrepresented at either of the Juvenile Institutions, but doubtless will do its part nobly this year, as the esteemed Prov. Grand Master, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., is to preside at the 90th Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Centenary Festival of the Girls is likely to be a very great success, financially and generally. The Charity elections, as usual, were most ably managed on behalf of the voters in Devon and Cornwall by Bros. the Rev. W. Whitley and J. B. Gover for Devon, and Bro. Charles Truscott for Cornwall. Two consecrations of new Lodges have taken place—the Cotehele Lodge, No. 2166, at Cotehele House, by the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the Ashburton Lodge, No. 2198, by Lord Ebrington, M.P. The Jubilee honours for Devon and Cornwall from the Grand Master of England were two for Devon and one for Cornwall. Sir Charles B. Sawle, Bart., received the rare appointment of Past J.G. Warden, and Bros. W. D. Rogers and the Rev. W. Whitley were invested as Past Junior Grand Deacons. The Province of Devon also was permitted to appoint thirteen brethren to Past rank, and Cornwall was allowed to have five, the former Province, because of its size, being entitled to one nomination for each four, and Cornwall receiving one for each six Lodges. The death of Colonel J. Tanner Davy leaves a vacancy in the Provincial Grand Mastership in Mark Masonry for Devon. That of the Knights Templars was filled by the appointment of the Rev. Thomas W. Lemon, M.A., as Provincial Prior for the County, and his installation took place in August. The Masonic exhibition for Devon and Cornwall, opened in June by Bro. W. J. Hazgan, P.G.D. of England, was a great success, and realised about fifty guineas on behalf of the Devon Educational Fund. A dramatic entertainment at Devonport met also with gratifying support for the same worthy object. Other events of the last month, especially the laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall at Plymouth, are so fresh in the memories of the Craft that no mention of them is called for. On the whole, Masonry in the two counties has been prosperous throughout the past year, and begins well for 1888.

## CONSECRATION OF THE FREDERICK WEST LODGE, No. 2222.

THE brethren of the Province of Surrey appear to delight in striving to perpetuate the memory of those who take a prominent part in the Masonic work of their district, and among the means adopted with this object in view is that of naming Lodges after those they wish to honour, among the Lodges included in the list being the Arnold, Bramston Beach, Brownrigg, Dobie, Greenwood, George Price, Studholme, and latest of all, the Frederick West, which was consecrated on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey. The warrant for the new Lodge was granted on the petition of the following founders:—

Bros. R. T. Elsam P.M. and Secretary 201 and 889, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, John Hughes P.M. 901, John Piller P.M. 1656 and 1793, Abel Laurence P.M. and Secretary 1638 P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, David Hughes P.M. 901, Daniel Hughes W.M. 901, John Mayo 1614, Thos. Weaver P.M. 889, John Horne 1638, Frederick Lockett D.C. 1638, H. N. Abrahams J.D. 889, Julian Pritchard 141, Thos. Murray Jones 2020, C. R. Bennett 871, W. Lane P.M. 1638 P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, W. Thomas W.M. Elect 2045.

R.W. Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.S.W., the Provincial Grand Master, personally undertook the duties of Consecrating Officer, and he was assisted in those duties by Bros. Joseph D. Langton as S.W., John Drewitt as J.W.; in the absence of either of the Provincial Grand Chaplains, Bro. Morgan P.M. 211 was requested to undertake the functions. Bro. Charles Greenwood Prov. Grand Secretary was in his place, and Bro. J. W. Moorman acted as D.C. After the brethren had assembled, the Consecrating Officer took the chair, and the Lodge was opened in the three degrees. After a hymn, the Consecrating Officer addressed the Brethren, and the Prov. Grand Secretary read the petition and warrant. Bro. Morgan then gave an oration, and the consecrating ceremony was completed according to recognised formula.

Bro. Frederick West P.G.D. Deputy Prov. Grand Master installed Bro. R. T. Elsam as first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and he, in turn nominated and invested the Officers. The ceremony of consecration having been completed, the names of candidates for joining and initiation were handed in, to be placed on the summons for next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officer, and to the brethren who had assisted him, was then passed, and honorary membership was conferred upon them. The Provincial Grand Master acknowledged this compliment, and in the course of his remarks expressed the gratification he felt at witnessing the steady progress which Freemasonry was making in the Province of Surrey. The banquet was served at the Castle Hotel, the arrangements of the host, Brother Mayo, giving the greatest satisfaction. Consequent on the near approach of Christmas the proceedings were somewhat hurried throughout, nevertheless the occasion will long be remembered with pleasure by most of those who assisted. Among the company present, in addition to those already named, we may mention Past Masters Hopwood 141, Jessett 1752, Major Cooper 2028, Smith 56, 901, Beaumont 901, Stuart 87, 141, 179, McClelland 901, A. Ginger 901, Honeywell 889, Forge 1793, Hodges 1706, Youldon 1658, 1981, Croaker 185, &c. Worshipful Masters Bros. Chapman 889, Moorman 1638, Warner 1793, Hardy 201 and Youldon 1981; Drewitt Worshipful Master elect 889, Reynolds Junior Warden 1614, Glazin I.G. 34, Willis I.G. 1638, Pettit 889, Ward 1564, Oldridge 1638, Pennington 1638, Tagg 1512, Dhartz 901, Summers 1738, Bail 1319, Davis, Knight, Shelly, Hall-t 1981, Kerr 697, Yardley, Stevens and Prince 901, Martin 2045, &c. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. T. V. Honeywell P.M. 889 P.P.G. Organist Surrey and Middlesex, who was assisted by Bro. John Hodges. It was a matter of remark during the meeting that it was exactly five years to the day since the consecration of the Arnold Lodge, which took place at the same establishment.

