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FREEMASONRY'S GIFT TO THE UNEMPLOYED OF LONDON.

THE five hundred pounds which Grand Lodge so readily granted, on the proposition of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, towards the relief of the present distress among the deserving poor of the metropolis, was last week distributed, in accordance with the desire of the Craft, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is to be complimented on the judicious way in which he spread the amount over the area it was intended to benefit. Great difficulties must necessarily present themselves when it comes to a question of deciding how such an amount can best be spent; so many schemes having been started with the object of lessening the evil, it is hard to decide which is best, and a sum of £500 is not nearly sufficient on which to attempt independent action. As one of our evening contemporaries puts it, such amounts can scarcely count as more than drops in the ocean, when compared with the sum required for the relief of the unemployed of London; although the same journal is not unmindful of what has been done, and considers it "extremely kind of the Freemasons to send the amount, and quite in accordance with the traditional spirit of Masonic benevolence." There is not one of us who wanted even this expression of thanks, but we must feel pleasure that the efforts of the Craft, to carry its traditional spirit of benevolence outside the actual limits of the Order, is deemed worthy of this and such other notice as it has received during the last few days in the general press of the kingdom.

The £500 placed at the disposal of the Grand Master was distributed by him as follows:—

- £100 to the Parks and Pleasure Gardens Fund.
- 50 Mansion House Poor-box Fund.
- 50 Guildhall Poor-box Fund.
- 300 (in sums of £25 each) to the Poor-boxes of the following Police courts:—(1) Bow Street, (2) Clerkenwell, (3) Greenwich and Woolwich, (4) Hammersmith and Wandsworth, (5) Lambeth, (6) Marlborough Street, (7) Marylebone, (8) Southwark, (9) Thames, (10) West Ham, (11) Westminster, (12) Worship Street.

It will thus be seen that every part of the metropolis will reap some benefit from the sum voted, and we can only hope that the, comparatively speaking, small help that Freemasonry has been able to afford may do as much good as its donors desire; further, that the example set may be followed by others, individuals as well as corporate bodies, who are equally able to make a grant for the same cause. It appears to be generally recognised that the amount of relief forthcoming this year is very far short of last year's, and no doubt much of the falling off is due to the bluster and threats of those who, erroneously we think, advised violence as the best remedy for misfortune. It is Freemasonry's mission to act charitably to all men, and as this grant for the unemployed was voted

at the express desire of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, we hope it will serve as a peace-offering to smooth away the ill feeling which perhaps exists, and once more cause the well disposed to open their purse-strings on behalf of a really necessitous, if ill-advised, body of the community.

"A GOOD HEART."

"A good leg will fall; a straight back will stoop; a black beard will turn white; a curled pate will grow bald; a fair face will wither; a full eye will wax hollow; but a good heart is the sun and moon; or, rather the sun, and not the moon; for it shines bright, and never changes, but keeps his course truly."

ALTHOUGH controversy may wax warm and discussion continue, in the hope of proving the authorship of Shakspeare's plays, the fact will continue that they are the work of a master mind, and they will remain a living memorial, a monument of true greatness. What care we if fashion should decree that the revered name of Shakspeare ought to be for ever banished from our mind? The gems we have regarded as his will remain, and nothing can rob them of their beauty. The roses we have known as Shakspearian will not smell less sweet even though they be presented to us under another name; and so is it with all things which possess a merit of their own. Even humanity itself is governed by similar laws, and men of worth come to the fore, no matter in what part of the world they may find themselves. In the words of the immortal bard, quoted above, a good heart shines bright, and never changes, keeping his course truly, like that great luminary of nature to which forcible reference is made in the ritual of our Order. It is not only bright in itself, but it diffuses light and brightness on all around.

The subject of our sketch is unquestionably a man of "good heart," and although he has accomplished much in his personal dealings with those around him, and has won esteem in many quarters, the example he has set will prove of greater value to humanity, and will do honour to his deeds long after his name may be forgotten. He may not have won distinction, as recognised by the world at large, but he has done sufficient to prove the sincerity of his nature, and his desire has ever been to help those unable to help themselves. Surely such distinction, although it may be known only to the few, is to be preferred to much of the loudly-proclaimed honours conferred on far less worthy men. His avocation in life placed him in a position where many less benevolently disposed would have taken little or no interest in those around him; yet he found many opportunities of displaying his kindliness of manner, doing much to smooth away the inequalities which so often exist between the representatives of capital and labour, and continually working with a view of easing the cares, and advancing the lot of those with whom he came more directly in contact.

In Masonry we find him displaying the same good traits as unquestionably have guided him in the outer world, and the same success appears to have attended his efforts. He was initiated upwards of 40 years back, the light of Masonry having been conferred upon him in the Medina Lodge, No. 35, West Cowes, in the Isle of Wight, on the 1st June 1846. He is a Past Master of the Medina Lodge, and

is perhaps more appreciated in the neighbourhood in which it is held than in any part where he is known. The good opinion formed of him by the members of that Lodge, so many years since, improved on more intimate acquaintance, and similar experiences have followed him elsewhere. Less than four years after his initiation, he joined the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, then meeting at Kensington, and three years later—in 1853—he rose to the dignity of Worshipful Master therein. So faithfully did he discharge the duties of that office, and such respect did he win from those around him, that in 1855 he was elected Treasurer of the Lodge, an honour which he has continued to enjoy ever since. He was a founder of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1651, and is one of its Past Masters, and at present Treasurer. He also assisted in the formation of the Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, discharged the duties of Treasurer therein for some years after its consecration, subsequently securing from its members the compliment of honorary membership. Turning again to the Provinces, we find the subject of our sketch I.P.M. of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, Portsmouth, that being a Lodge for “Installed Masters only,” while in the Grand Lodge of his Province—Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—he figures as a Past Grand Deacon. He was exalted in the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, in March 1853, was Z. thereof in 1858, and is now its senior member and Treasurer. He is also a Past Zerubbabel of the Andrew Chapter, No. 834, Hammersmith, and likewise a founder, and honorary member, of the Stuart Chapter, No. 504, Bedford, as well as being a member of the Harmony Chapter, No. 309, Fareham, Hants. In the Mark Degree he has also acquired honours, the latest being his election to the chair of the Medina Mark Lodge, No. 140, Cowes. Unfortunately, however, considerations of health prevented his accepting office this year so far from London, much to the regret of those who know him best in the “Garden of England.” We trust it may yet be possible for him again to wield the sceptre in the place of his Masonic birth. Fair as is the record thus far given of our brother's Masonic career we feel it is very much like the good things to which Shakspeare refers in the earlier parts of the above quotation—it may all be forgotten! What then remains which shall hand down our Brother's reputation, or shall serve as an example for all time? That which Shakspeare tells us is the “sun and the moon; or, rather the sun, and not the moon”—his goodness of heart. This cannot be better exemplified than by a reference to what he has done on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. He is a Patron of all three Charities, and has served no less than thirty-two Stewardships in their interest; ten on behalf of the Girls School, eleven on behalf of the Boys', and eleven in support of the Benevolent Institution. Is not this a record of which any brother might feel proud, and does it not prove the truth of our text,—a good heart shines bright, never changes, but keeps his course truly? The course of our brother appears to have been settled many years back, and he has kept to it faithfully and zealously. May he be spared for many years yet to enjoy the good opinions he has so deservedly won from his fellows.

