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## OUR FIRST LOVE.

WE last week attempted, and we think with some amount of success, to prove the present prosperity of English Freemasonry, and in doing so we referred to the gratifying results which attended the efforts of those brethren who undertook the duties of Stewards, and canvassed for subscriptions, on behalf of the three Central Charitable Institutions of the Craft during the past twelve months. Like most other things in this world, the prosperity to which we then referred has two ways of being looked at, and it will be to consider these varied aspects—in so far as they particularly concern “our first love,” the first Anniversary Festival of the year—that we shall address ourselves on the present occasion.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, as already recorded in our columns, stood in the proud position of heading the totals received last year by the great Masonic Institutions, the actual amount paid into its coffers being £28,968 4s 4d, out of a total of £61,059 0s 11d secured by the three Charities. As our readers will remember, this most gratifying position was, in a measure, foreshadowed by the result of the Festival held in February last, when donations and subscriptions amounting to £18,700 were announced. The success of that Festival, coupled with other considerations, not the least among which was the fact of the Queen's Jubilee, induced the supporters of the Institution to very considerably extend its sphere of usefulness, no less than thirty-one additional annuities being created, and annuitants elected to them, at the contest in May last. Twenty-five of these additions were on behalf of Widows, and were each of the value of £32 per annum, the remaining six being awarded to Aged Brethren, and of the value of £40 each; so that we have at once an addition of £1,040 to the year's outlay in annuities alone, which sum, as we have so often pointed out, virtually becomes a permanent annual charge on the funds of the Charity. It is the fact that the responsibilities of the Craft in connection with these new annuities did not cease, but rather has just commenced, with the election of the annuitants, that requires to be forcibly impressed on every member at the present time. Year by year, so long as these old people live, they will look to the Benevolent Institution for the amount of the annuity which they have only now enjoyed for a few months, and at their decease there will no doubt be many hoping for a transfer of the annuity in their favour. Shall either of them be disappointed? is the pertinent question we now put to members of the Order, and we feel sure the answer will be—Not if we can help it. Before going further, we will at once say that the Brethren in Freemasonry can prevent such disappointment, although it may perhaps entail a little, very little, self sacrifice on the part of some.

So far we have only spoken of an annual outlay of £1,040, which is the amount required to provide the new annuities created last year; but how insignificant this sum appears when compared with the total requirements of the Institution for a year, which, at the present time, for annuities alone, amounts to £14,724, divided as follows: £7,264 amongst two hundred and twenty-seven Widows of Freemasons, at £32 each; £7,160 amongst one hundred and seventy-nine aged brethren, at £40 each; and £300 amongst fifteen Widows, to whom has been awarded one-half of their late husband's annuity for the usual limited period. It is to meet this charge, and others which are incidental to the working of the Institution, that the usual appeal is now being made to the Craft, who are asked to support the Annual Festival of the Institution, to be held on Wednesday, the 29th February, under the presidency of Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P.

There is an old saw which tells us “nothing succeeds like success,” but in the case of this particular Institution the success of past years has been put to such good use as to render success at the present time very difficult of acquirement, and although we are hardly of opinion the English Craft will be found wanting when tried in the balance against the claims of the aged and necessitous, there is no question that this year presents more than the usual number of difficulties which require to be surmounted, and that too in face of more than the usual need for increased support. We have already mentioned the number of annuities now being paid by the Institution—they total up to four hundred and twenty-one, and require £14,724 per year to meet them. In addition to this there are at the present time upwards of one hundred and thirty brethren, or widows of deceased brethren, asking for help from the Craft for the closing years of their life. Thus far there are but fourteen vacancies available for this large number of candidates, so that it does not require a very serious tax of our arithmetical powers to say that, unless something unforeseen occurs, there will be close on one hundred and twenty aged Craftsmen or Widows sent adrift from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution after the next election, with nothing to even hope for for at least a year, although in each case their necessities are admittedly sufficient to entitle them to relief. In plain words, nothing but the hand of death, or the benevolence of the Craft, can assist these old people out of their present difficulties; we do not mean their death, but the death of some of those already on the books of the Institution. Is there one amongst us who wishes to help these candidates at the cost of the life of an annuitant? Certainly not, and therefore the only loop-hole appears to be the support of the Anniversary Festival of next month. We sincerely hope this method of relief will be taken every advantage of, but appearances are somewhat disappointing in regard to it. Of course, a very good opinion can be formed as to what a Festival is likely

to bring forth by comparing it with those of years gone by, and if we attempt to do so in this case we are at once met with the fact that this year the number of Stewards for the Festival is upwards of seventy short of what it was at the corresponding period last year; while to those who are a little behind the scenes comes the conviction that this year's totals will not average nearly so much as was the case in 1887, or for the matter of that, in any recent year. These two matters point to a very severe diminution in the year's return, and it will require the most skilful generalship to prevent their making a strong impression on the Institution itself.

It may be asked—what is the reason for this falling off, as compared with last year? And for answer we may turn to another of the Masonic Charities—the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—which will this year celebrate its Centenary. The three Institutions of the Craft are too intimately associated to allow of any feeling of jealousy when one happens to be more fortunate than its fellows, but it requires strong determination to wish success to another, when we feel that much of that success may be purchased at our own expense, and this is really what we may expect during the present year. A Centenary is not an event of every-day occurrence, and when it does occur we can readily excuse all that is done to honour it. We should be the last to discourage any one making a special effort on behalf of the Girls' School this year, but at present our love is the Benevolent. No doubt, in due course, we shall fall a slave to the Girls' Institution, but until that takes place we hope to remain true to "our first love," doing all that lies in our power on its behalf. In furtherance of this, we have just hit on a coincidence, which may perhaps have struck others, that places the coming Festival almost on the level with a Centenary, or at least a jubilee, or a something. It is the peculiarity attached to the date of the day on which the Festival is to be held—the 29th February. This day, of course, occurs each leap year, but as the Benevolent Festival is usually held on a Wednesday it may be recognised that it will be many years before we have another celebration on the 29th February; indeed, bearing in mind that some peculiar adjustment of dates is necessary each century, in addition to what we are accustomed to every leap year, we believe it will be upwards of fifty years before we have another case of Wednesday, the 29th February. Surely this is a good peg on which to hang a plea for special support! Will the brethren let an event which cannot occur again for fifty years pass by without special notice? No, not though there be "one of a hundred" as a counter attraction!

Much more might be written, and no doubt many more special attractions might be discovered in praise of "our first love," were we disposed to publish them, but there is sufficient of the genuine ring surrounding the doings of the Benevolent Institution to render further adulation on our part all but unnecessary. We have an appreciative audience to appeal to, and our love has the benefit of youth on its side—no small advantage be it understood, in spite of the fact that the maidens of Battersea have got old enough to boast of their hundred years (we suppose ladies do tell the truth in regard to age at that period of their existence). While the Benevolent Institution has youth on its side in regard to establishment, it can also boast of old age in regard to those for whom it pleads, and with two such varied attractions surely it should please all. If it does so its success this year is assured, while its future may be left to take care of itself.

Personally, we now appeal to our readers to do what they can on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. We do not wish them to support it to the detriment of others, or wholly ignore it because of more brilliant attractions elsewhere. It is our love of to-day, and

should be with every brother interested in the success of the Institutions, until after the date of its Annual Festival, then another star will be absolutely in the ascendant, and other claims will come to the front, and be urged upon us. Until then we would advise our readers that it is best to be off with the old love before we take on with the new, and ask them to use every effort in their power to secure the success of the first Festival of 1888.

### HIRAM LODGE.

*Hiram Lodge F.A.M. v. G.L. of Connecticut F.A.M.  
G.L. of Connecticut F.A.M. v. Hiram Lodge F.A.M.*

[COMMUNICATED.]

WE shall be exceedingly sorry to lose the light which our very greatly esteemed Bro. Hughan is qualified to throw upon the intricate questions involved in the controversy between Hiram Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

But we can do no other than give him the honourable name which we have already affixed to two letters on this subject.

Indeed, it seems to us that when the search is simply for truth, impersonality is sometimes preferable, provided the correspondence is between Masonic gentlemen. Certainly, it precludes personal prejudices and prepossessions, conscious or unconscious, from any influence to warp the judgments or seduce into the crookedness of casuistry.

We are convinced that there are questions vitally important for the welfare of Masonry that underlie this controversy. The issue is bigger than its present setting, and transcends in importance the mere interests of these parties. And though it is not our profession particularly to be charitable, and see that no man suffer wrong at the hand of his brother-man, still we are impressed with the desire that no Mason or Lodge shall be condemned by hasty and inconsiderate judgments, so long as the truth may be reasonably sought for and evolved, and especially that no untenable rule or principle shall get lodgment in the body of Masonic jurisprudence.

Now it seems to us that the suggestions of Bro. Hughan in the CHRONICLE of 26th November last, touching the relations of the two Lodges above named, do bear the marks of haste, and are not suggestions that can stand the test of reasonable investigation. We will not rehearse the judicious objections made to them by "LEX," and to which no adequate answer seems to us yet to have been given. Nor do we propose to encroach upon the line of argument which this learned Brother has foreshadowed for himself, and the illuminations of which we shall look for with the greatest interest.

Brother Hughan states, and with a positiveness that would seemingly shut up the whole subject, that "Subordinate Lodges are bound by the decisions of their Grand Lodge all the world over, and must either be content to obey the laws and regulations, or be erased, on which all other regular Grand Lodges will side with the Grand Lodge, not with the erased Lodge. It is as well to face this fact at the outset, and thus save needless writing."

The principle of Masonic law which underlies this paragraph no one in this controversy does deny, or has ever denied, so far as has fallen under our observation. We have ourselves already stated this doctrine of Grand Lodge supremacy, and given it its application to Hiram Lodge. The assertatory statement of our learned Brother is *brutum fulmen*. In the multitude of cases that arise and have arisen, the application of the principle is clear, complete and exhaustive. There are no facts beyond the law to require its revision or enlargement.

But the difficulty here is, that Hiram Lodge is not under the Grand Lodge, in any condition or in any sense for which the principle was enunciated, or to which it is applicable. New elements, both of fact and law intervene, and these new facts radically distinguish the case before us from those which our learned Brother so peremptorily decides. Any scholar, any reasoner, if he will look, must see that it is so, and we do not care what the law may be for other cases, it is the case as made on the record before

us, with its exceptional and peculiar facts, that is now on trial and waiting for settlement. And that is to give, if need be, either a new law, or a new and modifying phrase to the law as we have hitherto been led to enunciate and believe it.

Now, as has been said, the facts of Hiram Lodge are not the facts of any other Lodge in Connecticut, so far as we know.

There are similar cases in the Canadian provinces, and they are to-day under open discussion and controversy.

The facts of Hiram Lodge have been clearly stated. They are undenied and undeniable. One fact alone is sufficient for the question now under consideration, and is perhaps the pivotal fact. She is in possession of a Masonic charter authorizing her existence, a charter which is not cancelled, or impaired or invalidated by any legal authority at present known:—it has never been surrendered, or arrested, or exchanged. No other Lodge in Connecticut is for this discussion in that position. They are all Lodges warranted now from the Grand Lodge, and their ancient and provincial charters, if they had any, are surrendered. To these Lodges the rule of Grand Lodge supremacy, and the liability to Grand Lodge discipline and penalty, applies. This is Bro. Hughan's case exactly, and we agree with him fully.