## MASONIC BALL.

THE annual ball, under the auspices of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at the George Hotel, Lichfield, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren and friends. The patrons included the Provincial Grand Officers of Staffordshire, and the Stewards were Bros. C. Twigg P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. Clark P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. Fowler P.M. P.P.G.S.D., J. J. Perkins P.M. P.P.G.P., A. Barnes P.M., G. Ashmall I.P.M., W. W. Weston W.M., F. Harper S.W., W. A. Wood S.D., and A. Smyrk. The decorations of the room were carefully carried out under the supervision of the Stewards. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock to the strains of Bro. Gladman's band, and was kept up until an early hour next morning.

A grand function in connection with the Savage Club Lodge of Freemasons is to take place on the 7th of February. Some of the highest officials in the Masonic world have consented to be present, and it is expected there will be a show, the like of which, Masonically speaking, has not been witnessed for some time.

A concert was given in the Infant Schoolroom in Caledon, in aid of the Masonic Schools in Dublin, on the 22nd ult. There was a crowded house, and a capital programme was provided. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the programme being brought to a close by the band playing "God Save the Queen."

Our report of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 138, and other matters, are held over until next week.

The First Masonic Festival of the Present Year  
WILL BE THAT OF THE  
**ROYAL  
MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION**

FOR  
**AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS,**

Grand Patron and President:

His ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON,  
ON WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1888,

UPON WHICH OCCASION

**SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,**

R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

**BRETHREN** are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron, P.G.S.B.

Secretary.

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**Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,**  
ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.  
INSTITUTED 1788.

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Grand Patroness:

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

**A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT** of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 14th January 1888, at Twelve o'clock precise, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in April next, to declare the number of girls then to be elected, and to consider Notice of Motion as under:—

NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. J. L. MATHER, Assist. G.D. of Cers.—

"That Laws 6, 29, 35, and 60, be amended as follows, viz.:

"Law 6. To add after the word 'meeting,' in the second line, the words 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

"Law 29. To omit the word 'second,' in the third line, and after word 'Saturday,' in third line, to add 'following the last Friday.'"

"Law 35. After word 'Court,' in fifth line, to add 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

"Law 60. After word 'Courts,' in second line, to add 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,  
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7th January 1888.

**CENTENARY FESTIVAL, 1888.**—Stewards are earnestly solicited to co-operate in the Celebration of this unique event.

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS:

The Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM DEPUTY G.M.,  
Prov. G.M. Lancashire Western Division.

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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

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1888.

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INVESTED FUNDS, £17,000.

**THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,**

WILL BE HELD

ON WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1888,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

**VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.**

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devon,

The names of Brethren willing to act as Stewards will be gratefully received.

**CONTRIBUTIONS EARNESTLY SOLICITED.**

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Will be held on WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1888,

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**SIR GEORGE ELLIOTT, Bart., M.P.**

Prov. G.M. for South Wales (East Division).

Funds are urgently needed for the 130 candidates seeking election. Fourteen vacancies only.

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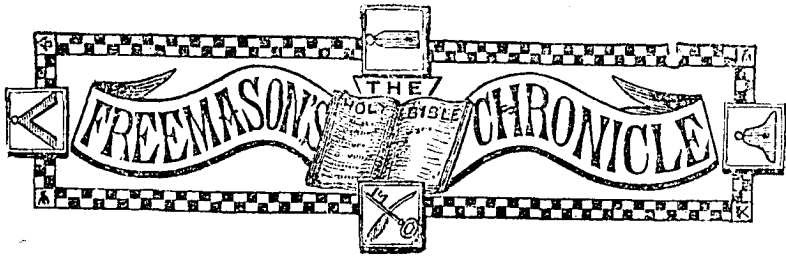
The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the  
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are earnestly solicited on behalf of  
**PRISCILLA MINNIE SWAEBE,**  
(AGED 9 YEARS LAST JUNE),

Daughter of the late Bro. DAVID SWAEBE. He was initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, in January 1851, and continued a subscribing member to 1871. He joined the Euphrates, No. 212, and subscribed for 17 years, until his decease, which took place in May 1887. He has left a widow and 6 children unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the brethren of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and by

Bro. Rt. Hon. POLYDOR DE KEYSER, Lord Mayor, Mansion House, London.  
Bro. Sir HENRY A. ISAACS, Alderman, 27 Belsize Park, N.W.  
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\*LEWIS LAZARUS P.M. and Secretary Joppa Lodge 188, 86 Sandringham Road, Dalston.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked \*.