There is another compliment which it is sought to confer on the brother who has unconsciously formed the subject of these remarks; he has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer of England. We will not venture to predict the result of the election, rendered necessary by the nomination of a second candidate; the issue will be decided at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. All we can now do is to express a fervent hope that the past careers of our brother and of his fellow candidate may form the only basis on which the verdict may be framed. In either case it can make but little difference to the reputation of the brother here sketched. He has already been tried; one test more or less can make no difference in the opinion of those who know him—and their number is legion. By them he must always be remembered as “A Good Heart.”

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As winter advances, and the weather becomes more and more inclement and trying, the earliest evidences of ill-health must be immediately checked and removed, or a slight illness results in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, quinsy, influenza, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections, will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as nearly as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, simple yet effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have wonderfully relieved many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.

SHAM AND GENUINE MASONIC FOSSILS.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

A LETTER, by “PHILADELPHOS,” appeared in this paper of 3rd December, in which I find as follows:—

“I assume that Bro. Norton's letter in your last issue is a bit of excellent ‘chaff,’ and meant as an ironical commentary on what he conceives to be (Bostonically) the condition of the evidence.”

The writer, however, adds, that if I seriously intend it as a renewed claim for Bostonian Masonic life, then, says he, “an amusing reply will at once be forthcoming.”

Now, no one loves to be amused more than I do, and I was therefore half inclined to say that I was serious,—and what of it? But upon reflection I thought that if I did so it would be merely a *fib*, and should I be convicted of *fibbing*, then my character for veracity would stand no higher than those I have assailed. In short, if Brother “PHILADELPHOS” had read my communication of 26th November with any degree of care, he would have known that my design was to exhibit the orthodox Masonic style of quoting Masonic authorities for proving whatever nonsense they wish to prove, and that by such a method anything and everything can be proved.

Pre-historic events can be inferred only from certain remains of former ages; for instance, when in various parts of Europe were discovered either skeletons or bones of animals that are now extinct, or confined to the torrid zone, it proved conclusively that in olden times those animals roamed about Europe, as well as in Asia and in Africa. When anything indicating the workmanship of man was discovered, such as stone implements, it furnished conclusive evidence that in former times men lived where those implements were found; and when fossils began to be discovered, imbedded in solid rock, the scientist, by his peculiar skill, was enabled to draw exact pictures of either animals or vegetables of which the said fossils formed a part, and which lived or grew in the ground when the rock was in course of formation. A tusk of an elephant or some creature was discovered in a cave, on which the picture of the creature was engraved; this proved that men and elephants or mammoths lived in Europe at the same period. Unfortunately, the demand for these curiosities, gave rise to fossil manufactories, hence, if an inexperienced young scientist should get hold of sham fossils, he may draw a picture of an animal or vegetable that never existed.

Freemasonry has also left in its rear certain marks, which may, figuratively, be called fossils, as evidence of its former existence in some form or shape; but, unfortunately, here also large quantities of sham Masonic fossils are imposed upon the Fraternity as genuine. For instance, our old manuscripts are crowded with sham Masonic fossils. Anderson, Preston, Oliver, and other learned worthies, have not only vouched for the genuineness of these fossils, but each has manufactured a stock of sham historic ones, and palmed them off as genuine. Within two years a new history of Freemasonry was started by a Rev. Brother, in the *Canadian Masonic News* (I think that was the name of the magazine). Two chapters of the new history appeared, and at the head of each it was intimated that a copyright was secured. After the second chapter appeared, I respectfully advised the Rev. Brother not to write about Masonic history until after he had consulted the works of Findel, Lyon, Hughan, Gould, or Steinbrenner; and when the next number of the magazine appeared, the history of Freemasonry was discontinued. Now, if I had not done what I did, a new wing would have had to be added to our already extensive museum of sham Masonic fossildom.

Again, if we examine the rituals of all the so-called Masonic rites and degrees, we find them crammed with sham Masonic fossils; and that eminent Masons still believe in the genuineness of the ritual fossils may be proved from the facts that a very learned Massachusetts Past Deputy Grand Master, in a report to the Grand Lodge in 1870, declared his belief that John the Baptist was a brother Mason, and the *Keystone* of 10th December last intimates that the Rev. P.G.M., now Grand Secretary of Missouri, is ready to swear up and down that the world is indebted to zealous Craftsmen for the discovery of the law of Moses. But here is a very curious specimen of a Masonic sham fossil that passed for genuine for many years, and

found its way into a history of Rhode Island. Thus, in the Mass. Proceedings of 1870, I find as follows:—

“Bro. J. L. Gould, of Connecticut (a thirty-third), published in 1868, at New York, a manual, entitled ‘Guide to the Chapter,’ in which this statement is contained.

“The earliest account of the introduction of Masonry into the United States is the history of a Lodge organised in Rhode Island A.D. 1658, or fifty-nine years before the Revival in England, and seventy-five years before the establishment of the first Lodge in Massachusetts.”

The author states that the Rev. Edward Peterson, in his history of Rhode Island and Newport in the Past, gives the following account of the early Lodge.