But how about this Lodge that has got a charter, and has always had it, and has always refused to give it up, or permit it to be cancelled:—has even been an acknowledged constituent member of this same Grand Lodge for seven years, furnishing its first Grand Master, and its Grand Secretary for many years. Sending to it representatives that participated in its legislation, and paying dues and fees into its Treasury, and yet all this time positively had *no other charter* than this same charter which it now has. Over such a Lodge, organized and existing now under this charter, has the Grand Lodge of Connecticut the power of supremacy and discipline of which the general rule speaks? Where is the reason on which such a conclusion can stand? Where is the law, where is the historic example by which the right to such discipline and *annihilation* can apply to this Lodge in its present status?

So far as it had a charter from the Grand Lodge, the law was exactly applicable,—and has been applied,—and all parties and all advocates of either side submit to it, and say with one voice, all right.

But when all this has been done and conceded and the law admitted, we have not touched Hiram Lodge, nor the question of the relations she sustains or ought to sustain to Masonry at large and the institutions of Masonry;—for these, so long as right and justice obtain, are to be governed by law, and not by blind sympathy, or brute force, or arbitrary dicta.

Hiram Lodge presents a new case; it may be, probably is, *casus omissus*, but it is *the case*, and the only one now on trial.

What has the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to do with Hiram Lodge now? Must she not treat her as an independent lawful Masonic body, to whom she herself has given vitality and legal standing?

She has admitted the lawfulness of her present claim, by allowing her, for seven years, in her present form of organisation, standing and voice in her own convocations and councils.

She has admitted her lawfulness by accepting from her, while acting under this old charter and no other, fees and constitutional tribute-moneys.

She has admitted her lawfulness by sending back to the Lodge at her requirement, her old charter, this (Oxnard) charter, without a word of objection or protest to be found anywhere, or a word anywhere or in any way divesting, or attempting to divest it of power, or prerogative or privilege.

She has admitted her lawfulness by this action, taken with her eyes open; some of it done repeatedly, and as we have before suggested, done with a purpose, as a policy, and as the expedient and best thing for the occasion and the circumstance.

And it does not lie in her mouth now to quibble about these facts of her conduct, or to deny or escape from their legal and logical results. Certainly she acted, as the lawyers would say, upon fair and ample notice.

These things determine and demarcate and validate the fact that Hiram Lodge is now, as then, living under the Oxnard Constitution,—with this difference, perhaps immaterial, that now more exclusively than then.

Here then is the question before us. The Grand Lodge

of England mediately, by the prerogatives of the Provincial Grand Master, in a territory unoccupied by any Grand Lodge, chartered one, two, or more Masonic Lodges. They took root, lived, flourished, retained their original charters and, by special and thoughtful precautions, preserved them unimpaired. At a given time, some of the Lodges of that territory organized a Grand Lodge for that territory, and clothed it with the recognized Grand Lodge supremacy.

Now, has this Grand Lodge the right to compel the English chartered Lodges to submit and attorn to it on the penalty of being denounced as rebellious and excommunicated Masons? Has it any rights whatever over or respecting them? Can it compel them to execute its laws, work its (perhaps remodelled) ritual, inaugurate and perform its ceremonials? It seems to us the question is so plain that it is its own answer.

Yet the effort has been made, if we have not misconstrued it, by Grand Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies in some of the Provinces of Canada, to do this precise thing. The subordinates have had fulminated at their heads and reputation, the charge of being schismatics, rebellious and illegal Masons. It would seem as if the Grand Lodge had only to be constituted and, *ipso facto*, it becomes at once omnipotent.

But we have yet to learn that the Grand Bodies of England, Scotland and Wales have admitted this power, or that their Provincial subordinates have yielded any more than Hiram Lodge has yielded. And both alike are in the possession of similar warrants of constitution.

More than this is true, for the independent and rightful authority of these Subordinate Bodies, as against their contesting Grand Bodies, has been sustained by many of the Grand Bodies of America, and by the head of Masonic learning and law. Visitation, intercourse, communion and correspondence between these subordinate English and Scotch bodies of Canada, and Subordinate Bodies of the States have been permitted, taken place, and been justified by American Grand Masonry.

Now if this is true of Canadian bodies, it must be or should be true of American. If such chartered bodies are legitimate and honourable in Nova Scotia, why not likewise in Connecticut?

But it is said that Hiram Lodge submitted and surrendered to the Grand Lodge, and that makes the difference. This is not true. She never submitted or surrendered so as to permit the devitalization of her charter for a single moment. This was sedulously preserved, and as long as this exists, and continues to be held by her, it is of no consequence how much of Grand Lodge conformity she enjoys, any more than it is what kind of a building, and decorated with what order of architecture she holds her meetings in.

In the presence of this controlling fact, the other becomes immaterial. It is this fact that distinguishes Hiram Lodge, radically, through and through from all the examples cited by Bro. Hughan in illustration and support of his doctrine, taken as he cites them. It is this fact about which this controversy turns. Hiram Lodge is a lawful, independent, Masonic body, entitled to respect and the comities of Masonic fellowship, and no matter what Connecticut may do, the Grand Bodies of the States and the world who mean to do justice and work righteousness, must extend to her those comities or be disgraced by their own pretensions, if she holds a vital charter.

The question therefore arises and is imminent, what is the power of Grand Lodge over previously existing, legally chartered Lodges, within its territory, who do not choose to enter the union? or to so enter it as to destroy their ancient prerogatives?

And conversely, what are the rights, and privileges, and prerogatives of such Lodges, at and after the Constitution of such Grand Lodges?

Moreover, we submit that the question to-day under discussion is not the moral, or social, or Masonic duties of the members of these two contesting bodies towards each other; considered in relations of fraternity and obligated by Masonic long-suffering, patience and peace, but what are their respective legal rights? What is the law for these bodies and for all others that may hereafter find themselves in like position? And it may be well if Grand Lodges shall be brought to see more clearly than they sometimes seem to, that the peace and prosperity of Freemasonry is kept only by a real wisdom and a forgiving love.

We read always with great delight and instruction the writings of the Masonic scholar to whom reference has in



this article been necessarily made. We expect delight and instruction from everything he shall write. We are satisfied he can add light to the coming light upon the question now before us, if with his usual care and impartiality he will grasp and discuss the *real issue*, and will forgive our continuing to call ourselves by no other name than that of

JUSTITIA.

## FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

**A**MONGST the matters of a more or less controversial nature which occasionally crop up where Masons congregate, is the advisability or otherwise of an attempt being made to erect South Africa into an independent Grand Lodge. At present South African Masonry is divided amongst three different jurisdictions, those of England, Holland, and Scotland. There is nothing whatever to prevent any other Grand Lodges from issuing charters, as, by the unwritten law of Masonry, it is laid down that where a country does not possess its own Grand Lodge, it is fair field for any jurisdiction whatever. This unwritten law is however interpreted in two different ways, so far as Colonies are concerned. Some hold that they should be treated as being, for Masonic purposes, totally independent countries; and others hold that they should be considered as part and parcel of the mother country which politically controls them. If the latter view were taken as the correct one, it would follow that no other Grand Lodges could issue charters in British Colonies, save those of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Thus far we are not aware of any Lodges existing in British Colonies under other Warrants, save only in our own, where we have a number of very excellent Dutch Lodges, and for this there is a special local reason, inasmuch as the Cape Colony is not so much a "Colony" in the strict sense of the word, as an appenage, with certain distinct national features of its own. But, we repeat, there is, in the present state of the question, nothing to prevent half-a-dozen Grand Lodges from establishing themselves in South Africa. It is partly in view of such a contingency that many worthy Masons look forward to the elevation of South Africa into a Grand Lodge of its own. They argue, and with some show of reason, that the existence of Lodges in the same country but under different jurisdictions interferes considerably with the due maintenance of Masonic discipline. A number of Masons, for instance, make up their minds to apply for a Charter to Grand Lodge A. This Grand Lodge, perhaps with perfect propriety, considers that it is not to the interests of Masonry to grant this, perhaps because the town or village is not likely to support a Lodge in a proper manner. Straightway the disappointed suitors apply to Grand Lodge B, and by next mail out comes a charter. Or, to take another case. A Lodge is dissatisfied with some decision of its Grand or District Grand Lodge, and at once resigns its charter and goes over holus bolus to another Constitution. Or, in a third class of cases, a little knot of dissatisfied Brethren secede from a private Lodge. Their own authorities justly refuse them another charter in their own village, and they at once have recourse to another Constitution to obtain what they require. And this latter state of things, secession from Lodges, is most likely to occur just because a Lodge has exercised a laudable discretion in rejecting unworthy members. In all these cases, competition between Grand Lodges works dire evils to the Craft in general. Constitutions should not compete against each other, but unfortunately experience shows that they will do so, glossing over the moral or Masonic wrong by arguments more or less fallacious, but possibly satisfactory to themselves. It is this that leads many Masons to seek for a remedy in the establishment of one local Grand Lodge which would of course be supreme in its jurisdiction, and be able to enforce its edicts on one uniform standard. Whilst fully admitting the evils which are complained of, we should nevertheless hesitate long before allowing this step to be the only available remedy; indeed it is questionable whether the remedy would not be worse than the disease. We regard the multiplication of Grand Lodges as an unmixed evil. Each is a sovereign Masonic body, with full power to legislate for itself on the most weighty Masonic matters. It may therefore, and in fact does, deviate very materially from established Masonic rule. Small Grand Lodges, moreover,

are very apt, like small States, to legislate on excessively narrow and parochial lines. A small clique rules everything, and that clique may very likely be composed of men who know but little of either outside Masonic life or literature. Supreme legislative bodies, whether in Masonry or out of it, should be composed of sufficiently large numbers of men to ensure questions being impartially viewed from every side. Small bodies are prone to hasty and impulsive decisions. How many men could we find in South Africa really sufficiently conversant with Masonic jurisprudence and history, to competently lead the multitude in the important concerns of legislation? Compare our little knot of really learned and thoughtful Masons with the galaxy of *litterati* to be found in the Grand Lodges. Would English, Scotch, or Dutch Masons find anything in a brand new Masonic body to compensate them for the loss of the prestige possessed by the old Grand Lodges? Would its honours be half so valuable in their eyes? We trow not, and moreover we should only partly attain our object. The Republics could hardly be joined in one Grand Lodge with the politically separated British Colonies. District Grand Masters now possess almost every necessary local power, and the remedies for any existing grievances lie rather in strengthening their hands, and in bringing about, if possible, an informal understanding between the branches of the different Constitutions.—*South African Freemason.*

## REVIEWS.

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*Architects', Surveyors', and Engineers' Compendium; Specialists' Directory and Diary for 1888.* Edited by John E. Sears, A.R.I.B.A., F.A.S. E. Marlborough and Co., 51 Old Bailey, London, E.C.