**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.**

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall in Princess-square, and to transact other business. There was a very large attendance, fully 600 brethren being present. This is partly due to the fact that it was announced that Past Prov. rank would be conferred on certain brethren in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee. The large hall in the Assembly Rooms was specially fitted up as Grand Lodge Room, Bro. Derry kindly placing a number of plants at the disposal of the committee. The Prov. G.M. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., occupied the throne. Bro. G. C. Davie P.M. 251 P.G. Secretary moved, in accordance with notice, "That in order to enable the P.G. Lodge to assist, as far as its surplus funds will allow, those Lodges who wish to obtain Life Governorships in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on the occasion of the R.W. the P.G. Master presiding at its Annual Festival, the portion of the P.G. Bye-law which limits to twenty guineas the amount to be so voted be suspended during the year 1888." It was well known that in the forthcoming Annual Festival in connection with the Masonic Institution for Boys their Prov. G. Master had consented to take the chair, and it would be a good thing not only for Masonry in general, but the province of Devon in particular, that their contributions should be as large as possible. According to their bye-laws the P.G. Lodge was not allowed to assist any Lodge in obtaining life governorships beyond the sum of twenty guineas. He proposed that this portion of the bye-law should be suspended for the year 1888, in order that the Province may be enabled to assist as many Lodges as practicable in obtaining life governorships in the Boys' Institution. He did not wish to interfere with those sums which were given away to deserving Masons, but he hoped the motion would be carried because it would do the Province good, inasmuch as it would practically double the votes for the Province. Bro. the Hon. R. Dawson in seconding the resolution, said that the Boys' Institution was not nearly so wealthy as the Girls', and this would be a splendid opportunity for increasing its funds. The resolution was carried unanimously. Bro. J. Stocker P.M. 36 P.P.G.T.—"That in the opinion of the Provincial Grand

Lodge, the present income of the Fortescue Annuity Fund will warrant the election of two additional annuitants, and that the secretary of the fund be requested to take the necessary steps for the immediate carrying out of the resolution." For many years past sufficient interest had not been taken in this fund, in fact many seemed totally ignorant of the advantages of the institution. Their receipts were £14 over their expenditure, and he claimed the fund would bear two additional annuitants, as the subscriptions to the fund would increase immediately it became better known. He found that the capital of the fund was invested to the extent of £1,100 in Consols and £109 in the Devonshire and Exeter Savings Bank, in addition to which the hon. Treasurer had £100 in hand. Bro. Stocker said more profitable investments should be found for that capital and they would get increased revenue in that respect. The notice of a resolution which he moved had already had a good effect, applications having been received from four distressed brethren to be placed on the fund. Bro. R. Jerman seconded the resolution. The D.P.G.M. pointed out that since the notice for the meeting was issued one of the annuitants had died, and as it would be necessary to call a meeting of the trustees of the fund he suggested that it would be well to consult them on the matter. He thought they were not justified in creating two annuitants on the fund when they had such a small surplus as £43 per annum. Their receipts were not a permanent source of income, although he did not anticipate any serious diminution. He felt they could not do what Bro. Stocker suggested for at least another twelve months. Bro. Gover thought the brethren had well decided that they did not wish to hoard up money for posterity which they could justly apply to the relief of the brethren. He therefore hoped the resolution would be carried unanimously. The P.G.M. said the brethren ought to think twice before they decided on the annual expense of £210 on an income of less than £200. He considered the position of the Fortescue Annuity Fund warranted the immediate creation of another annuitant, and he suggested that Bro. Stocker should modify his resolution in the way indicated, and suggest to the trustees that they should get a more profitable investment for their capital. Bro. Stocker said he would bow to the wishes of the P.G.M., although he believed the Fortescue Fund would bear two additional annuitants. Bro. Fulford, in order to test the feelings of the brethren, moved an amendment, "That one annuitant be placed on the fund." The amendment was carried. On the proposition of the P.G.M. it was decided to suggest to the governors and the trustees of the fund to arrange for the better investment of their capital. At 1:15 p.m. the brethren formed into procession and, headed by the band and pipers of the Cameron Highlanders, proceeded by way of George, Bedford, and Westwell Streets to the Guildhall Square. Two Tylers preceded the band, after which came the W.M.'s, Wardens and brethren of each Lodge, the youngest Lodges taking precedence. On arriving in the Guildhall-square the brethren opened out, and the P.G.M., with his Officers, marched through to the tower door of St. Andrew's Church, at which they were met by Bros. R. T. Tyacke P.M. 189 P.G. Chap., the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 P.P.G.Ch., and the Rev. Preb. Wilkinson, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, and the choir. As the procession moved towards the chancel the choir sang the hymn "Hark, 'tis the Watchman's Cry" with good effect. The centre aisle was reserved entirely for the Masonic brethren, and they filled the whole of the space allotted. The P.G.M. and Prov. Officers occupied the front seats, and the effect of the purple and gold collars and aprons in front, the pale blue and silver collars of the brethren behind, with the white surpliced choir in the distance, was very fine. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon conducted the service, and read the prayers. The Rev. Preb. Wilkinson read the first lesson from 2nd Book of Chronicles, chap. ii. Garrett's musical service was splendidly rendered by the choir. Bro. the Rev. R. T. Tyacke read the second lesson, and the choir sang in a highly creditable manner a part of the 122nd Psalm as an anthem, followed by "Christ is our Corner Stone." The Prov. G. Chap. (Bro. Rev. Tyacke) then delivered an eloquent discourse on Masonry. The rev. gentleman said that he had chosen the three following texts:—1 Peter ii. 17, "Love the brotherhood"; Isaiah i. 18, "Relieve the oppressed"; and Ephesians iv. 25, "Speak every man truth with his neighbour." The preacher said that his reason for taking the above texts would at once be apparent to the brethren. They contained the teaching of the three grand principles of their Order—brotherly love, relief, and truth. Freemasonry gave its members a feeling which it was difficult to describe, but which was, nevertheless, felt by every true and genuine brother towards each other—a feeling of deep interest and mutual confidence. In the course of a few words on the subject of love, Bro. Tyacke said it naturally led them into the second part of his text, "Relieve the oppressed." He thought that if they examined the precepts of loving their neighbour, as given in the volume of the Sacred Law, they would perceive that the peculiarity and strength of these precepts consisted in this—that they implied active, self-denying exertion for our brother's good. True love would indeed teach them to seek their own happiness, but it would lead them to look for that happiness in aiming at the good of others. The charity taught by Freemasonry was to relieve the afflicted and distressed—charity to be extended to suffering humanity of all ages and conditions wherever it was to be found. They had to consider the third great principle of Freemasonry—truth. They had a right to truth from their neighbour and their neighbour from them, for on that axiom rested all social trust, and therefore society. Using words familiar to every Freemason, let them always be careful to "act on the square," and see that no deceit or double-dealing ever brought disgrace or discredit either upon themselves or upon their noble Fraternity. Such in brief were the great principles of Freemasonry, and to carry them out to the fullest extent should be the determined aim of every genuine Freemason. After showing the purpose of Freemasonry in the Middle Ages, the preacher said it was a matter for deep thankfulness to every true and loyal Mason that the bounds of usefulness of the Craft were being extended in our day. On that day, for the better inculcation and dissemination of