“In the spring of 1658 Mordecai Campannell, Moses Peckeckoe, Levi and others, in all fifteen families, arrived at Newport from Holland. They brought with them the three first degrees of Masonry, and worked them in the house of Campannell; and continued to do so, they and their successors, to the year 1742.”

This history was printed in 1853, and if I recollect right, the above paragraph was noticed in an antiquarian magazine in Boston; but its reappearance in 1868, in a Masonic manual, attracted the attention of Brother W. J. Hughan, which induced Bro. W. S. Gardner, Grand Master of Massachusetts, to question Bro. J. L. Gould about it, when Bro. Gardner clearly proved that the said Brother Gould manufactured that fossil. The manufacture of Masonic fossils has not altogether ceased, but the difference between them and now is this: in former times a sham Masonic fossil would have continued unquestioned for many years; for, in the first place, there were scarcely any doubters in those days; and, second, “Masonic courtesy” was then so paramount that no doubter would have had the courage to expose a Masonic luminary of manufacturing Masonic fossils, but within the last twenty years, as already shown, even Grand Master Gardner, though a Knight Templar, and a thirty-third, had enough courage to expose the Rhode Island fossil of Bro. J. L. Gould as a sham, and in like manner, if the old Philadelphia fossil of there having been seven Lodges in Pennsylvania in 1730 had been brought to light a hundred years ago, it would have passed muster for genuine for a great many years, but fortunately there was no Brother MacCalla a hundred years ago, and hence, as soon as the *Keystone* advertised the Coxe connection with Philadelphia Masonry of 1731, the Henry Bell letter, the Dublin No. 79 fossil, &c., &c., all were at once exposed as mere shams, and in a future compilation of a catalogue of sham Masonic fossils Bro. MacCalla's will be placed side by side with the Rhode Island and other American manufactured Masonic fossils.

One thing is certain, viz., that all the Philadelphian Masonic fossils are not older than 1730, thus Coxe's Deputation was dated 1730, the Henry Bell fossil refers to 1730, as the first meeting of Masons held in Philadelphia, nor can we find a Masonic fossil in newspapers before 1730.

On the other hand, there can be no doubt that the chimney builders that came in the Mayflower were regularly initiated Masons. There is a stone-built tower in Newport, Rhode Island, of about twenty-three feet in diameter, the building of which was for many years imputed to the Northmen, who are said to have discovered America about the year 1000. It was, however, built by an early settler, probably in 1645. The Masons who built it were doubtless Englishmen, who learned the building trade in England, hence there may have been Masonizing going on in Newport, Rhode Island, even before the fifteen Jewish families arrived there from Holland. Again, there is no doubt that a veritable *Mason's mark* reached Boston long before Philadelphia existed. There is also no doubt that Jonathan Belcher was initiated in London in 1704, and that he returned to Boston soon after his initiation; hence it is certain that a genuine true-blue English initiated Mason was in Boston in 1705. Bro. Charles W. Moore's fossil about a Lodge in Boston having been *dispensationed* by the Grand Lodge in 1720, I really believe to have been manufactured either by the Rev. Episcopalian clergyman, or by himself. But one thing is certain, viz., including Governor Belcher there were nineteen Masons in Boston (exclusive of Price) on 30th July 1733, and eight of them were initiated in Boston, hence Masonizing must have been going on in Boston before 30th July 1733.

Nor can Philadelphia boast of priority in America of newspaper Masonic fossils; thus, the first newspaper in

North America was printed in 1704, not in Philadelphia, but in Boston, viz., *The News Letter*. It was a weekly, somewhat smaller than the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of two pages, each divided into two columns; and when Price arrived in Boston, in 1733, they had here about five or six such newspapers. Unfortunately, very few of the early Boston newspapers are in existence. In all the Boston libraries, including the Harvard library at Cambridge, they have scarcely any paper older than 1730. In the Boston Public Library they have two copies of the *News Letter* of 1715, the number of copies increase after 1715, but they have no complete file for many years after, and of some years, for instance, of 1734 they have not a solitary copy.

Speaking the other day to Bro. Nickerson P.G.M., and now Grand Secretary of Massachusetts, about the extinction of so many of the old Boston newspapers, he told me a scrap-book, with about 130 copies of *The News Letter*, was some years ago to be sold at auction, ranging from 1718 to 1727, and in some of them he found Masonic fossils; and there and then he opened the iron safe, and took out a memorandum which he wrote at the time; thus, on 18th September 1721, among the ships that sailed from Boston was one called “The Freemason,” which sailed to the West Indies, and on 12th May 1727 appeared what purported to be, from a London paper of 4th March, an event that took place on the 27th of February, viz.:—

“Monday, The Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons met at Mercers' Hall, in Cheapside, where there was a great appearance of nobility and gentry; 3 Dukes, 3 Earls, 4 Barons, 4 Baronets, and several other gentlemen of distinction. The entertainment was noble and regular, and the Lord Inchequin [Inchiquin] was chosen Grand Master for the ensuing year; his Lordship made choice of Will Cooper (Cowper), Esq., for Deputy Grand Master, Alexander Chooke (Choke) and Will Burden (Burdon), Esqrs., for his Grand Wardens.”

Finally, I frankly admit, what I never disputed, the earliest documentary evidence of the existence of an organized Lodge in Boston, which dates back no further than 30th July 1733. Philadelphia is in possession of documentary evidence of the existence of some kind of a Masons' Lodge there in January 1731. With that distinction for Masonic priority the Philadelphians should have been satisfied. But the misfortune was that our Bro. MacCalla, like the inexperienced young scientist referred to above, mistook sham Masonic fossils for genuine; hence he drew the picture of a Masonic concern for Philadelphia of 1731, the like of which the Philadelphian Masons in 1731 never saw and never heard of.

BOSTON, U.S., 26th December 1837.

HIRAM LODGE v. THE GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT.

OUR attention has been called, by a valued correspondent, to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine for 1875, and from the Report on Foreign Correspondence (*s.v.* Virginia), presented by Bro. Josiah H. Drummond P.G.M., we extract the following:—

“For over fifty years nearly thirty Lodges in Maine have worked under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and for over one hundred years one has worked under a charter from the Grand Lodge of England. Yet all these Lodges have been controlled by the Grand Lodge of Maine as readily and as fully as any of the Lodges chartered by itself.