To our brethren and other readers connected with the building trade, whether in a professional capacity or in the practical performance of contracts for the erection of small or large edifices, we commend this Compendium as a valuable and useful book of reference during the present year. Irrespective of the daily use for which it is admirably adapted as a record of business and cash transactions, it contains abundant information and tables necessary to even the most practical, as aids to memory and economisers of time. Our attention has been particularly attracted to the ten sectional maps of London, which, with the list of district surveyors preceding them, cannot fail to be exceedingly useful to the practical builder; whilst the transcripts of the Metropolitan Building Act of 1855, the Metropolitan Management Act of the same year, the respective Amendments thereof of 1858, 1862, 1878 and 1882, with the By-laws of the Metropolitan Board of Works, the Public Health Act of 1875, Heads of Conditions in Professional Practice, and the particulars of numerous important legal decisions, must be of the utmost service to the large body of those gentlemen in whose interest this mass of information has been collated. Nor does the utility of the Compendium stop here:—under the head of general information will be found, in addition to concise and evidently carefully prepared tables of weight and measurement, interesting treatises on the several materials used in the builder's art, with rules for the guidance of masters and their foremen in respect of proportions and use of same. A Directory of Manufactures, with illustrated and priced catalogue, is an important feature of this work, and, together with the foregoing, in addition to Calendar specially noted for reference to the principal meetings connected with R.I.B.A. and A.A. Institutions, Diary, Cash-book, Ledger, and mortgage and rent insurance Registers form a handsome volume which, in its full gilt cloth binding, it surprises us to find is purchasable at so low a sum as five shillings. In every respect, as to utility and cheapness of the work, we again commend it to all concerned.

There was one little matter in connection with the annual New Year's Entertainment at the Royal Masonic Institution at Croydon, to which we did not refer in our report last week, although it fully deserved mention as a factor in securing the enjoyment of the assembled company. Good wine, we are told, needs no bush, so we will not attempt to beat about the bush in praising the champagne used on that occasion. It was branded "J. Hoféle-Elwall and Co., Cuvée de Réserve, 1880 Vintage," and was pronounced excellent; but what wonder, when we remember the experience of those who "founded the feast?" Surely such well-versed judges may be relied on when it comes to deciding what wine shall be provided for themselves and their guests. Their choice on this occasion was a good one, and was deservedly appreciated, which is saying much, when we call to mind the knowledge possessed by those who were present.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 9th inst., at the Hayshe Temple, Plymouth. Four candidates were initiated. The W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Parson, was installed and invested the following officers:—Bros. Gray I.P.M., Spinney S.W., Plimsaul J.W., Jew Chaplain, Browning Treasurer, Cooper Secretary, Edgcombe S.D., Street J.D., Soper D.C., Rodd jun. A.D.C., Ivey O., McBryde I.G., Charles Luke and Gibbens Stewards, Phillips Tyler. Bro. Emdon was re-elected the representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. James Gifford the Charity Steward. Bros. Parsons, George Horsewill, Browning, Cooper, and Lyons were elected the representatives of the Lodge on the Committee of the Temple Lodges. Three candidates were proposed for the next meeting. The day of the annual banquet was fixed.

## PERPETUAL FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 135.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on Monday, the 2nd instant, when Brother Laffard S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being conducted by Bro. Elso. The W.M. elect appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Dorrit I.P.M., Davis S.W., Buffett J.W., Loper Treasurer, Anderson Chaplain, Symons Secretary, Burston S.D., Garton J.D., Hunt D.C., Baker I.G., Basker Organist, Mitchell and Kreamer Stewards, and McGowan Tyler. The customary banquet followed.

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Monday evening, the 2nd inst., when Bro. Little was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing by the retiring W.M. Bro. John Parkhouse. The Board of Installed Masters being closed the Officers were invested:—Bros. Parkhouse I.P.M., Michell S.W., Parker J.W., Rev. William Whittle P.G.D. of England Chap., Hearle P.M. Treasurer, Michell P.M. Secretary, Johns S.D., Chapell J.D., Thomas I.G., Hayward D.C., Newell A.D.C., Jenkins Organist, Bennett Manley S.S., Stuart Stebbing J.S., Widger A.S., and Phillips Tyler. Bro. W. K. Michell was appointed representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions and Bro. George Whittley Charity Steward.

## BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 159.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge was held on the 5th inst., on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, at Bro. Routley's, Farley Hotel, Plymouth. Bro. Selmon W.M. was, through his own illness and that of a member of his family, unable to attend, and Bro. Radmore I.P.M. presided, supported in the Vice-chairs by Bros. Marshall S.W. and Price J.W. Seventy-five brethren partook of the banquet. After the banquet an admirable musical entertainment was furnished by Bros. Roseveare, Dyke, Kennedy, Barter, Trethewy, Veal, and others. During the evening a handsome cathedral-timed mantle clock was presented to the I.P.M., with the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. N. Radmore I.P.M., by the brethren of Lodge Brunswick, No. 159, in appreciation of his Masonic zeal. December 1887."

A valuable gold pencil case and a suit of Masonic clothing, in accordance with the Provincial rank to which he had been just raised, was also presented to Bro. H. J. Trethewy as an acknowledgment of his services to the Lodge and zeal for its interest.

## SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday, the 9th inst., at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, part of the business was the presentation of two pictures to the Lodge—one of the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in Grand Lodge as Past Grand Master, 1st December 1869; the other of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as P.G.M. of Sussex, under the Dome of the Pavilion at Brighton, 22nd June 1886, by the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. Each of the pictures has inscribed on a panel:—

"Presented to Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, by Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M., Chap. 189 P.P.G.Chap. Devon, Hon. Mem. 70, 1205, 2025.—9th January 1888."

## FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 202.

THE annual installation banquet of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Lodge room, Granby-street, Devonport. Over 100 sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Bosworthick, of Marlborough-street, Devonport. Bro. J. Leonard, W.M. presided. The usual toasts were duly honoured. The health of the W.M. was enthusiastically received, the S.W. in proposing the toast, speaking not only of Bro. Leonard's zeal and ability, but his genial and courteous manner to all, which earned for him the respect and confidence of the brethren. Bro. Herbert was in excellent voice and sang some splendid songs in his usual good style, which were vociferously encored. Bro. Sylvester, of Saxe-Weimer Lodge, in addition to presiding at the piano, delighted the brethren with a rendering of the "Old Arm Chair." He has a powerful tenor voice, which was heard to great advantage in some good songs. Bros. Jenkins, Watts, and Cocks gave two tries with capital effect, and Bro. Leonard sang a couple of comic songs, which were much

enjoyed. Bros. T. Taylor, C. Taylor, Avery, Lemon, Lavers, and others contributed to the entertainment, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 279.

INSTALLATION OF, AND COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO,  
R.W. BRO. W. KELLY P.M. P.P.G.M.

THE first meeting in the new year of this Lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, Leicester, on the 4th instant, was invested with peculiar significance from the fact that the W.M. elect, R.W. Brother W. Kelly P.M. P.P.G.M. was again installed, with the unanimous vote of the brethren, into the chair of the Lodge, on the 50th year of his membership, he having been initiated in the year 1838. This circumstance being almost unique in the annals of Freemasonry, and from the veneration in which Bro. Kelly is held in Masonic circles, a large attendance of the Craft was ensured. After the Lodge had been opened in ancient form, and the usual preliminary business transacted, the D.P.G.M., R.W. Bro. S. S. Partridge P.A.G.D.C. took the chair, and Bro. Kelly was presented to him for installation, which ceremony was then most impressively performed by the D.P.G.M., who, on the completion of the ceremony addressed the newly-elected W.M. from the west in a few well-chosen remarks, saying that while many worthy Masons had occupied that chair of St. John's, there were none more worthy than he whom he had had the privilege and pleasure of installing that evening. The remarks of the D.P.G.M. were most heartily approved by the whole of the brethren present. The W.M. then invested his Officers, and the usual address to the Wardens was given in a most able manner by the D.P.G.M., to whom a vote of thanks was passed by the Lodge. Congratulatory telegrams and communications were received from Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; from Lodges in various parts of the country; from the whole of the Lodges in the Province, most of whom were represented, and from many eminent brethren. Additional interest was lent to the occasion by the fact that the apron with which the W.M. was invested that day was the same with which he was invested as a M.M. on that day 49 years since. At the close of the Lodge R.W. Bro. Kelly was entertained at a complimentary banquet in honour of his installation, Bro. Clement Stretton P.M. presiding, in the absence (through illness) of the I.P.M. Bro. Clement E. Stretton. He was supported by the guest of the evening R.W. Bro. Kelly W.M. 279 P.P.G.M., R.W. S. S. Partridge D.P.G.M. P.A.G.D.C., W. Bro. Geo. Toller P.D.P.G.M., Rev. Henton Wood, M.A., Prov. Grand Secretary P.M. 1560, J. Freer P.M. 1560, Thomas Wright P.M. 1391 (Mayor of Leicester), J. Hart 279 (ex-Mayor of Leicester), Miles J. Walker P.M. 1265 P.P.J.G.W., J. H. Thompson P.M. 1265 P.S.G.D., J. O. Law P.M. 279 P.P.J.G.D., C. Garden P.M. 279 P.P.A.G.D.C., Rev. J. H. Smith P.M. 279 P.P.G.C., S. Cleaver P.M. 279 P.G.S.W., R. Michie P.M. 279 P.P.J.G.D., C. F. Wike P.M. 279 P.J.G.D., R. Rowley P.M. 279 P.P.A.G.D.C., and a numerous company of brethren from Provincial Lodges, and the Officers and brethren of St. John's, No. 279. Deep regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of the I.P.M., W. Bro. Clement E. Stretton P.P.S.G.W.

## BEDFORD LODGE, No. 282.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Abbey, Tavistock, on the 4th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. W. Uren, was installed by Bro. Thomas Chapman. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Rosekelly I.P.M., Kerslake S.W., Drew J.W., Rev. Buckley B.A., Chaplain, Merrifield Treasurer, Squire Secretary, Bates S.D., Gill J.D., Reynolds D.C., Richards Organist, Benallack I.G., Cwan and White Stewards, Hardy Tyler. Bro. R. Merrifield was re-appointed the representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions. In the evening the Companions and Brethren, members of the Chapter and Lodge, and Visitors dined together at Bro. Northway's Bedford Hotel. Bro. Uren presided. The catering was, in the usual style of the hostelry, very satisfactory. The usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given, after which a musical entertainment followed, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

## CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, No. 294.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., the members of this Lodge met in the Masonic Hall, Register-square, Beverley, for the purpose of taking part in the installation of Bro. Sydney Smith as Worshipful Master for the year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. Turner. The new W.M. appointed the following as his Officers, who were duly invested:—Bros. Backman I.P.M., Richardson S.W., Wiley J.W., Turner Treasurer, Rev. R. J. Barry Chaplain, Edgar Secretary, Shaw S.D., Leo J.D., Parks M.D. Orator, J. Kemp A.M. and C. arity representative, Goulding Organist, Cooper D.C., Wood I.G., Knight, Robshaw, Baxendale and Papp Stewards, and Campbell Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held.

## GUY'S LODGE, No. 395.

THE members of this Lodge assembled at the Crown Hotel, Leamington, on Monday, the 2nd instant, when the installation of the Worshipful Master, Brother Barrett, took place. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. W. H. Skinner I.P.M. There were many visitors present, including Bros. Eve Grand Treasurer of England and Collins Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire. In the evening there was a banquet, at which the attendance was large.