their principles, they were about to lay, in that great centre of commerce, this great stronghold of Freemasonry, the foundation stone of a great Masonic institution. The need of such had been long felt and was yearly becoming more and more essential by the rapid increase of Freemasonry, and was an absolute necessity for the sake of unity, precision, economy and centralisation, and the uses of such an institution would be almost innumerable. Might the great Architect of the Universe bless their united endeavours, and so guide and direct the work, that it might be a standing monument of the three great pillars of Freemasonry—wisdom, strength, and beauty. Finally, let their earnest endeavours be to carry out strictly and fully the principles of the Craft, for by their so doing they would be bright and useful members of society, and would, by their example, lead their fellow-men to a truer knowledge and fuller appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of life. The service was brought to a close with the singing of the hymn, "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem." The brethren then re-formed in procession and proceeded to the site of the New Masonic Hall. Every preparation had been made for the reception of a large number of brethren. On the arrival of the P.G.M. on the platform an ode, written by Bro. Harrison Millard, of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, was sung. The P.G. Chap. then offered up a special prayer. The P.G. Secretary read the inscription on the stone, which ran as follows:—

"This stone was laid, 28th December 1887, the Jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen's reign, by Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Devon. W. Bro. W. Derry P.P.G.S.W. chairman. W. Bro. J. H. Keats architect."

Bro. W. Derry P.P.G.S.W. chairman of directors, in presenting the P.G.M. with a handsome silver trowel, with an ivory handle, said that it had been thought desirable for many years past to erect a large Masonic hall in Plymouth. They felt they could not take the thing in hand under more favourable circumstances, this being the Jubilee year of Her Majesty. The Masons of Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse had joined heartily together and had formed a Board of Directors, and they had honoured him by electing him as chairman. He had great pleasure in presenting the P.G.M. with the trowel, and expressed a hope that great success would attend the new hall. The trowel, which was nicely embossed, bore the following inscription:—

"This trowel was presented to Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Devon, on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of the Freemasons' Hall, 1 Princess-square, Plymouth, 28th December 1887, by W. Derry P.P.G.S.W., chairman of the Board of Directors."