When Maine separated from Massachusetts there were in Maine very many corporations chartered by Massachusetts. It never occurred to them that they must take *new* charters from Maine at the separation. The Legislature of Maine has often since amended and modified many of those charters, without dreaming that there was any difficulty in doing so.

For the same reason the Maine Lodges did not dream that the transfer of their allegiance from one Grand Lodge to another, by the formation of the new Grand Lodge, destroyed them, or made it necessary to have new life granted to them.

When the Grand Lodge of Virginia was formed the Lodges did not surrender their charters. It is true that some two or more years afterwards a resolution was adopted that they ought to take out new charters; but the printed records indicate that it was not done for some years afterwards, if at all.

There seems to us a practical difficulty in surrendering a charter and taking a new one. To whom does the new charter issue? To the Lodge? No, for it has ceased to exist by surrendering its charter, and apparently the Grand Lodge with it, for want of any members. To the individuals? No, for they are not named, and the Lodge is not again constituted.

We submit to Bro W [ellford, of Virginia] that his idea of a Lodge

is not strictly correct. His idea seems to be that there is, and *must* be, a kind of umbilical cord between the Grand Lodge and the Lodge, which is absolutely necessary for the life of the latter, and its proper control by the former. As long as the Lodge is U.D. [under dispensation] this theory may be correct; but when the Lodge is constituted under the charter, this cord is severed, and the Lodge has an existence of its own. It is an entity of itself, and may pass under the government of another Grand Lodge, as readily as a native citizen of Maine may by change of residence pass under the laws of Virginia.

And we hold, as sound Masonic law, that if the Grand Lodge of Maine should cease to exist without revoking the charters of its subordinates, those Lodges could form a new Grand Lodge, which would be as legal and as supreme in its jurisdiction as any Grand Lodge in the world."

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

MEDINA LODGE, No. 35.

THE installation meeting of this, the oldest Lodge in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the Masonic Hall, West Cowes. The W.M. Bro. Harry Castell Damant opened the Lodge at 2.30 p.m., when there were between sixty and seventy brethren present to do honour to the occasion. After the minutes of last regular meeting, and those of a Lodge of Emergency had been read and confirmed, several letters and telegrams were brought under notice, the majority of the communications regretting the inability of their several writers to reach the island, by reason of the steamers being prevented from running owing to the fog, which prevailed here nearly all the week. The installation of the Worshipful Master elect was conducted by W. Bro. T. W. Faulkner P.M. and Treasurer P.P.J.G.W., who for some years past has exercised the functions of Installing Master in this Lodge, and has invariably given satisfaction to all who have been privileged to listen to his rendering of this interesting ceremony. The S.W. of the past year, Bro. Fred. Rutland P.G.O., was the Master elect, and he was duly presented by Bro. Airs P.M., who throughout the proceedings acted as Director of Ceremonies. There was a strong Board of Installed Masters and Bro. Rutland was placed in the chair with full ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren who as yet are not qualified to don the levels the Officers were appointed and invested, as follows:—Brothers H. C. Damant I.P.M., John Leftwich S.W., A. E. Lee J.W., Rev. P. G. Pickering P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Faulkner P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Treasurer, G. A. Mursell P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, H. H. Wheeler P.M. Charity Steward, Cullingford S.D., Taylor J.D., S. W. R. Russell I.G., Mark Smith Organist, Airs Dir. of Cers., Werry Assist. Dir. of Cers., Snellgrove and G. Day Stewards, Young Tyler. Brother Faulkner eloquently delivered the several addresses, and a cordial vote of thanks was given him for his services on the occasion. Reference was next made to the zeal and assiduity displayed by the two brethren who had so ably advocated the claims of the Charitable Institutions connected with the Craft during the past year. Both were congratulated on the success that had attended their efforts, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes in their favour. Bro. G. Mursell was also farther honoured; the members of the Lodge decided they would present him with the much coveted Charity Jewel of the Craft; the decoration above all others Craftsmen desire most to secure, inasmuch as—in the words of a cynical friend—it is *perhaps* the only jewel that there can be any question as to whether the owner has fairly earned the right to decorate himself with. The services of the Immediate Past Master were also cordially recognised, and Bro. Damant was invested with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge. In each case the recipients gracefully acknowledged the courtesy of their brethren, and their own appreciation of the recognition thus made. Amid hearty congratulations the Lodge was closed. In addition to the brethren we have named, a large number of the members signed the attendance book, which also contained a list of the following visitors:—Bros. W. S. Bainbridge P.M. 1533 P.P.G. Org. Wilts, A. Scott P.M. 55 P.P.G.D., T. Attwood 76, W. J. J. Spry P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Devon, J. Chinchin, L. T. Wilkins 1780 S.W. 2169, J. H. Wavell W.M. 151, A. Hyams 151, A. Millidge S.W. 151, G. Pack P.M. 175 P.P.G.D., C. Carter W.M. 175, G. Brown 328, G. A. Brannon J.W. 151, H. Durrant I.P.M. 175, O. B. Gabell W.M. elect 175, J. S. Bush 1037, J. Walker P.M. 349, J. G. Garnham P.M. 151, H. Blackwell 151, J. W. Evans 103 P.P.G.R. Somerset, A. Sumner, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c., &c. In the course of the day's proceedings several interesting matters were referred to. The Secretary, Bro. G. A. Mursell, reported that Bro. Golden, of Newport, had presented to the Lodge a valuable copy of the Constitutions, which that brother had discovered, and which had formerly been the property of the Lodge, it having been presented by a former member in the year 1794, as shown by an interesting dedicatory inscription on the fly-leaf. The thanks of the Lodge were unanimously accorded to Bro. Golden for his considerate gift. The services of Bro. Past Master Haxthausen P.M. of the Medina were referred to. This brother, unfortunately, is now somewhat under a cloud; in fact, is described as "utterly destitute," the assistance of those who have it in their power to aid him is earnestly invoked. Bro. Haxthausen is a candidate for election to the benefits of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and any proxies forwarded on his behalf will be thankfully received by Bro. Mursell, the Secretary of the Medina Lodge. The banquet was served at the Gloucester Hotel, where between 50 and 60 guests sat down. The arrangements were perfect, the supply of provisions and wine was ample; the after proceedings were of the most agreeable character; the speeches terse, but to the purpose. Some capital songs were contributed, and the few