## FAITH AND UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 417.

ON Wednesday, the 4th instant, Bro. Joseph Stroud was installed as W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. James Stroud. The W.M. subsequently

appointed the following as his Officers:—Bro. Rev. Everett I.P.M., Barnett S.W., George J.W., Look Treasurer, Oldfield Secretary, Newman S.D., Robinson J.D., Robinson jun. Organist, Young I.G., Biggs and Fudge Stewards. In the evening the annual banquet took place at the Masonic Hall, and was well attended.

#### LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

**T**HE installation meeting took place on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, when Brother George Lion was installed as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. L. Wall opened the Lodge; he was supported by the following Officers and Brethren:—G. Lion S.W., I. Botibol J.W., Gardner S.D., Roco Chaplain, P.M.'s Dodson, Spiegel, Dewsnap, L. Alexander, Hickman, Obed Roberts; Bros. Saqui, Frank Isaacson, Davis, A. Botibol, Ernest A. Smith, Joseph Joseph, W. B. Murley, Mitchell, Luck, N. Lyon, Phillips, Siegenberg, G. Van Valen, Rozenberg, Jacques Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and several others, with a goodly number of Visitors. Having confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. Wall proceeded to pass Bro. Hartman. Bro. Dewsnap, the I.P.M., now took the chair, when the ballot was taken for Mr. Ernest Albert Smith. It proved unanimously in that gentleman's favour, and he was duly initiated into Freemasonry; both ceremonies were excellently performed. The next business before the Lodge was the installation of the W.M. Bro. George Lion was placed in the chair by Bro. Wall; the obligation was given by Bro. Dodson P.M. It goes without saying that nothing was wanting in the performance of this interesting and important ceremony. The new W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Botibol S.W., Gardner J.W., T. Meyers S.D., H. Lazarus J.D., Lyon Treasurer, L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Roco Chaplain, Jonas I.G., A. Botibol and Saqui Stewards, Gerrad A.S., Frank Isaacson Organist. In the course of the routine business which followed, it was unanimously agreed that Bro. L. Lazarus P.M. should represent the Joppa Lodge at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' Centenary Festival, and the sum of 15 guineas was voted from the funds towards his list. After hearty good wishes from the numerous Visitors, the Lodge was closed. The brethren now adjourned to an excellent banquet, served under the superintendence of Bro. Silver; the viands and wines were of the best quality, and full justice was done alike to cuisine and cellar. The toast-list was a full one; the Queen, the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present. The health of Her Majesty the Queen was drunk with true Joppa fire, while the other toasts were as heartily responded to. Bro. Binckes P.G.SwordB. replied on behalf of the Grand Officers; he sincerely thanked the members for their kindness. Those who had the privilege of taking part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge were well acquainted with those true Masons the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom, and with the general ability displayed by the rulers of the Craft in the conduct of its affairs. The more the brethren knew of the Grand Officers the more they would love them. Bro. Wall I.P.M. now rose; the brethren would be perfectly well aware why he was entrusted with the gavel, an instrument he had relinquished that evening with regret; nevertheless, it was pleasant for him to be able to retake it temporarily. He would propose the health of the W.M. The toast, he felt assured, would be received with true Masonic spirit. From what he had seen of Bro. Lion, he was sure the present W.M. was the right man in the right place. He hoped that the brethren would give him the same support he (Bro. Wall) had received during his year of service. He so wished his successor every happiness and prosperity during his year of office. In conclusion, he expressed his conviction that the brethren would unite in their endeavours to sustain the harmony of the Lodge. In reply, the W.M. acknowledged the cordiality with which the toast had been received; he took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for having conferred upon him the honour of electing him W.M. of the Lodge of Joppa; he trusted he might receive the same support from the Officers and Past Masters as his successors had received. He had now much pleasure in proposing the health of the I.P.M.; in so doing Bro. Lion paid a high tribute to the zeal and assiduity displayed by Bro. Wall during his year of office; he had infinite pleasure in being the means to present to him the Past Master's jewel, which had been so unanimously voted by the Lodge. He hoped Bro. Wall might wear it for many years to come in remembrance of his successful year in association with the Joppa Lodge. The I.P.M., in returning thanks, expressed his sincere appreciation of the handsome jewel, and declared his unabated interest in the Lodge. Whenever he could be of any assistance he would strive to do so. Afterwards the W.M. proposed prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, and the health of the Committee and Assistants. Bro. Obed Roberts P.M. replied; as one of the trustees, he was pleased to inform the W.M. and brethren that their funds were increasing; they had now between £800 and £900 in hand, and if any unfortunate brother should require assistance he could rely upon his appeal receiving attention, and that without the fact being known outside the Lodge. He was also pleased to inform the W.M. that he had received the following donations towards the Benevolent Fund:—Bro. Ernest Smith, the Initiate, one guinea; the W.M. one guinea; Botibol S.W. one guinea; Isaac Meyers S.D. 10s 6d. He thanked the W.M., both for himself and co trustees, and then stated he should personally be pleased to subscribe the sum of 10s 6d. In due course the W.M. proposed the health of the Initiate; by the attention shown by Bro. Smith during the ceremony he felt sure he would make a good Mason. Bro. Ernest Smith thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast; he also thanked Bro. Wynman for having proposed him. He assured the W.M. and brethren that no effort should be wanting on his part to make himself efficient in Freemasonry. Firstly, he would try to gain his fully-decorated apron, and then he would try to get as many decorations as the brother on his left (Bro. Binckes). The

next toast the W.M. had much pleasure in proposing was the health of the Visitors, Bros. Henry Tobias P.P.G.S., Fred Binckes P.G.S.B., C. F. Hogard P.G.St.B., Maurice Hart P.P.G.D.C., John Miller W.M. 1668, Harry H. Meyer W.M. elect 1017, G. H. Lewis S.D. 2206, Lewis Levi 185, W. S. Lyon 185, and others. Bros. Binckes, Tobias, Hogard, Hart, with others, responded. The health of the P.M.'s, Treasurer, Secretary and Officers followed, the W.M. paying each deserved compliments as to the manner in which the affairs of the Lodge were administered. These toasts were duly responded to, and the list was fittingly concluded by the Tyler. The enjoyment was materially enhanced by a selection of songs, &c., which were capitally rendered. Bro. Frank Isaacson presided at the pianoforte, and to him great credit is due for the arrangements, which gave unbounded satisfaction. Amongst the artistes were Bro. Heald, who sang "Then you'll remember me;" Bro. Henry Prenton sang "I fear no foe," &c., &c. Miss Kate Chaplin played a solo on the violin, accompanied by her sister, Miss Nellie Chaplin, and received an enthusiastic encore. Amongst the company was the veteran Brother Samuel Marks Lazarus (now in his 90th year), P.M. and founder of the Joppa Benevolent Fund. Bro. Lazarus received many hearty congratulations, and wishes were freely expressed that he might be present at future installation meetings.

#### YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 422.

**B**RO. Frederick Baines was on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge, and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Wright S.W. Mason J.W., Kirk Treasurer, Housham D.C., Liversedge Secretary, Wright S.D., Sowby J.D., Greenhalgh I.G., Scott Tyler. A banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel.

#### DUNHEVED LODGE, No. 789.

**T**HIS Lodge held its annual festival on the 27th ult. Bro. B. Parsons S.W. was installed W.M. by Bro. John Kitto, who impressively performed the ceremony. The W.M. appointed the following his Officers:—Bros. Thomas Sherston I.P.M., John Nicholls S.W., Wenmath J.W., Harvey P.M. Treasurer, White P.M. Secretary, Frederick Downing S.D., Thomas Sherm J.D., Cater I.G., Eastcot S. and J. Burt Tyler. After transacting other business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall attached to the Lodge, which had been prettily decorated, and where a choice banquet had been provided by the stewards.

#### HANLEY LODGE, No. 797.

**T**HIS Lodge held its annual meeting on Monday, the 9th inst., at Dartmouth, when Bro. J. J. Tolman was installed W.M., in succession to Bro. F. A. Davson. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. W. H. Goodridge, assisted by Bro. Constable, and supported by a large number of P.M.'s. After the ceremony the W.M. invested as his Officers Bros. Richard Benson S.W., Westlake J.W., Hurrell P.M. Treasurer, Goodridge P.M. Secretary, Medway S.D., Widdicombe J.D., Pack I.G., Chapple and Bovey D.C.'s, Constable P.M. Chap., and William Putt Tyler. Bro. Hurrell was chosen representative on the Committee of Petitions. The brethren then retired to Bro Whittle's Commercial Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

#### FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 838.

**T**HE installation of Worshipful Master and investment of Officers of this Lodge took place in the Lodge-room at the Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston, on Friday, the 6th inst. Bro. T. Slater officiated as installing master, and the following officers were invested:—Bros. Bates W.M., Kirby S.W., Stont J.W., Shepherd Treasurer, Fergusson Secretary, Thistlethwaite S.D., Wormal J.D., Mager D.C., Gane Organist, Gregory I.G., Lanes S.Std., Claypoole J.Std., and Johnson Tyler. The annual banquet followed, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master. There was a good attendance, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

#### RESTORMAL LODGE, No. 856.

**T**HE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Old Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when Bro. W. R. Toms S.W. was installed by the retiring W.M. Bro. T. W. Perry, assisted by a Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. then invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Rev. Ferris S.W., Sewart J.W., Hugill Treasurer, Beckerlog Secretary, Doney Chaplain, Collins S.D., Cossentine J.D., Brown I.G., McLean D.C., Rundle Organist, Haddy Steward, and Brown Tyler. The brethren subsequently repaired to the Talbot Hotel, where Bro. Wheeler catered for them in his usual good style.

#### ST. ANNE LODGE, No. 970.

**T**HE annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Looe, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. The W.M. elect (Bro. R. Edgcombe) was installed by Bro. Doney, assisted by an unusually large Board of P.M.'s. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. White I.P.M., Lillecrap S.W., Johns J.W., Crossman P.M. Treasurer, Henwood P.M. Secretary, Walters S.D., Kelly J.D., Trehane I.G., Olver D.C., Mitchell and Collings Stewards, Oliver Tyler, and Henwood Steward to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined together at the Ship Hotel, the W.M. presided, and a very pleasant evening was spent, being interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Henwood, Perry, Jago, and others.



## QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

A MEETING of this Lodge took place on Friday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. R. F. Gould P.G.D. W.M., W. Simpson S.W., Major Pratt, Royal Artillery, J.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, W. M. Bywater G. Sword Bearer S.D., Professor T. Hayter Lewis J.D., Dr. W. W. Westcott I.G., W. H. Rylands G. Steward, Rev. W. M. Heath P.G.C., John Read, F. A. Powell, D. P. Cama P.G. Treasurer, C. L. Mason, G. H. Kenning, P. L. Simmonds, C. Kapferschmidt, Rev. A. E. Woodward, and E. J. Castle. After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been duly confirmed, the W.M. delivered the following address:—

BRETHREN,—The first thought that will occur to our minds on assembling here to-day is a sense of the great loss the Lodge has sustained in the death of our beloved Bro. Woodford. This, indeed, is a heavy blow to us, though at the same time we shall, one and all, derive a melancholy satisfaction from the reflection that our deceased brother was spared to us until the success of this Lodge of Masonic students has been placed beyond the region of controversy or denial. In it he has been a prominent figure, and the sorrow which is felt to-night by those of us who have been regular attendants at our stated meetings, can hardly be expressed in words, and is best indicated by the manner in which the remarks it is my duty to make on the present occasion are listened to by the Lodge, viz., in a silence that is far more expressive than actual speech. Our brother was not only the oldest Mason, but also the oldest author in the Lodge, and it is as the *doyen* of British Masonic writers, that he has been affectionately regarded by his fellow members of the Quatuor Coronati. Bro. Hughan and myself have been spoken of as forming, in some sort, together with our dear brother whose loss we deplore, a kind of triad, as having been fellow labourers in the field of Masonic literature, a little before we were joined by various other brethren in this Lodge. Certain it is, however, that when two of us disagreed in Fraternal controversy, both disputants were in the habit of appealing to the remaining brother of the triple tie. The cord which united us has now been snapped by the death of Bro. Woodford, but the two who were left have placed on record, one in the *Freemason*, and the other in the *FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*, the estimation in which they know our late brother was regarded in this country, and, as they believe, throughout the Masonic world. These obituary notices having already attained circulation in the Craft, I pass over the leading incidents of our brother's Masonic career, which are there fully narrated, and shall next relate that during the last days he spent on earth, his interest in Masonry, and in this Lodge never flagged. The night before his death he read a portion of the second part of our Transactions, and thus it may be said that *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum* was his last reading in life. Of this Lodge also he spoke much during the same night, and expressed to those about him the great affection he entertained for its members. How that feeling was reciprocated I shall not put into words, for it will come home to every breast. Just a word in conclusion. Our late brother was one time in the army, and there are several among us who either follow or have followed the same calling. An allusion to military customs, therefore, will not be out of place. It is the habit in warfar, when casualties occur, for the survivors to close up their ranks and press on. We have lost a good man and worthy brother, but the best compliment we can pay to his memory, is to close up our ranks and press on, towards the realisation of those hopes, in which there was no more sanguine believer than the excellent and highly cultured Freemason who was so recently in our midst. Bro. Woodford may be said to have died in harness, and the point is worthy of our attention, as a Masonic generation is usually a very short one, and the instances are few where we find a veteran of forty-five years' standing in the Craft continuing to work with all the vigour and enthusiasm of youth. Brethren, may we all in like manner continue to labour for the same cause until we shall be summoned in turn to the Grand Lodge above; and when our places here know us no more, let us hope that others may be ready, qualified and instructed by our example, to continue the work. So that it may be said—"The workmen die, but the work goes on."

The Reports of the Special Committee on the Lodge Library, and of the Permanent and Audit Committee were then considered and adopted, the W.M. however, bringing up with the latter a subsequent recommendation, that in consequence of the vast labour entailed upon the Secretary through the increasing number of the Outer Circle, and the enormous correspondence thereby imposed upon him, the sum of £10 should be voted to Bro. Speth from each of the two funds, Lodge and Correspondence Circle, which proposal being seconded by the S.W., was carried nem. con. Bro. H. J. Whymper P. Deputy D.G.M. Panjanb was elected a joining member of the Lodge, and 39 brethren (and Lodges) were admitted into the Correspondence Circle, which the Secretary announced, had reached a grand total of 195 members, within the first eleven months of its institution. The Secretary reported many additions to the Lodge Library, which included several rare and valuable works, presented by Bro. D. P. Cama Past Grand Treasurer, to whom, being present in Lodge, the W.M. expressed the cordial thanks of the members, and their satisfaction in seeing him so often among them. Bro. William Simpson S.W. then read the paper of the evening, the subject selected for treatment being "The Threefold Division of Temples," a topic upon which the lecturer is a well known authority, and proving therefore of great interest to his audience. At the termination of the lecture, a short discussion took place upon it, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

## ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday evening, 2nd inst., at its headquarters, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, in the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren. The ceremony was performed in a very able and efficient

manner by the I.P.M., Bro. Williams, who formally inducted Brother Stokes into the chair of K.S. The customary proclamation and salutes having been made, the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. Abrahams S.W., Lewcock J.W., Dunn Treasurer, Dirsch Secretary, Russell S.D., Reid J.D., Braham I.G., Bate D.C., Horton A.D.C., Williams W.S., Bridger A.W.S., Morris Assistant Secretary, and Rawles Tyler. A very pleasant incident then took place—namely, the presentation of a portrait to the I.P.M., which was suitably acknowledged. A banquet followed.

## BEDFORD CHAPTER, No. 282.

THE annual convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday the 4th inst., at the Abbey, Tavistock. The Comps. the Principals elect were installed, W. L. Sampson as Z, T. Chapman H., I. Roskelly J. The installing officer was Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. Comp. Z. invested the following Officers:—Comps. Northway I.P.Z., Drew S.E., Symons S.N., Squires P.S., Coward 1st A.S., Darton 2nd A.S., Richards Treas., Coward Regis., Walker D.C., Gill S.B., Nicholls St.B., Handy Janitor.

## KING EDWIN CHAPTER, No. 660.

THE annual installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Malton, on Tuesday, the 10th instant. The three Principals were duly installed by Companion John Marshall, and the M.E.Z. afterwards invested the other Officers, the list for the year being as follows:—Comps. Goldie M.E.Z., Nicholls H., Buckle J., Walker Treasurer, Lucas Scribe E., Rev. W. G. Chilman Scribe N., Metcalfe P.S., Tinsley 1st A.S., Staniland 2nd A.S., Williamson D.C., Marshall Organist, Marshall S.B., Stockdale Janitor.

## FOWEY LODGE, No. 977.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Fowey, on Monday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. Rilston was installed by Bro. Luke. The W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Pattenon Davis I.P.M., Denison S.W., Andrew J.W., Isbell S.D., Williams J.D., Cossentine Secretary, Durant Treasurer, Kendall P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Mitchell I.G., Martin Organist, Denison S.S., Hawker J.S., Gale Director of Ceremonies, Graham Tyler. At an emergency meeting previously, three gentlemen were admitted to the first degree. The annual banquet was held at Bro. Ovendon's Railway Hotel, where a number of brethren sat down to a most excellent repast. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## COLNE VALLEY LODGE, No. 1645.

ON Wednesday afternoon, the 28th ult., the brethren of this Lodge met at the Lodge Rooms, Britannia-road, Slaithwaite, to install the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. R. R. Armitage was installed by Bro. John Shaw. After the installation Bro. R. R. Armitage W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. George Henry Walker I.P.M., David Shaw S.W., Godfrey Woodhead J.W., John White S.D., John Hirst J.D., Joseph Crowther P.M. Treasurer, John Holroyd Secretary, James Johnstone I.G., G. E. Taylor Tyler, E. Dean Charity Member, John Gledhill D.C., William Sykes C.S., G. Woodhead B.P., and J. S. Walker Almoner. The Festival of St. John was celebrated in the dining-room after the closing of the Lodge. There was a large number of brethren present.

## BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE first monthly meeting in the new year of this Lodge, which was held on Monday, 2nd inst., was availed of by the members to present their I.P.M., Brother S. H. Ellis, a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held and appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the Lodge, especially in occupying the chair for two years in succession. The presentation, which took the form of a Past Master's jewel, was made by the W.M. Brother Shawyer, in flattering terms; and Bro. Ellis, in acknowledging it, said he felt the brethren had given him more than he deserved. He could not find words to express how much he appreciated their kind and valuable gift, which would be handed down to his children as a precious heirloom. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. S. H. Ellis, P.P.G.Std.B., by the Brethren of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, as a token of their recognition of the able manner he discharged the duties of Master for two successive years. January 2nd 1888."

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present:—Bros. Stockhall W.M., Garrud S.W., Dearing J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Marks J.D., Marks I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ponder acting as candidate. Bro. Collingridge, offering as candidate to be passed to the second degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first. Bro. Garrud was elected W.M. for Monday next.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Watch the Weather.—This is perhaps the best counsel that could be circulated at this season. Will all follow it? Will everyone change his raiment as the temperature varies? The next best advice is, to have in readiness a box of Holloway's Pills, and with them to oppose the first instigation, or stop the advancing symptoms of disease. No cold, catarrh, or cough should be left to itself; either may lay the foundation to danger, if not undermined by suitable means, and none can surpass Holloway's for efficacy. Hay Fever, Asthma, Diarrhoea, and a host of other complaints, waylaying the weak and delicate, when the day is hot, with cool mornings and evenings, are cured by Holloway's medicine.

## The First Masonic Festival of the Present Year

WILL BE THAT OF THE  
ROYAL  
MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONFOR  
AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS,

Grand Patron and President:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &amp;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.

OFFICE:—1 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,  
WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:

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

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, 16th January 1888, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:

To consider the following Notice of Motion:—

By Bro. JOHN L. MATHER, V. Patron, Chairman of the Joint Committee on alteration of dates of elections:

"To alter Law 29, by substituting the words 'last Friday' for the words 'Monday immediately following the second Saturday,' in accordance with the recommendation in the report of such Committee adopted by the Quarterly Court in October 1887."

To consider and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the General Committee that "Fifteen boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, 16th April 1888, from an approved list of 65 candidates."

The chair will be taken at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Order,

FREDERICK BINCKES (V. Pat., P.G. Std., P.G. Sword Bearer),  
Secretary.OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.  
7th January 1888.

## 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.

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

Chief Patroness:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President:

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

Grand Patroness:

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

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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.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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## APRIL ELECTION, 1888.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls

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 KYSER, Lord Mayor, Mansion House, London.

Bro. Sir HENRY A. ISAACS, Alderman, 27 Belsize Park, N.W.

\*Bro. T. GROVES P.M. Charendon Lodge 1769, St. Bernard's, Longley Road, Lower Tooting.

Bro. H. HARRIS P.M. Israel Lodge, 58 Newington Causeway.

\*Bro. W. KLINGENSTEIN P.M. 73 and 1540, V.P. R.M.I.G.

W. WRAY MORGAN P.M. 211, 44 Thornhill Square, Barnsbury, N.

\*C. F. HOGARD P.M. 205 483 P.G.S.Br. and P.P.G.S. of West Sussex, 89 Balfour Road, Highbury.

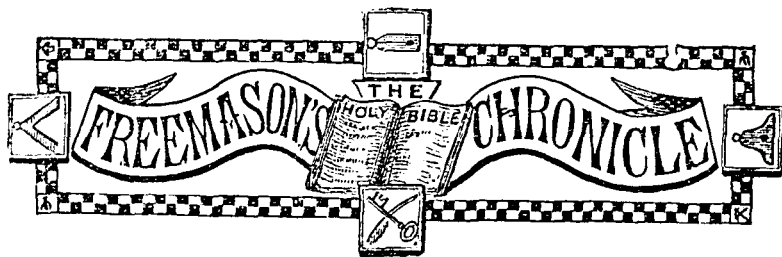
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## MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. GEORGE LODGE,  
No. 303.