The P.G.M., in reply, said he accepted the trowel with a great deal of pleasure, because it would always be a memory of a very interesting day. He trusted that the good weather that day and the brilliant gathering assembled was a good omen of the future success of the club. He would say, in the words of the anthem sung at the church that day, "Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces." The P.G.M. then proved that the stone was properly adjusted, the plumb rule, level, and square being handed to him by the P.J.G.W., the P.S.G.W., and the D.P.G.M. respectively. The P.G.M. then said: I have tested it with plumb rule, level and square. I find it plumb, level, and true, and I declare it well and truly laid." Bro. John Goad, the builder, then presented the Prov. Grand Master with a handsome mallet, made out of a tree which grew on the site. The P.G.M. then threw corn from the cornucopia over the stone, as an emblem of abundance, adding, "May peace and prosperity ever prevail and bring forth truth a hundredfold." Wine was dropped on the stone, as an emblem of cheerfulness, the P.G.M. saying, "May peace and brotherly love ever prevail, especially among those who come within its walls." The P.G.M. then poured oil on the stone, as an emblem of cheerfulness, adding, "May joy and cheerfulness ever be the lot of all who make use of the building of which we have now laid the corner stone." The P.G.M. then presented to the architect (Bro. J. H. Keats) the several implements for his use, and was quite sure the work would be completed in a most successful manner, judging from the dexterous way in which the workmen had done their work that day. Bro. R. Hambly here presented the plans and elevation of the building to the P.G.M., who, having approved of them, passed them to the architect. The D.P.G.M. then addressed a few remarks to the Brethren. After the able discourse of the P.G. Chaplain, he did not know what he could add about the duties of the Craft and the nature of Freemasonry. He congratulated the Brethren of Plymouth sincerely and heartily in having advanced thus far in providing so desirable a home for their Craft. They would watch their progress with interest, and he wished they could follow in their footsteps. It was impossible for small towns to attempt anything of the kind. He impressed upon them the fact that with them rested the credit of Freemasonry. With such a building attention would be drawn from the whole of England to their working, and the reputation and honour of the Craft were in their hands. In conclusion, he trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would bless them, and the people of the town, materially and spiritually. The procession then re-formed, and the brethren marched back to the Assembly Rooms, where the business of Prov. G. Lodge was proceeded with. The P.G.M. said the only thing on the agenda paper was to confer Past Provincial rank on certain Brethren in honour of the Jubilee year of Her Majesty the Queen. [We gave the names of the Brethren so honoured in our last issue.] Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. In the evening the Brethren dined at Rogers's Newmarket Hotel, an excellent dinner being provided. The P.G.M., Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., presided, and was supported on the right by Bro. W. Derry, Chairman of Directors, and on the left by Bro. the Hon. Richard Dawson P.P.G.S.W. The P.G.M. gave the health of the Queen and the Craft, which was cordially received. In proposing the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master of England, he explained that as the

result of His Royal Highness's zeal for Masonry in general and Masonic Charities in particular, the remarkable meeting of Masons which was held in London in the summer benefited the Masonic Charities by £2,000 each. Bro. Derry then proposed, in very complimentary terms, the health of the P.G.M., Bro. Viscount Ebrington, whom, he said, had occupied the position of P.G.M. for eight years, and every year he had held that position the more he was esteemed by the Brethren. Viscount Ebrington, who was cordially received, said he was pleased to be present that evening, connected as he was with Plymouth in a way he need not refer to any further. One of the great advantages which Freemasonry shared was that it was absolutely non-political, and brought people together on an equality, whatever their positions might be outside the hunting field. That was one of its many ornaments. He felt it no small honour to preside over so great and important a province as Devonshire for eight years, and while he could not suppose he had given every satisfaction, there was strong evidence in Plymouth by the proceedings that day that, at any rate, Masonry had flourished in Plymouth under his rule. The P.G.M. then rose to propose the health of Bro. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M., whom he said had unfortunately been compelled to leave, having important business to transact. He would therefore, couple that toast with that of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon and Provincial Officers Present and Past. He would call upon Bro. Dawson, who had established a very flourishing Lodge at Ashburton, of nearly twenty members, the majority of whom had been initiated, passed and raised by himself. He would also ask Bro. Gover, whom he had that day appointed P.P.G. Secretary, to reply. He would sing his praises in Bro. Gover's presence as he was well-known to them. Bro. the Hon. R. Dawson P.P.G.S.W. said it was a great pleasure to him to attend there that day, and see the manner in which Masonry was progressing in Plymouth. He had only recently come into the province, and he was pleased to think his lot should have been cast where Masonry was so flourishing, and he thanked the P.G.M. for the honour he had conferred upon the Lodge at Ashburton by appointing him P.S.W. Bro. Gover, in reply, returned his sincere thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had conferred on him that day. As he had first received his P.G. office from the grandfather of the present Provincial Grand Master, he need hardly tell them that whatever he could do for Freemasonry, not only in Plymouth, but throughout the province, he should earnestly endeavour to do. Lord Ebrington then proposed the health of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgembe, together with the toast Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. He regretted exceedingly that the letter which was sent to him by Bro. Derry, asking him to invite the Earl of Mount Edgembe to attend that day, had been mislaid. Much as he regretted his absence he was sure they would not receive the toast less cordially on that account. The most friendly relations had always existed between Devon and Cornwall, both Masonically and otherwise, and he trusted that it would always remain so. The toast was then cordially drunk. The Provincial Grand Master, in proposing Success to the New Club, with the health of its chairman and directors, said the club and the accommodation which it would afford would meet a long felt want in the Three Towns, especially in Plymouth. He was convinced from the arrangement shown to him that day that they would find nothing wanting in the premises when completed. He trusted they would not be led into indiscriminate admission of Lodges in the new club. The club and new Masonic Hall was largely due to Bro. Derry's initiation and liberality, who was a most popular man in the town and highly respected, both Masonically and in business. It might sound paradoxical, but he trusted that some Home Rule and Unionism would prevail in the club. If these elements, which might be so opposed to each other elsewhere, reigned in the new club, then the members would be blessed with contentment and prosperity. Bro. Derry, in response, said the day would be a red-letter one for Masonry in Plymouth. Early in the year he suggested at a banquet that they should have a hall in which all the Lodges could meet under one roof, instead of having several different Lodge-rooms here and there. He believed that every Lodge in the town would meet in that building when completed, and that the club would consequently get a large influx of members. He cordially wished the hall and club great success. The P.G.M. said, with the permission of the company, he would propose the health of Bro. Keats, the architect, and Bro. Goad, the builder. If their excellent arrangements that day were any criterion of the care and thoroughness which would be expended in the completion of the building, the Committee would have every reason to be highly pleased with the work. The internal appearance of the club was exceptionally good, and the external would ornament the fine square in which it was situated. Bro. Keats's Masonic merits had already received recognition in his having been appointed P.G. Superintendent of Works. On this being pointed out to his lordship as an error, the P.G.M. said he should be very pleased to give the collar to Bro. Keats on the completion of the building. He was glad to know that the Committee had two such excellent men as the builder and architect, who were so well esteemed both among their townsmen for their work in Masonry, and in their own Province. Bros. Keats and Goad suitably replied, and Lord Ebrington said he hoped to contribute and dedicate the hall when it was completed. He was so pleased with the handsome man which Bro. Goad had presented that he should use it in the Grand Lodge.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