hours devoted to this part of the entertainment were most enjoyable. We regret the demands on our space preclude our giving further details, but those who were present will long remember the annual meeting of "Old Medina" for the year 1888. One brother who was present—who has practically evinced his interest in the Lodge—had conferred upon him the privilege of honorary membership; we refer to Bro. A. Sumner, of Coventry. During the entertainment, Bro. Scadding, private Organist to the Queen at Osborne, gave valuable assistance to the vocalists. This gentleman is also the Organist of St. Thomas's, Newport.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THIS Lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Matthew's Restaurant, where an elegant banquet was served to a company numbering upwards of eighty. Bro. Bridgman W.M. presided. During the banquet a string band, under the direction of Bro. Soper, played an admirable selection. After the Queen and Craft had been duly honoured, the W.M. gave The G.M. of England, remarking that as a tenant of the Prince of Wales he could speak of his Royal Highness as a liberal landlord, and could bear testimony to the cordial relations between the occupiers and owner of the Duchy of Cornwall. Bro. Cornish submitted the Pro. G.M., Bro. Phillips Lord Ebrington Prov. G.M., and the G.L. of Devon, and Bro. Goodyear the D. Prov. G.M. of Devon. For the Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. Lemon responded. Bro. Hill gave the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Prov. G.M., and the Prov. G.L. of Cornwall, the names of Bros. Cassell, Williams, and Morgan being associated with it. Bro. Cassell spoke of the great and thoroughly sound progress Masonry had made in Cornwall since the present Prov. G.M. had held sway, and of the cordial manner in which the provinces of Devon and Cornwall worked together. In eulogistic terms Bro. Stenlake proposed the W.M. of Charity, and Bro. Bridgman, in responding, remarked that although Freemasonry had its black sheep, who now and then brought discredit upon it, the Order was sound at the core, and doing a grand work in enabling men to meet, avoiding religious bitterness and political animosity—a haven of rest in the world of turmoil. The I.P.M. was heartily toasted at the bidding of the W.M., who referred to the excellence and prosperity of Bro. Hannaford's rule during the past year, and greatly regretted his unavoidable absence. Bro. Moysey responded for Bro. Hannaford. The Treasurer and the Secretary was given by Bro. Hifley. Bro. Goodyear, responding, spoke of the excellent financial condition of the Lodge. The year began with a balance of £32, and after upwards of £12 had been voted to various charities, and £50 deposited in the bank, there was a balance in hand of £20. There had been fourteen initiations during the year. Bro. Browning mentioned that this was the twentieth year of his Secretaryship. Bros. Phillips and Blight responded for the P.M.'s of Charity, proposed by Bro. Payne. Bro. Hoyten gave the Wardens, both responding. Bro. Lavers, in the course of his reply, mentioned that during the eight years he had been a member of the Lodge he had only missed one meeting. The W.M. gave the Assistant Officers, and Bro. Earl made a neat response. P.M. Moysey genially submitted Our Sister Lodges, and Bro. Cowling responded. The remaining toasts were the Masonic Charities, Masons' wives and sweethearts, and the Tyler's toast. Bros. Lavers and Body gave capital recitations, Bro. Soper organette solos, and Bros. Goodyear, Payne and others songs.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE fourth anniversary meeting of the consecration of this flourishing Lodge was celebrated on Monday, 9th instant, when Bro. Frederick Lawrance was installed in succession to Bro. Richard Harvey, the W.M. of the past year. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, several Grand Officers assisting at the proceedings. The brethren assembled at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at 3.30, when the Lodge was opened by Bro. Harvey, who was supported in the Senior Warden's chair by Bro. E. Ayling P.M., Preceptor of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, and by the regular Officers of the Lodge. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and after the usual preliminaries, Brother Edward Farr was raised, and Bro. Henry Clark was passed; the W.M. conducting both ceremonies. The report of the Audit Committee showed an especially favourable financial position, the Lodge having a balance of upwards of £110 to its credit. The report was unanimously adopted. The W.M. elect was now presented, and after he had taken the obligation a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and he was placed in the chair. On the re-admission of those below the degree of Installed Master, Bro. Lawrance was saluted in the three degrees, and he then invested the following as Officers for the year:—Bros. Lord George Hamilton S.W., Brown J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, G. Gardner P.M. Secretary, Wimpey S.D., Walden J.D., Hughes I.G., Rowling D.C., Hopkins Steward, Rowe Tyler. The installation ceremony, which with the other work of the evening, had been carried out in an eminently satisfactory manner by Bro. Harvey, was completed by a masterly delivery of the addresses. The elegant Past Master's jewel of the Lodge—one of the neatest we have seen—was presented to the I.P.M., in recognition of the zeal and ability he had displayed during his tenure of office, a compliment which was briefly but gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Harvey. Routine work followed; some propositions were handed in, and with the hearty good wishes of the visitors for a prosperous year Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the elegant Hall of Brother Brill's establishment, and fully sustained the reputation the host has acquired as a caterer. After grace had been sung the W.M. rose to propose the first toast—the Queen. Her Majesty took as much interest in the welfare of Freemasonry as any woman could. She was universally popular with her subjects, and he felt assured all would heartily respond to the toast. In speaking of the M.W. the Grand Master, the W.M. said the Prince of Wales was often described