THE new Lodge of St. George of Mark Master Masons, No. 303, was consecrated on Friday, the 6th inst., in Sincerity Lodge-room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. The handsome Lodge-room presented an attractive appearance. It is four years since St. George's Craft Lodge was founded, on temperance principles, and it has been remarkably successful. A Royal Arch Chapter was opened two years ago in connection with St. George, and on the 6th inst. a Mark Lodge was consecrated. Bro. H. Stocker 18° P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Sec., who travelled a considerable distance to be present, congratulated the brethren of the new Lodge on having such a large and influential number. The ceremony of consecration was ably performed, and the proceedings passed off most successfully. The brethren of St. George's Lodge are to be heartily congratulated on the excellent arrangements made under the direction of Bro. F. Cronch, whose Masonic zeal and ability are well known. Bro. Carty, who presided at the organ, deserves a word of praise for his work. At 2:30 p.m. the Lodge was opened, Bro. J. Gidley P.M. 169 P.G.T. acting as W.M., Bros. James Gifford S.W. designate as S.W. S. Jew as J.W., R. Dickson as M.O., A. Trout as S.O., Brickwood as J.O., H. Longmead as S.D., J. J. Facey as J.D., George Gurney as I.G., J. H. Carty as Organist, Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., as Chaplain, and J. Hilly as I.P.M. Six brethren were advanced to the degree. Shortly after 3.30 p.m. Bros. Charles Spence Bate, F.R.S., D.P.G.M., Vincent Bird P.M.O. England, Rev. T. W.



Lemon, M.A., P.G. Chaplain England, Josiah Austin 18° P.G.D. England, F. Crouch P.G.D. England, D. Cross 18° G. Steward England, and H. Stocker 18° P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Secretary, formed a procession to the Lodge-room, and were received with grand honours by the brethren. The first part of the anthem having been sung the founders of the Lodge were arranged in order. The D.P.G.M. then addressed the founders on the nature of the meeting, pledging them to obey the laws and constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and delivered a short address on their duties to Masonry generally and themselves in particular. The P.G. Secretary then read the petition of the brethren, saying that although there was a Mark Lodge in connection with Lodge Sincerity, the brethren wished to have a Mark Lodge of their own, conducted entirely on temperance principles—that had been their guiding aim in connection with St. George's Craft Lodge and Arch Chapter. The warrant having been read, the brethren signified their approval of the Officers named in the petition and warrant. The second part of the anthem was sung, followed by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., giving the first part of the consecration prayer. The brethren having all turned towards the east, the Consecrating Officer gave the invocation. The pedestal was then uncovered, and the Consecrating Officers carried the cornucopia with corn and the ewers with wine, oil, and salt four times round the Lodge, the brethren singing a special hymn. The Officers halted each round in the east, and strewed corn, the emblem of plenty; poured wine, the emblem of joy and happiness; poured oil, the emblem of peace; and strewed salt, the emblem of fidelity; grand honours being given three, five, seven, and nine times. The anthem "Glory be to God on High" was chanted, and the Grand Chaplain carried the censor three times round the Lodge, the brethren singing "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power." At the conclusion the censor was placed on the pedestal, and the Grand Chaplain then gave the second portion of the consecration prayer, during which the W.M. Designate deposited the working tools on the pedestal. The Grand Chaplain offered up the prayer of dedication, and the Consecrating Officer then declared the Lodge duly consecrated and dedicated, and pronounced the final benediction. The anthem "Glory be to God on High" having been sung, grand honours were given nine times. Bro. Geo. R. Barrett was then installed in the chair of King Solomon, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. F. Crouch. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested his Officers for the year ensuing, as follow:—Bros. Crouch I.P.M., Gifford S.W., Bond J.W., Brickwood M.O., Pengelly S.O., Carty J.O., Davies Treasurer, Reynolds Registrar, Griffin Secretary, Weale S.D., Withell J.D., Townsend D.C., Wells I.G., Taylor S.S., Peake J.S., Mussell J.S., Gidley Tyler. The W.M., in giving the collars to his principal Officers, acknowledged with thankfulness the great kindness and help he had received at their hands, especially from Bros. Crouch, Brickwood, and Pengelly. Bro. Stocker having to leave to catch his train, the W.M. thanked him on behalf of the brethren for his attendance and assistance. Bro. Stocker acknowledged the compliment, and congratulated the Lodge on starting under such auspicious circumstances. The W.M. then addressed the brethren, remarking how successful St. George's Craft Lodge and Chapter had been. He was thankful to the brethren for electing him unanimously as W.M., and was exceedingly proud of his position. He moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officer and others who assisted that day. Bro. Gifford seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Spence Bate, in returning thanks, said the brethren had taken a particular line to work their Lodge, and had been rewarded with success. He heartily wished them success in their latest venture, and in commemoration of that day would appoint Bro. Barrett as P.G.S.O. The W.M. and brethren of the new Lodge having received the congratulations of the brethren, the Lodge was closed. In the evening the brethren dined together at Bro. H. Matthews's restaurant, in Bedford Street.

### THE DISINFECTION AND DEODORIZATION OF SEWAGE GAS AND SEWAGE.

THE inhabitants of the Metropolis are only just recovering from a long and tedious epidemic of scarlet fever, and now we are told by the Metropolitan Asylums Board that we are to be visited by that still more dreaded scourge smallpox. This statement is in some measure corroborated by the stringent warnings lately issued by the Board of Health, in anticipation of such an occurrence, and also in anticipation of an outbreak of typhoid fever. In view of such a catastrophe occurring, everything it is possible to do should be done, if not to prevent it, at least to render the epidemic as ineffectual as possible. It is a well known fact that among the principal causes of such outbreaks is the contamination of the water which is used for domestic purposes by sewage, and also the impregnation of the air with poisonous gases arising from the sewers. Such being the case, the question of the disinfection and deodorization of sewer gas and sewage becomes of the utmost importance. This fact has been recognised by the members of the Metropolitan Board of Works for some years past, and a large portion of their time has consequently been devoted to the solving of this difficult question. Up to the present, however, their efforts have not been met by that complete success which they have looked for. They are in fact still striving after that perfection in the deodorization of sewage that can only be obtained by a most careful and minute study of the matter, combined with that scientific knowledge and practical experience which is so indispensable in the solving of so difficult a question. Mr. R. Harris Reeve, of the firm Harris Reeves and Co., 107 New Oxford Street, W.C., has shown himself to have been, to a considerable extent, possessed of these qualities. He has in fact invented and patented an automatic apparatus for disinfecting and deodorizing sewer gas and sewage, which after severe tests has been found to be a complete success. The apparatus, which is of simple construction, contains

chemicals which act simultaneously on the gas present in sewers and escaping from sewer ventilators, and on the sewage itself. This result is brought about as follows:—The apparatus, a kind of tank, is placed over a ventilating shaft leading from a sewer. The tank is divided into three chambers, the upper one containing sulphuric acid (or its equivalent). In the second chamber are placed two trays, arranged superposed, which are divided into cells. These trays contain manganate of soda, which is dissolved by water flowing into the lower chamber from a pipe affixed for the purpose. The solution of manganate of soda flows away by a syphon tap on to a disc in the lower chamber and at the mouth of the ventilating shaft. The sulphuric acid also drops into this disc through a tap leading from the upper chamber. In this way the lower chamber is filled with sulphuric acid gas and oxygen (nascent), which are given off by the mixing of the two chemicals on the disc. Of these two gases, the former is well known to be a most complete destroyer of putrefactive and contagious organisms, and the latter is equally well known to be a perfect deodorizer. The solution formed, when the two above mentioned chemicals are brought together, consists of a liquid containing a large percentage of permanganic acid, and a small quantity of sulphuric acid, which overflows into the sewers from the chamber where the mixture takes place. The sewer gas, passing up the ventilating shaft, has to traverse the chamber containing the gases given off by the chemicals, and escapes by round holes in the side of the chamber into the man-hole, and by the grating into the street. In passing through the chamber, however, it is effectually disinfected and divested of all contagious organisms by the chemicals, and is in consequence rendered harmless. On the other hand, the overflow of the powerfully oxidizing solution of sulphuric and permanganic acids into the sewer destroys more or less effectually the offensive character of the sewage, changing it into an inoffensive liquid. The amount, or degree of sewage disinfectant, of course, entirely depends upon the quantity of liquid allowed to flow through the apparatus. The disinfectant is, as a matter of fact, under complete control, and may be greater or less, according to the time of year, the volume, or the nature of the sewage. One grain of permanganate of soda per gallon of sewage, of good strength, is sufficient for deodorizing the sewage flowing through a drain or sewer, but with weak sewage less would be required. The best results, however, are attained by so arranging the sulphuric acid tap that a sewage fifty yards below is still slightly acid; but if it is required to entirely deodorize the flowing sewage, much more acid must of necessity be added. Five of the apparatus have been put down in Friar-street, St. George's. It is, perhaps, one of the worst streets within the Metropolitan area, owing to the tan yards, slaughter houses, and such like establishments which are adjacent to it, and which discharge their refuse into the sewer. The street is also densely populated, and in previous years the fever hospitals had a larger percentage of patients from this quarter, owing to the impregnation of the air with poisonous gases. For years eminent engineers have turned their attention in this direction with a view of dispelling the sickening odours arising from the sewers, but hitherto they have been unsuccessful. Mr. Harris Reeve's patent automatic apparatus has, however, had the desired effect, and all who are interested in the work are more than satisfied with the result. Mr. Harris Reeve's apparatus will also shortly be put down at Dover, and if approved, as doubtless it will be, will be laid down in all the barracks. At Frome, in Somersetshire, the whole town is now supplied with them, and during the twelve months they have been working there, the street ventilators of the sewers have never given the least offence, which they had always done before. The effluent from the tanks there is clear, quite odourless, and fulfils the ordinary test for purity. The deposit in the tanks at the outlet of the sewers is also devoid of smell, and is most valuable for manure. At Ryde, Newport, Isle of Wight, Willesden, St. Andrews, Wells Street, Tottenham, Marylebone, Southwark, and at other places Mr. Harris Reeve's apparatus is also at work, with a like satisfactory result. The system has many advantages; it purifies the sewer gas and sewage simultaneously; it compares favourably as regards expense with any other method or combination of methods that have yet been introduced; it is automatic in action, and only requires attention at periods of three, four, or more weeks; the chemicals have no action on the pottery of which the apparatus is made, besides which it has many advantages in the way of simplicity of construction and action. The apparatus can also be used with equal success in houses, and is made in suitable sizes, the gases emanating from the drains being rendered absolutely innocuous. The system is, without a doubt, the most perfect that has yet been placed before us, and in dismissing the subject we cannot do better than quote the words with which Dr. Wynter Blythe, M.R.C.S., who has thoroughly tested the apparatus, concludes his report:—"The principle of the process is chemically correct, and without the apparatus is efficient, and is capable of deodorizing and disinfecting the sewer air and sewage."

Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P. for Preston, is to be the first Worshipful Master of The Old Westminster Lodge, No. 2233, which is to be consecrated on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, London. Membership of the Lodge is to be confined to old scholars of Westminster. The Grand Secretary of England, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, will consecrate the Lodge and instal the Master. Bros. R. J. Mare will be the first Senior Warden, Walkley jun. Junior Warden, and Hyde-Clarke jun. the Secretary.