The annual Masonic Ball in aid of the Masonic Charities given by the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, and the Lewis Lodge, No. 872, will be held at the Grand Hotel, Whitehaven, on Friday, the 13th instant. Tickets: Lady's 10s 6d; Gentleman's 15s 6d; Double ticket (Lady and Gentleman) 21s, may be had from the Secretaries. Dancing will commence at nine o'clock.

### NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE usual New Year's Entertainment was given to the residents at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon on Wednesday. The visitors arrived shortly before two o'clock, and were not long in undertaking the various duties necessary to the enjoyment of the "Old Folks." Dr. Strong, the Honorary Surgeon of the Institution, presided at the dinner table, which was well filled, and we need hardly mention, rapidly emptied. All who took part in the repast appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and where so much was done by those present to bring about this happy result it could hardly have been otherwise. As is customary at these gatherings, a few toasts were indulged in previous to the commencement of the entertainment of the day, which on this occasion consisted of a selection of songs, recitations, humorous sketches, &c. Dr. Strong proposed the toast of the Queen, and followed this with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, referring in kindly way to the appearance of the old friends and annuitants he saw around him. If they looked somewhat older than they did a few years back, they also appeared to be even more lively than formerly. In connection with the Institution he wished to mention a lady who was associated with it—the Warden, Miss Norris. The residents in the Institution knew how much they were indebted to her for the kind care, solicitude and watchfulness which she bestowed upon them. The Committee also knew how careful she was of the property of the Institution, how she guarded its interests, and how she abnegated herself. Although in the present day ladies made speeches, Miss Norris would rather not reply to this toast herself, and therefore he would call on Bro. Terry to reply for her. Bro. Terry was the life and soul of the Institution. To him they were all indebted for his watchfulness and care, and also for getting up both the New Year's and the Summer's Entertainments to the Old People. The toast was duly honoured, and Brother Terry replied. Interpreting Miss Norris's feelings, he thanked the company very much for their hearty acceptance of the toast. The guests sympathised with all the residents of the Institution, and they felt that there could be no better successor to the late Brother Norris in the office of Warden of the Institution than Miss Norris. That she might long be spared to carry on her earnest work was the wish not only of the Committee but of the residents. Although she had never had the advantage of being a mother, yet she exercised motherly care over the annuitants at Croydon. He agreed perfectly with what had been said with regard to Miss Norris, and he thanked the company very much for the compliment paid to her, which he might say was well deserved. Bro. Edgar Bowyer proposed Dr. Strong Chairman, and that Brother replied. He had been connected with the Institution for 27 years, and in that time he had seen a great many changes. Many old friends had passed away, many new ones were made, and still the world rolled on. He had seen the Wardens pass away, but he hoped he should never see Miss Norris displaced. He would now propose the Founders of the Feast. The entertainment was not provided out of the funds of the Institution, but from voluntary contributions cheerfully made. It was very pleasant to find that though the brethren got older, they still had the same desire they always had to give enjoyment to their less fortunate brothers and sisters. He would particularly mention Bros. Bowyer, Hastings Miller, Crutch, Newton, Goode, and Berry, all of whom assisted in providing these delightful festivals, to the utmost of their ability, and with the greatest heartiness. Bro. Thomas Goode, who was called on for a reply, said he had been there several times, and had assisted as far as he could in making their dear old friends happy and comfortable; but what little he had done towards the feast had been amply rewarded—and he was sure that every other founder had been most amply rewarded—by seeing the happy faces there were around him. Bro. Bowyer, who assumed the chair, proposed success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and to this Brother Terry replied. He said that 1887 had been the most eventful year in the history of the Masonic Institutions. He was proud to say that while the two educational establishments had realised £33,000 during the year, the Benevolent Institution had the honour of taking nearly £29,000. It was problematical what would be the result of the year 1888. The number of Stewards for the old people was much smaller than it was at that time last year—there being now 180 against 255. There was very hard work to be done before the election. There were 130 candidates and only 14 vacancies—11 men and 3 widows, and the Committee had not the power to make an addition. There was no question at all that the Centenary of the Girls' School was absorbing all the interest of the Craft. As far as he was concerned, during the twenty-four years he had been connected with the Institution, he had never allowed himself absence from duty when his presence was necessary, and he hoped he should continue to find the Institution with the same promise of success it then enjoyed. The Craft had enabled it to achieve what it was now doing, and he hoped when they met that time next year, there would be even better prospects for it. Brother Raynham W. Stewart proposed the Chairman, Brother Bowyer, who replied. Brother Terry referred to the annual entertainment, similar to their own, which was then going on at the Masonic Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester. The Province of East Lancashire had for many years gathered together at Manchester the annuitants of its Province, paying railway fare and cab hire in order to have them all together at a New Year's treat in Manchester. He had just sent them the following telegram:—