as the most popular man in England; unquestionably he was the most popular Freemason. No further words were necessary to commend the toast to the notice of the brethren. With the toast of the Grand Officers Present and Past was associated the name of Brother Richard Eve Grand Treasurer, who in reply said he felt it a great honour to be called upon to respond; he felt he had a heavy burden upon him when he undertook to represent the distinguished brethren whose health they had so cordially drunk. On his right hand were several distinguished Grand Officers, but it was in no disparaging sense he said they but faintly represented the distinguished brethren who were absent. He referred to brethren of all kinds and of all classes, including men of position in the State, and in the administration of the affairs in the country. Brethren who had been selected for distinguished service rendered to the Craft, and brethren who had been promoted to fill the offices in Grand Lodge on account of the position they held in the world. During the past year there had been a large number added to the list of Grand Officers, but he felt the Most Worshipful Grand Master had exercised a wise discretion in the honours he had bestowed. One and all so favoured believed in the Order of Freemasonry. It was a grand Institution, and was capable of a greater amount of good than it was even doing at present. It brought together a large number of men in one common bond, and brought those closer together who might otherwise be estranged. He was glad to find that the Chiswick Lodge, although young, had established itself so firmly, and that it possessed a number of distinguished brethren as members. He was pleased to have had the opportunity of being present, and trusted that the invitation might be renewed on a future occasion. Bro. Harvey next rose, to propose the Health of the W.M. It would be unnecessary for him to take up their time by explaining the good qualities of Bro. Lawrence, they were well known to all present. As their Treasurer after the consecration of the Lodge, he had looked after the funds, with the result that their financial affairs were now in a substantial and satisfactory condition, and the members were pleased to see him occupy the chair. There was no doubt that Bro. Lawrence, now W.M., would give as much satisfaction in the future as he had done in the past; they knew him to be a good man in every respect. In reply the W.M. said it was with considerable pleasure he rose to return thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed. The brethren had shown some enthusiasm in their reception of the toast, and he thought it would be unnecessary for him to assure them that he would do all he could during his year for their comfort and for the good of the Lodge. He had occupied the post of Treasurer, and originally had no intention of entering the Lodge as a working member, but as they had been pleased to select him in the place of a brother whose death they all regretted, he had consented to fill the chair. He hoped they would find him as successful as previous Worshipful Masters had been. As a young Lodge they had worked well and achieved some excellent work. He liked work, and hoped he should have plenty, and that it would be done as well as it had been in the Lodge hitherto. In responding for the Visitors, who received a cordial greeting from the W.M., Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp P.A.G.D.C. said he was pleased that the W.M. had coupled his name with the toast. Bro. Lawrence was one of the oldest and best friends that he or any other man had had in this world; it was therefore a great pleasure to him to see him installed as W.M. of such a Lodge. Many of the brethren present knew that not far off he would be standing as their Deputy Prov. G.M., but unfortunately for them the Chiswick Lodge was not in the Province of Middlesex. He knew what a good Lodge it was, and how many elements of true Masonry existed in it. He congratulated his friend on being installed in the chair of such a Lodge, for it seemed to be carrying out the true principles of Freemasonry. On behalf of the visitors he would say how charmed they were in the Lodge with the working of Bro. Harvey; the rendering of the several ceremonies was a Masonic treat to them all. He initiated their W.M. into Masonry, but he was one of those brethren who are Masons a heart long before their initiation. Bro. Lawrence came to him and asked to be initiated; since then he had watched his career with considerable pleasure. There was no better worker in the Craft, and the members of this Lodge would regret when the time arrived for Bro. Lawrence to leave the chair. The visiting brethren had all enjoyed the hospitality shown them and had been delighted with the admirable working. Bro. Aird, M.P., Past Grand Steward, cordially echoed all that Bro. Thrupp had said. The working was most instructive to those who had yet to learn. It was a matter of congratulation that a S.W. had been invested that evening who was so much respected in all spheres of life. He referred to Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P. That distinguished brother did honour to the Lodge, and the Lodge did honour to him. He congratulated the S.W. that he was following in the steps of brethren who had been found equal to the occasion, and who had performed their duties in a highly creditable manner. It had been a great pleasure to him to be present, and he sincerely thanked Bro. Defries for his kind invitation. The Masonic Charities was the next toast. The W.M. said that although theirs was but a young Lodge, it was not an uncharitable one, for they had sent up a Steward each year to one of the Institutions. On each of these occasions the Lodge had voted ten guineas, and up to the present time the amount sent up was about £510. This year it was the turn of the Benevolent Institution. Last year he noted as Steward for the Girls' School, and collected £60; while the two years before Bro. Gardner took up £125 and £240 respectively. That was not a bad record for a young Lodge. He now proposed acting as Steward for the Benevolent Institution; he hoped each member would contribute to his list, and that the total would be creditable to the Lodge. Bro. James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, whose name was associated with the toast, thanked the W.M. for having brought the claims of the Institutions forward earlier in the evening than was usual. With respect to Masonic Charity during the past year, the total subscribed for the Institutions amounted to £31,000. Such a sum had never before been raised in the twelve

months, but during the present year, with the assurance of a large total for the Girls' School, he hoped a still larger total amount would be subscribed. The list of the Benevolent Institution was closed, no less than 130 candidates now seek admission for 14 vacancies. He knew that their W.M. was coming forward on behalf of his Institution. Good work had been done by the Chiswick Lodge in the past, and the W.M. would come forward with greater force and more ability on behalf of the Old People; no better representative could be chosen to enlist their hearty support. He wished the W.M. a very prosperous and happy Stewardship, and was certain that the Chiswick Lodge, which had a reputation for charitable work, would send up even a greater sum than it had before. Whatever it had done in the past, it would endeavour to surpass in the future. In speaking to the toast of the Installing Master, the W.M. said few words would be needed from him; Bro. Harvey was known to them all as being an excellent Mason, and one who had performed the work entrusted to him in an admirable manner. The I.P.M. lived at a greater distance from the Lodge-room than many members, and therefore they had not seen much of him; but he had been regular and punctual in his attendance at Lodge, and had always done his work well; he had invariably been kind and genial with them, and had been an excellent W.M. In response, Bro. Harvey I.P.M. thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. Whether he deserved all the kind words which had been used respecting him he must leave the brethren to decide. He had endeavoured to do his duty, and he trusted with credit to himself. If the working of the installation ceremony had pleased them he was more than repaid. Other toasts were the health of the Treasurer (Bro. G. Everett P.M., founder, and first W.M. of the Lodge), and the Secretary (Bro. Geo. Gardner P.M.), and the Officers. The Tyler's toast completed the programme. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. A. G. Pritchard, who was assisted by Misses Carlton and Marchant and Mr. E. Buels. Visitors—R. Eve Grand Treasurer, F. Richardson P.G.D., James Terry P.G.S.B., R. H. Thrupp P.G.A.D.C., Ralph Gooding P.G.D., E. Faux 77, J. T. S. Hood P.M. 554, C. Hampden 255 P.P.S.G.W. Hereford, R. Melbourne 339, J. Yearllye 1135, A. L. Chapman J.D. 255, Thos. Hiscock 965, A. H. Moore W.M. elect 255, R. La Fenillade W.M. 1381, S. A. Hunt 1196, W. H. Canston P.M. 162, E. B. Cox W.M. 1583, C. P. Bellerby W.M. 2021, C. I. Digby P.M. 933, H. Lamsdowne 1541, J. Ambrose 2032, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, A. Love 1791, W. Fisher W.M. 1828, J. Edwards P.M. 1663, T. A. Holland 783, B. E. Blasby P.M. 780, J. Wiggins J.D., P. Monson S.W. 1342, C. Coombs W.M. 780, J. Aird, M.P., S.W. 1259, G. T. King 740, A. Pringle W.M. 92, R. T. Hunt 186, T. M. Coleman 192, E. R. Bonl 1767, A. Peers P.M. 209, H. Goring 933, W. W. Lee 1897, &c.