Bro. F. W. Willhelt has succeeded Bro. W. Jones Lane as W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 127.

## THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

IT is worthy of notice that a leading Provincial paper, the *Liverpool Courier*, should have occasion during the present week to devote a large portion of its space to the doings of one of the Masonic Charities outside London, to which we referred in our last issue. The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution has frequently been referred to in our pages, and we have much pleasure in recording its more recent doings. Our contemporary writes as follows:—

For thirty-nine years has the annual ball held in aid of this Institution been an acknowledged fixture amongst the members of the Craft in Liverpool and neighbourhood. Its success has been fitful. Time was when the annual fixture created not only considerable hubbub and pleasurable expectation amongst Freemasons and their fair Masonic friends, but was looked forward to by no small portion of the outside public. Subsequently the ball languished, and became what in the peculiar phraseology of our time is known as a "so-and-so affair," until three seasons ago, when a spirited and successful attempt was made to bring back the old prestige by presenting the Earl of Lathom, the G. Master of this Province of West Lancashire, with his full length portrait in the Council Chamber, immediately prior to the commencement of the dance. The gathering since then has seemed to have obtained a fresh lease of popularity, and there is no reason why the ball for 1888, which took place in the Town Hall, should, in a pecuniary sense, be less successful than its immediate predecessor, which resulted in nearly £270 being handed over to Brother J. T. Callow P.P.G.T., the Hon. Treasurer of the "West Lancashire Masonic." A glance at the last issued report of this excellent Institution may not be without interest. The income from donations and subscriptions for the year 1886 amounted to £1,051 15s 7d, and this sum, with various additions, the largest of which was £725 4s 7d, interest on invested capital and cash at bankers, was increased to £1,925 10s 8d, being a decrease of £397 9s 5d, compared with the previous year. The larger proportion of this decrease might be attributed to the fact that 22 Lodges did not return a single subscription during the year, while at the same time there was paid on behalf of the children of deceased brethren of some of those Lodges no less a sum than £353 9s 10d, generosity on the part of the Committee that ought at once to commend itself to the members of those backward Lodges. During the year 189 children participated in the benefits of the Institution at a cost of £1,663 11s 1d, and since the previous annual report was issued forty-nine children have been elected upon the foundation and twenty-seven have completed their education to commence the active duties of life. At the close of the year 174 children remained on the foundation, and owing to the fact that there are no buildings, servants, attendants, or salaried officers to support (the work of education being carried on in whatever school may be selected by the friends of successful candidates), the cost of administration only amounted to £62 14s 6d., being merely the cost of printing and postage. The invested funds represent £19,526 17s 11d., and at the end of 1886 there was a balance in the bank of £3,675 4s 6d. Shortly after nine o'clock dancing was started in the two large ballrooms to the strains of Bro. Fred. Duncanson's bands, the attendance then being fairly large. The bulk of the company, however, had not arrived until ten o'clock, when, as the brethren present appeared in full regalia, and those who were fortunate enough to possess them wore the insignia of their rank and office in the Craft, the *ensemble* was both picturesque and imposing. Bro. H. M. Molyneux P.P.G.D.C. officiated as Master of the Ceremonies, and the refreshments and supper were provided by Bro. T. Wood, of Bold-street. The Mayor received the visitors at the head of the grand staircase, and was assisted in the performance of what he made a very genial task by Bro. E. Segar, Chairman of the Ball Committee. By half-past ten there were between 500 and 600 ladies and gentlemen present. The general arrangements were managed by a strong Committee, the Officers of which were Bros. the Earl of Lathom President, Lord Stanley of Preston Vice-President, E. Segar P.M. 32 Chairman, W. E. Coxon P.M. 1,675 Vice-Chairman, J. H. Tyson P.M. 1182 Treasurer, and R. H. Leake I.G. 1547 Hon. Secretary.

## SPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

AT a special meeting of this Province, held at Maidstone, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Earl Amherst, the following promotions were made in honour of the Queen's Jubilee:—

Bro. George Adamson	...	Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden
William Russell	...	ditto
Charles Holtum	...	ditto
William Mate	...	ditto
Major Harpur	...	Past Prov. Grand Junior Warden
Henry Stock	...	ditto
Alfred Wootton	...	ditto
Captain William John Blakey	...	ditto
Edmund Coste	...	Past Prov. Grand Registrar
Joseph Henry Jewell	...	ditto
Noah Martin	...	Past Prov. Grand Senior Deacon
Alexander Spears	...	ditto
Captain William A. Weston	...	ditto
John Amos Bates	...	ditto

## MASONIC BALL AT EYE.

IN the Province of Suffolk no Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons has of late years done more to earn the good report of the fairer portion of the community—by the eternal fitness of things precluded from participating in the mystic ceremonies of the Craft—than the Hartismere Lodge, No. 1663. Founded just eleven years ago by the present Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Lord Henniker, from whom it derives its name, the Hartismere Lodge, as early as 1880 gave evidence of that enterprise, worthy of imitation amongst the other Lodges of the Province, which has established the Masonic ball at Eye as one of the most popular institutions of the festive season. The eighth annual ball, held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Corn Exchange, was universally pronounced to be the most successful ever given. The attendance was considerably in excess of that of the last year or two, upwards of 130 tickets having been issued. Exceptional *éclat* was given to the assembly by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master in full regalia. His lordship was accompanied by a large party from Thornham Hall, and the ball was also honoured with the presence of the Right Hon. Lady Bateman and a party from Oakley Park. The decorations of the ball-room had been the especial care of the Misses Woolnough and Mr. H. F. Woolnough, whose labours were crowned with complete success. The banner of the Lodge was displayed at one end of the room, near to the recently added meditation of the late Sir Edward Kerrison. The walls were covered with festoons and mirrors, and the general appearance of the room was very pretty. More important than this, the floor although a trifle "sticky" to start with, soon got into fine condition, and fully satisfied the most fastidious of the "dancing men" present. The room began to fill soon after nine o'clock, and before the third dance was reached, presented a brilliant scene. Several of the distinguished Masons present were wearing the purple of the Province, the Officers of the Lodge wore their collars, and all the Brethren appeared in Craft clothing. The Officers of the Eye (Sixth West Suffolk) Volunteers were in uniform, and the contrast presented by the dresses of the ladies completed the picture. We regret that our powers of description are inadequate to doing justice to this department. Dancing was at once started with an extra valse, but in looking through the programme it occurs to us Eye is a little behind the times in the matter of square dances. Nine is surely a very full allowance, and we fancy that had three or four of the quadrilles been replaced by vases, no one would have regretted the alteration. Soon after ten the Oakley Park party arrived, and at once joined in the dancing. Half an hour later the Provincial Grand Master entered the room, which was by this time quite full. Every one who goes to the Eye ball goes with the full determination of enjoying himself or herself. The dancing is always of the most spirited character; there is plenty of variety of style, but nothing that would come under the category of a "crawl." On Friday the gentlemen were slightly in the majority, so that in the round dances there was rarely a lady sitting out. A word of special commendation is due to Mr. W. Fletcher Dorrington's band, which played throughout the evening with excellent taste, and gave to the valse music especially perfection of time and rhythm. Supper was served shortly after midnight, the company being divided into two parties. The *cuisine* was in the hands of Mr. Rowling, of the White Lion Hotel, who fully maintained her reputation as a caterer. Before the second party left the supper room, Bro. H. Gentry, the Mayor of Eye, in a brief speech proposed the Health of the W.M., Bro. W. T. Phillips, who, in responding, referred to the great energy and tact displayed by Bro. Francis Woolnough in making the ball such a grand success. The gallant Major's health was drunk with enthusiasm, and dancing was continued without flagging until after four o'clock on Saturday morning.—*East Anglian Daily Times*.

At the meeting of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, held at the Albion, Allergate street, London, on Tuesday last, under the presidency of Bro. Frederick T. Bennett, Bro. Alexander Dickson S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months; Bro. Alfred Green P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. The installation meeting will take place on the second Tuesday in February.

## MARLBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1620.

THE annual investiture of Officers in connection with the above-named Lodge was held on the 4th inst., in Derby Hall, Tuebrook, in the presence of between seventy and eighty brethren. The Marlborough, which is one of the comparatively few Lodges that meet elsewhere than in the Hope-street Temple, has long had the reputation of being a thriving branch of the Craft, and its roll contains the names of many gentlemen well known in mercantile pursuits and in the learned professions. At the opening of the proceedings, the retiring W.M., Bro. Richard Stirzaker, was supported by Bros. Dr. Henry Pitts I.P.M., Richard Armitage, Henry Hindle, Dr. John Henderson, T. Delamere, Hy. Jones, Dr. O. E. B. Limrick S.W., W. J. B. Pitts J.W., Luke Bagnall Treasurer, Thos. Airey Secretary, Hy. Peers J.D., John Stubbs acting I.G., E. T. Ingham D.C., John Gresham and Wm. Naylor Stewards, Jas. P. Bryan Organist, R. Neville Tyler. A numerous company of visitors was also present. After certain general business had been transacted, Bro. Dr. Limrick W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bros. Dr. Pitts and Hindle, and the ceremony was performed in a highly efficient manner by Brother Stirzaker. Subsequently the W.M. invested the undermentioned Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Stirzaker I.P.M., Pitts S.W., Airey J.W., Bagnall Treasurer (re-elected), Peers Sec., Ingham D.C. (re-appointed), Bryan Organist (re-appointed), Stubbs S.D., Gresham J.D., Naylor I.G., Gilchrist S.Stwd., Brebner J.Stwd., Tarbuck and Doeherly Assist.Stwds., Neville Tyler. The Treasurer's report showed the Lodge to be in a prosperous condition. At various intervals during the ceremony a beautiful choral programme was rendered by Bros. D. J. Davies, D. T. Jones, D. Williams, O. J. Rowlands, and T. Largher. After the Lodge had been closed the brethren dined together on the premises.

## CHINE LODGE, No. 1884.

ON Thursday, the 29th ult., a meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanklin. The W.M., Dr. Greenham, presided, and the visitors included Dr. Carter W.M. of the East Medina Lodge, and members of that and the Albany Lodge. After some preliminary business, including the election of Bro. Cooper as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the re-election of Bro. Newman as representative on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, the W.M. called on Dr. Dabbs to unveil the Chine Lodge Jubilee memorial, consisting of a handsome marble tablet, about seven feet high, framed with richly carved oak, bearing the names of those who contributed to the liquidation of the debt of £200 on the building. Dr. Dabbs, in unveiling the memorial, said he fully appreciated the covert compliment that underlay their choice of the first W.M. for this honourable distinction. He was sure he was right in describing it as much a compliment to his literary ambition as to his Masonic fitness. It was always his pet hope that any power he might evince as a dramatist might be exerted first of all to raise funds for the beautifying of the Lodge he helped to found in Shanklin. With his first success he should always remember his friend Bro. Greenham. He might in the future have other coadjutors, but he was quite certain he should have none more sympathetic, kindly, or hard-working. He might in the future have other successes, but no success would be sweeter to him than that of the Isle of Wight comedy-drama played before an Island audience for an Island Lodge. Bros. Young, Raynes, Newman, Bailey, and Rayner paid high tributes to the ability and zeal of the W.M., and heartily congratulated him on the realisation of the project of the Jubilee memorial, and an entry to that effect was ordered to be made on the minutes. The W.M., in responding, said the cost of the Jubilee memorial had been entirely defrayed out of the receipts of the performance of Dr. Dabbs's first play at Shanklin. A photograph of the tablet had been forwarded to the Queen, and a very kind acknowledgment had been received from General Sir Henry Ponsonby. On behalf of the Lodge he asked Dr. Dabbs's acceptance of the handsome jewel he had in his hand, as a slight token of their regard for his worth and services. Dr. Dabbs, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to accept as an enduring memorial of their affection the handsome presentation they had so surprised him by making. A handsome picture of the Chine, with Masonic emblems in the foreground, was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Middleton, who was warmly thanked by the W.M.

## RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 3rd inst., at the Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, under the presidency of Bro. John P. Houghton W.M., who was supported by Bros. E. Dare S.W., H. Sapsworth J.W., W. Forster Reynolds P.M. Treasurer, George C. Rowland Secretary, J. M. Margason S.D., Albert Crew J.D., H. Messum D.C., A. Aldin I.G., W. C. Rainbow Organist; B. E. Blasby P.M., C. I. Digby P.M., W. R. Phillips I.P.M., T. Covell and J. Aldridge Stewards, T. G. Mitchell Tyler, and a large number of other members of the Lodge, together with the following Visitors:—Bros. Harling 975, Peacock 1558, Keely 1216, Coombs 780, Johnson 975, Hilton 780, Mason 309, Curtius 2150, Lansdowne 1541. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. Wilson was duly raised. Lodge having been lowered, the ballot was brought into requisition on behalf of two gentlemen, who were candidates for initiation, Mr. John Richard West, proposed by Bro. Hester, and seconded by Bro. Reynolds P.M. Treasurer; and Mr. James Talloch, proposed by Bro. Walker, and seconded by Bro. Phillips I.P.M. These two gentlemen were admitted to the benefits of Masonic light, and other business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, the customary toasts being honoured.

Bro. W. S. Gillard P.M. 1168 P.G.D. Dorset has been elected W.M. of the Brotherly Love Lodge for the ensuing year.

The regular meeting of the General Committee and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, Bro. J. L. Mather in the chair. There were also present Bros. Stephen Richardson, T. Hastings Miller, O.C., Alfred Williams, G. Bolton, H. Massey, F. Adlard, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Raynham W. Stewart, Chas. F. Hogard, W. Maple, Charles Belton, W. A. Scurrah, W. Paas, Geo. P. Gillard, Dudley Rolls, James Moon, H. Venn, George Mickley, Richard Eve Grand Treasurer, Alfred Bryant, J. G. Dale, and F. Binckes Secretary. Fifteen petitions were investigated, and the candidates placed on the list for the April election. There are now 65 candidates for the benefits of the School, with but 15 vacancies. Notice was given of motions for the next Quarterly Court, on the 16th inst. The customary compliment was paid to the Chairman.

The brethren of Hastings appear to be making the most strenuous exertions to secure the success of their Masonic ball which is to be held on the 18th inst., and we wish them all the good things they wish for themselves in connection with it. The Royal Concert Hall has been secured for the occasion, and it is anticipated that in addition to the brethren of the mystic tie there will be a large attendance of local gentry. The more the merrier, say we, especially as the profits are to be expended in the cause of charity—the R.M. Institution for Girls being on this occasion the object to which the surplus is to be devoted. Last year, says a local contemporary, there appeared to be a large company present, and yet the amount secured by the ball did not exceed £20. This year the committee start with the experience gained then, and a considerable saving in the expenses is looked forward to, thus giving promise of a larger surplus. We can only hope these expectations may be realised, and that all who attend may thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Notwithstanding that the Isle of Wight has, literally speaking, been cut off from intercourse with the surrounding districts by King Fog during the past few days, there was a large attendance of brethren at the Annual Festival of the Medina Lodge, No. 35, at Cowes, on Thursday. Bro. F. Rutland P.G. Organist was installed as W.M. by Bro. Faulkner P.M. P.P.J.G.W. A full report will appear in our next issue.

**Langton Lodge of Instruction, No 1673.**—The annual Festival of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the White Hart Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Thursday, the 15th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Joseph Langton P.M. and Treasurer of Langton Lodge, under whose sanction this Lodge of Instruction works. The following members were present:—Bros. T. Houlton Bishop J.W. 1965, James S. Fraser P.M. 174, F. Knight 1185, H. M. Hobbs P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, George Anderson P.G.S. P.M. 60, E. M. Morris P.M. 1965, G. F. Marshall P.M. 69, Gordon Smith W.M. 2041, R. Clay Sudlow P.P.G.S.D. Kent, C. W. C. Webb P.M. 1397, Joseph D. Langton P.M. 1673 P.P.G.J.W. Surrey, William F. Causton P.M. 1726 I.G. 162, J. Holden 2096, W. G. Goode S.D. 2096, W. Mapleton J.D. 256, Bernard Gardner 69, L. Percival 2096, Maitland H. Dicker 1470, Geo. C. Dent 176, G. D. H. Vaizey 176, Graham Buckley 1415, T. Burne I.P.M. 162. An excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Anderson, through whose kindness the Lodge of Instruction has met for some years at the above address. After dinner the Chairman gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of the Lodge of Instruction was responded to by the Preceptors, Bros. Hobbs, Marshall and Burne. The health of the Chairman was proposed by Bro. Langton jun., who, in the name of the members of the Lodge, thanked him for the services rendered by him as Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, and for his kindness in presiding on that evening. The Chairman, in responding, expressed his great pleasure at being present and congratulated the Lodge on its success, and particularly in the direction of charity. The toast of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement followed, to which Bro. Sudlow responded, and in the course of his remarks referred to the fact that he was for some years the Preceptor of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, and mentioned how gratified he was to see the Lodge flourishing, and offered to give any assistance he could to the Preceptors. The Secretaries Bros. Burne and J. D. Langton having responded to their health, Bro. Anderson replied for the toast of the honorary members. During the evening songs were given by Bros. Sudlow, Dicks and others. Before the Festival took place a meeting of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association was held, the chair being taken by the President, Bro. Joseph Langton, when four ballots for Life Governorship were drawn. The Association having now completed half its term, the Secretary, Bro. Gordon Smith, read a statement from which it appeared that the sum of £720 had been collected, and that it was estimated that at its conclusion over £1,400 would have been handed over to the three Charities.



## 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, 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. (Inst.)  
 188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., S. (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  
 624—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—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden  
 R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

## MONDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7. (In)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Lominster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30. (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
 1685—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, S. (Inst.)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Myrlebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.  
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge  
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent  
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham  
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
 R.A. 951—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport  
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston  
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 17th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buys, Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 111—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 3. (Inst.)  
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hall, at 8. (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 890—Dun House, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8. (Instruction)  
 891—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8. (In.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Honey, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 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)  
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30  
 R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.  
 R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor  
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Aberystwyth, Gwynedd  
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Northiam, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor  
 1761—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Ragley  
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing  
 2146—Surbiton, Maple Road, Surbiton.  
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford  
 R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos, Cornwall  
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## WEDNESDAY, 18th JANUARY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall at 6  
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Outcerry Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)  
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich  
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 199—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 224—United Strength, The Hope, Southampton Street, Regent's Park, at 8. (In)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)  
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 731—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 892—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gander, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park  
 1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gilesgate Road, Old Kent Road  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 545 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.  
 1624—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—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn  
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mt. Fair, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Colindale New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 R.A. 720—Pannure, Goose and Gander, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 932—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Tottenham  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreham

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Clapham  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Port of Spain  
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
 178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigton  
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Clapham  
 325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Longford-street, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Darnley Road, Northiam  
 435—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwick, Leamington  
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Garston  
 667—Zetland, 9 Handon-street, Birmingham  
 541—Faith, Brewer's Inn, Openstrey  
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Great Marston  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 759—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire

816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston  
 933—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston  
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hall.  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot  
 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales  
 R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester  
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
 R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe  
 R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford  
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall  
 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes  
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
 R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea  
 R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

## THURSDAY, 19th JANUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 56—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.  
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Staggate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton  
 1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Grosvenor Gardens (In)  
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (Inst.)  
 Theberton Street N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1625—Tregear, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In)  
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-street, Clerkenwell (In)  
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill  
 R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road  
 R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)  
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton  
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton  
 2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket  
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden  
 R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith  
 R.A. 516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire  
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgaan Tavern, Plumstead  
 R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby  
 M.M. —Canyages, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

## FRIDAY, 20th JANUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 7  
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)  
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.  
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.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, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1053—Metropolitan, Portland Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 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)  
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure U. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)  
 R.A. 890—Horsley, Porchester Hotel, Leicester Place, Cleveland Square  
 Paddington, W. (Improvement)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)  
 K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penetration  
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury  
 R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Bedford  
 R.A. 622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Winbray  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Huddersley  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Huddersley, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.  
 1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)  
 Small Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel  
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.  
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent  
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

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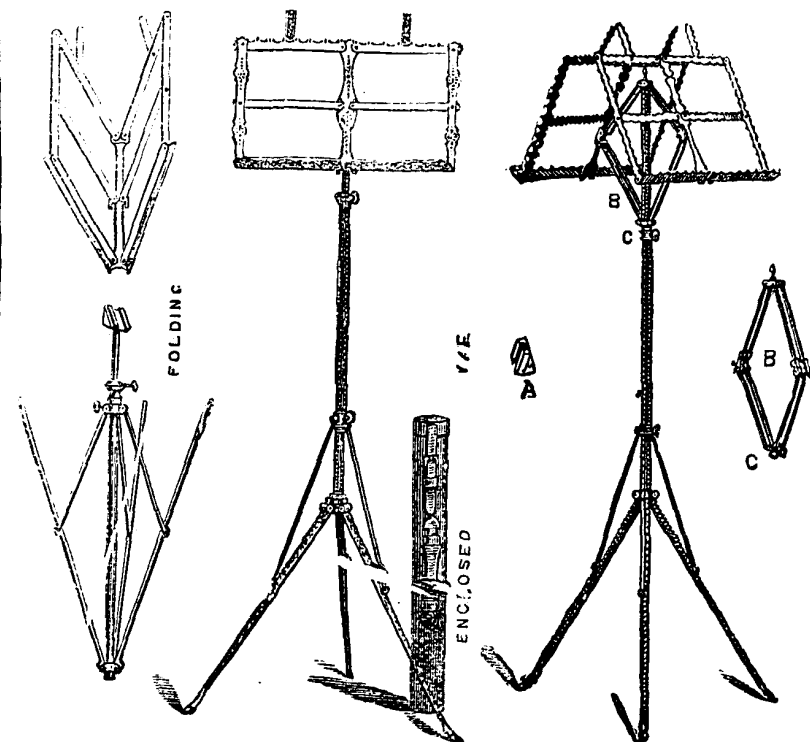
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