"The Old Folks at Croydon send fraternal greetings to brethren at Manchester, wishing them a Happy New Year and an enjoyable evening."

To this, later in the evening, the following reply was received:—

"Annuitants and brethren assembled here reciprocate your kind expressions. Wishing you every success in future.

JEFFERIS, Manchester.

Bro. Bowyer proposed the health of Dr. Strong, and highly eulogised the devotion he had shown to the interests of the Institution for 27 years. Dr. Strong replied, and pointed out the vast improvements there had been in the Institution since he first became acquainted with it—the increase in the annuities, the greater comfort of the annuitants, the enlargement of the hall, the provision of gas in lieu of oil and other lights, the gift of a library, and other improvements, which might be called luxuries, in comparison with what they would now call the bare necessities of life. With regard to the library, he commended the liberality of the Supreme Council, 33°. Bros. J. G. Stevens and J. Mason replied respectively to a toast proposed by Bro. Bowyer in their honour, both hoping that this year would be a favourable one for the Institution, though at the same time fearing that the Girls' Centenary would absorb the principal part of the funds of the Craft. Then followed an agreeable drawing-room entertainment, given by Bro. Charles Chumley, assisted by friends. The sketch given by Bro. Chumley himself, entitled "A few minutes with Professor Cham," carried the palm of the evening, he being particularly clever in portraying the features of celebrities of the day. Part II. of the programme included a negro-minstrel interlude, which also called forth some well-merited applause.

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#### ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL.

ON Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., the annual Festival of St. John was celebrated by the Inverness Masonic Lodges with the usual proceedings. The brethren of St. John's Lodge dined in the Calodonian Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. W. Burns R.W.M. There was a large attendance, and a happy evening was spent. The following office-bearers were reappointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. Wm. Burns R.W.M., A. T. F. Fraser D.M., James Ross S.M., W. Mackay S.W., Jonathan Ross J.W., T. G. Henderson Treasurer, James A. M. Watson Secretary, James Clarke S.D., John H. Forsyth J.D., E. Cesari I.G., A. Macfarlane and A. Mackenzie Stewards, James Hay Tyler. The brethren of St. Mary's Lodge assembled at their hall in School Lane at half past six. They formed into processional order, and headed by the fine band of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders, under Bandmaster Sanderson, proceeded to the Victoria Hotel. In their march through the streets, to the inspiring strains of the "Merry Masons," the brethren excited considerable attention. At the Festival Bro. Francis Sqaier R.W.M. presided. After dinner, Bro. Sqaier, in name of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. John Ellis, Past Master, with a handsome silver cake basket. In making the presentation he mentioned that Bro. Ellis had become a member of the Lodge in 1844, that he served in different offices in the Lodge until the year 1869, when the members of the Lodge unanimously elected him to the position of Right Worshipful Master—the highest honour they could confer upon him. That office he held first for seven years without a break, and again for a period of two years, making in all a period of nine years—the longest time that ever any member held that position in the Lodge. As to the way in which he fulfilled the duties of the office, all the members who were then connected with the Lodge could testify; suffice it to say, that, now since he had ceased to be coming so regularly amongst them, the brethren had, with one accord, asked him to present this small token of their good-will and brotherly feeling. So hearty and enthusiastic were the expressions of good-will, he added, the subscriptions had to be limited to a small sum from each individual to keep the fund within bounds. Bro. Ellis suitably thanked the brethren for their kind present, and thereafter a very pleasant evening was passed, during which the usual deputations were exchanged with the sister Lodge. In course of the evening Bro. D. Macpherson, Drummond Street, Senior Warden, presented a handsome claymore to the Lodge. The gift was appropriately acknowledged by the R.W.M., on behalf of the brethren. The following are the office bearers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. Sqaier R.W.M., Ellis P.M., Miller D.M., D. Macpherson S.W., Mackenzie J.W., Stewart S.D., Fowler J.D., John Mann I.G., Hugh Mackintosh Tyler, Macgregor Secretary, James Macbean Treasurer, Ross Senior Steward, Clark Junior Steward.

#### FUNERAL LODGE.

A FUNERAL Lodge in connection with the death of Lord Dalhousie, Past Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, was held on the evening of the 22nd ult., in the Thistle Hall, Dundee. Bro. James Berry, Depute Provincial Grand Master, presided, and there were about 300 persons present, nearly all the Lodges in the county being represented. Bro. John Heckford represented St. Peter's Lodge, Montrose. The crations were delivered by the Depute Grand Master and the Rev. Bro. Crabbe, Brechin, the Provincial Chaplain. The whole service was of a very impressive character.