BALL AT BURY ST. EDMUND'S.

AN invitation Masonic ball, under the joint auspices of the two Bury Lodges, the Royal St. Edmund's, No. 1008, and the Abbey, No. 1592, was held at Athenæum Hall, Bury St. Edmund's, on Friday evening, the 13th inst. The gathering was in every way a success, and all present must have shared the hope that so long an interval as thirteen years will not again be allowed to elapse before the brethren are afforded another opportunity of inviting their lady friends to assemble under their banners to share some of the privileges of Freemasonry. The Athenæum Hall presented quite a charming appearance. On the floor, arranged in proper order, was the Masonic furniture, and on the walls were the banners of the two Lodges. Three large crimson panels framed in gold were placed on one of the side walls. On the centre panel was the motto "*Audi vide tace*," and flanking it were in large letters the names and numbers of the two Lodges, Royal St. Edmund's, 1008, and Abbey Lodge, 1592. On the opposite side over the recess, in which a band was stationed, were the words "Charity and Loyalty," and over a handsome mirror at the far end of the room were the words "White Rose Chapter," in gilt letters on a crimson ground. On a balustrade leading to the supper room were the mystic letters ITNOTGAOTU, surrounded by a pretty arrangement of small banners. The floor was in capital dancing condition. The decorations were carried out by Mr. W. Atkins, of Churchgate Street.

Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1601.—Meeting held at the George Inn, Catford, Wednesday, the 18th instant, at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Visger W.M., Axford S.W., Dale J.W., Remington S.D., Pickering J.D., Blake I.G., Shaw P.M. Preceptor, Atkins Secretary, James Stevens P.M., Anderson, P. McCarthy, Drew, Scott, Shelton, Catt, G. Williams, Edwards, Thompson, and others. Lodge was opened and minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by Bro. Visger, Bro. Anderson assisting as candidate. Lodge was opened in F.C. and resumed. Lodge was called off and on, and was subsequently raised to M.M. The brethren individually initiated in the three degrees, and both M.M. and F.C. Lodges were closed with full ceremonial. Bro. G. Williams was elected a member. During the adjournment of the Lodge a ballot was taken for a life subscription to one or other of the Masonic Institutions, and was declared in favour of Bro. Axford. Bro. Thompson, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, was nominated by the Preceptor as W.M. for the ensuing meeting on the 25th inst., and Bro. Axford was elected W.M. for the evening of February 1st. The arrangements for working the Fifteen Sections, on the 22nd proximo, were completed; Lodge will open at 7 p.m. on that occasion, Bro. Martin to occupy the W.M.'s chair and Bro. Milbourn that of S.W. After a very interesting evening's work the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

UNION LODGE, No. 129.

THE members of this Lodge proceeded, after the last meeting of their Lodge, to the Town Hall, Kendal, where, as the guests of his Worship the Mayor, himself a prominent Freemason and P.M. of the Lodge, they were sumptuously entertained in the Mayor's parlour. The brethren mustered in force, there being over thirty present to partake of Bro. Wilson's kindly and seasonable hospitality. As usual at the gatherings of the brethren on such occasions, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly and heartily given, and after a most pleasant evening the party broke up at a late hour; not, however, without the musical section of the body contributing to the harmony of the entertainment.

ETONIAN LODGE, No. 209.

AN interesting ceremony took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, the occasion being the installation of Bro. George Fisk as Worshipful Master. A large number of Craftsmen attended, including many influential members from the district. After the ceremony the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, amongst whom were Bros. Prince, Hobbs, Fletcher, and Thomason. The banquet took place in the evening at the Castle Hotel, the Worshipful Master presiding.

POMFRET LODGE, No. 360.

BROTHER Alfred Cockerill was duly installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge at the Masonic Buildings, Northampton, on the 12th instant. There was a numerous attendance of brethren from Northampton, other parts of the Province, and from a distance, and the new Worshipful Master was received with great enthusiasm. A banquet followed, the chair being taken by the newly-installed Worshipful Master, and the vice chair by his predecessor, Brother H. Frown.

ST. JAMES' LODGE, No. 448.

ON Tuesday, the 3rd instant, the annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax, for the purpose of installing the newly elected W.M., Bro. Chas. Greenwood. The Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Shoebridge W.M., who ably discharged the duties of installation. The new W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Shoebridge I.P.M., Holdsworth S.W., Mallinson J.W., Radcliffe Treasurer, Jessop Secretary, Hanson S.D., Robertshaw J.D., Wood D.C., Hodgson I.G., High Organist, Green Tyler, Pole Almoner, Nonnanton S.L.S., Robertshaw J.L.S., Milligan, Oates, Thompson and Smith Stewards. Towards the closing of the Lodge, Bro. Greenwood, on behalf of the brethren, presented the retiring W.M. (Bro. Shoebridge) with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, as an acknowledgment of appreciation of his services as W.M. during the year 1887. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet. The W.M. presided. There was a numerous gathering of visitors from Sister Lodges. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured, and the Worshipful Master of St. James' Lodge was proposed by Bro. Shoebridge, and responded to by the W.M. Other toasts followed. The Halifax Harmonic Quartette, Messrs. Womersley, Haigh, Hooson and Field, contributed several glees during the banquet.