LONDON AND SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.—Travellers by this line will be rejoiced to hear that from the commencement of 1888 the refreshment rooms at the various stations will be in the hands of Messrs. Spiers and Pond. Their contract includes the whole of the line from Waterloo to Exeter, Ilfracombe, Devonport, and so forth, and passengers will be able to rely upon well-served wholesome food, good attendance, and the best of Bass's beer, and wine and spirits. This firm created a gastronomic revolution when it first took our railway refreshment rooms in hand, and has continued to deserve its high reputation.



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 7th JANUARY.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In.)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill  
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## MONDAY, 9th JANUARY.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In.)  
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In.)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 976—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield  
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate  
 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.)  
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)  
 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth  
 88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge  
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport  
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)  
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham  
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby  
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth  
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)  
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth  
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall  
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham  
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness  
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea  
 1112—Shirley, Mr. Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hunts  
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds  
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York  
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea  
 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset  
 R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington  
 R.A. 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 R.A. 1258—Kenard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool  
 R.C. 12—Walton, Skeimrstone Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 10th JANUARY.

- 46—Old Union, Bolbom Viaduct Hotel  
 59—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Square, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 177—Parente, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 199—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, London Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 648—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
 561—Loughborough, Green Dragon, Begony (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Malin Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 860—Dulcibus, Sisters' Tavern, Fownd-road, Dalton at 8 (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Thrafnelle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel

- 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1014—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1416—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)  
 1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1591—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Canon Street, at 6.30  
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

- 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruction)  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)  
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield  
 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton  
 626—Lansdowne o' Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich  
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury  
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport  
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge  
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sanky, Greenhall Street, Warrington  
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 165—O. kenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex  
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc  
 1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon  
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge  
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool  
 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent  
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth  
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley  
 R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds  
 R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin  
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
 R.A. 558—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone  
 R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton  
 R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cootham, Lancashire.  
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter  
 M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 11th JANUARY.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3  
 Fidelity, Alfred, Roma Road, Barabury, at 3. (Instruction)  
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, W. Old St  
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth  
 147—Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In.)  
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barden Road, E.  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 515 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney at 8. (Inst.)  
 1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In.)  
 1662—Berconfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1691—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea  
 1713—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Colindale New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 1936—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station  
 R.A. 177—Domatio, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 724—Parasite, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 622—Doric, 52 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1335—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.  
 R.A. 1416—Mount Edgcombe, St. Botolph Chambers, Bishop-gate Street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 M.M. 1—Triangle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham  
 K.P. 129—Holy Trinity, 33 Golden Square, W.C.  
 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chesham Street, B. Oldale  
 146—Antiquary, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire  
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 225—St. John's, Coach and Horse Hotel, Ipswich  
 231—Northgate, Masonic Rooms, Atherton, Lancaster  
 233—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Tottenham  
 413—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Chancery Lane  
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
 626—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Princes Town, Dartmouth  
 768—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York  
 851—Warrington Lodge of Friendship, Boyes Road, Warrington  
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Bradford  
 854—Abbat, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
 872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Warrington  
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

- 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
- 1061—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
- 1094—Temple, Mascnic Hall, Liverpool
- 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
- 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
- 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
- 1356—Do Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
- 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
- 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
- 1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
- 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
- 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
- 2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
- 2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
- R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
- R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
- R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
- R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
- R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

**THURSDAY, 12th JANUARY.**

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Colledge-street, Lambeth, at 9 (Instruction)
- 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 634—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
- 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)
- 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 1076—Copper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
- 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
- 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.)
- 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's (near Clerkenwell), E.C. (Inst)
- 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
- 2168—Derby Alleroft, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
- R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
- R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
- R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
- R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
- 35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
- 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Row, Sunderland
- 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
- 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Salisbury
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
- 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
- 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Peurith, Cumberland
- 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
- 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
- 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Cavell Street, Brighton
- 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
- 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
- 786—Croxteith United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 845—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
- 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, North Shields
- 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
- 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
- 1083—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
- 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashboum-le-Lyne
- 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
- 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
- 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
- 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
- 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
- 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyu
- 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
- 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colchell
- 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
- 1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
- 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
- R.A. 210—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
- R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
- R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
- R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
- R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
- R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavony

- R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
- M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
- M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
- M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

**FRIDAY, 13th JANUARY.**

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
- 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kow Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
- 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 2000—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
- 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Loughton Street, Green vich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leavelhall Street
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
- 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. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
- 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
- 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
- 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
- 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
- 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Park and Stone Street, Harrogate
- 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Loughton Bazaar
- 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
- 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
- General Lodge of I. struction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
- R.A. 119—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
- R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
- R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wreken Hotel, Wellington, Salop
- R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
- K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
- K.T. 126—De Warene, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

**SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY.**

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
- 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
- 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
- 2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
- M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
- 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- 2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
- R.A. 308—Afability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden
- R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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