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 510.

ON Tuesday, the 3rd instant, the members of this Lodge held their annual meeting and festival. Brother Philip B. Heawood was installed by Bro. Huddy. The Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Hallett S.W., Startin J.W., Fookes Chaplain, White Treasurer, Courtney Secretary, Lobb S.D., Venning J.D., Ridgman I.G., Hancock Organist, Sanders D.C., Fuddy and Williams Stewards, and Penwarden Tyler. The Worshipful Master and Past Masters of the Lodge presented Brother John Harris with a Provincial Grand dress suit, jewel, and air-tight case, in recognition of his valuable services and assistance generally in the Lodge. The W.M. subsequently presided at the banquet held at Webb's Hotel, Liskeard. The attendance was unusually large, and a pleasant evening was spent.

INDEPENDENCE LODGE, No. 721.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated at Chester, by the members of this Lodge, on Monday, the 9th inst., when Bro. Felix Thomas was installed Worshipful Master. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The receipt of letters of apology from Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton R.W.P.G.M. of Cheshire, Bro. Judge Horatio Lloyd, and other brethren was intimated by the Secretary, who also read a letter addressed by Lady de Tabley to Lord Egerton, acknowledging a note of condolence with her on the death of Lord de Tabley. Bro. Felix Thomas the W.M. elect was presented by Bros. J. Dennis and H. Ellis, and the ceremony of installation was efficiently and impressively performed by the retiring W.M. (Bro. Jones), assisted by P.M.'s Stevenson, Johnson, and Knowles. After the ceremony the new W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Jones I.P.M., Humphreys S.W., Finchett J.W., Knowles Secretary, Stevenson Treasurer, Rush S.D., Peers J.D., Adams I.G., Bennett S., Currow O., Edwards D.C., Richmond Almoner, and Hall Tyler. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Masonic Hall, where an excellent banquet was served by Messrs. Bell and Sons. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the meeting was one of the most successful gatherings held in recent years.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE seventh annual ball of the Gallery Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Brixton Hall, and was one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the season. Dancing began at nine o'clock, to the

charming music of Bro. Dan Godfrey's Orchestral Band. Having been decorated by Messrs. Ponsford and Son with flowers and foliage plants, the hall presented an exceptionally brilliant appearance. The Civil Service Co-operative Society in the Haymarket served supper in a manner which gave great satisfaction. Brother J. C. Duckworth, the Worshipful Master, set a good example in the brevity of the speeches, and having drunk successively to the Queen and the Ladies, the company cordially pledged the health of the W.M. A leap-year dance, for which the ladies had the privilege of inviting their own partners, proved a successful feature in the programme.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—At the meeting on Wednesday, the 11th instant, Bro. Messer occupied the chair, and after preliminaries opened the Lodge in the second degree. Brother Ferguson then worked the first section of the second lecture; this was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Brother Silvester acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree and closed to the first. Bro. Boyden having been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and Bro. Thompson a member, Lodge was closed in due form. Brethren are particularly requested to note that on Wednesday, 1st February, Bro. Block, W.M. of the parent Lodge, will rehearse the ceremony of installation here; he will be supported by the W.M. elect and several of his Officers, and it is hoped by a large number of other Craftsmen.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 1094.

THE installation of the Principals and Officers of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. The Chapter was opened in due form by Companion John Melling King. After the minutes of the last Convocation had been confirmed, Companion Davies was installed as M.E.Z., and Dr. Soldat as H., in a most solemn and impressive manner by Companion John Pemberton, assisted by Companion Cotter. The M.E.Z. then invested the following Companions as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. Pemberton Treasurer (15th time), Kite S.E., Hynes S.N., Gaile P.S., Malcolm Janitor. Before the Chapter was closed a very pleasing presentation was made to the retiring M.E.Z., Companion King, by Dr. Smith, on behalf of the private Companions of the Chapter, in the form of a P.Z.'s jewel expressing at the same time the very high estimation in which Companion King is held by all those who know him throughout the Province as a thoroughly consistent and hard working Mason. A further presentation was made by Companion Kite, who, on behalf of the seafaring Companions, handed to Companion King a valuable pair of marine glasses as a token of their esteem. During the evening the Companions sat down to a banquet, provided by Companion Casey when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening spent.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

AN important gathering of advanced Royal Arch Freemasons took place on Tuesday last, at the White Hart Tavern, Cannon-street, the occasion being one of special interest on account of the announcement that Comp. F. Brown P.Z., the talented Preceptor of the Chapter (whose services have now extended over several years) would give a lecture on, or original explanation of, the Royal Arch jewel, in place of a rehearsal of the ceremony of exaltation. The following R.A. Companions were present:—J. S. Fraser, J. Roberts, W. C. Claridge, W. F. Smart, Geo. Powell, G. Gillard, J. Funston, R. Harper, J. L. Payne, B. Haynes, A. M'Dowall, C. H. Webb, H. Thompson, T. C. Edmonds, J. Newton, G. Allen, &c. The Chapter-room was elaborately furnished with diagrams, models of geometrical figures, &c., prepared for the purpose of illustrating and explaining the lecture, which occupied nearly two hours in delivering, and was listened to with deep attention. Comp. Brown, in introducing the subject, made frequent quotations from the ritual of the degree, and more particularly those parts of it which refer to the Royal Arch jewel, pointing out the true principles of geometry which were embodied in that symbol, with reference to the platonic bodies and the theory of the universe. He also proceeded to show the value between triangles and right angles, upon which the whole system of Royal Arch Masonry was founded, from the time of Pythagoras and subsequently to that of Euclid, whose Elements are the recognised textbook of geometry up to the present time. At the conclusion of the lecture Comp. Brown was most cordially applauded, and a proposition was made that the best thanks of the Chapter should be recorded on the minutes for the very interesting, painstaking and talented address he had given. The hope was also expressed that he would continue his researches into the Royal Art, and add to the obligations he had already conferred. Several members expressed the gratification they had received in listening to the lecture, and stated that it would give them a renewed stimulus to investigate for themselves the principles upon which Royal Arch Masonry was founded. The motion was put and unanimously carried, and Companion Brown said the approbation he had received would be an encouragement to pursue his inquiries for the purpose of elucidating some of the beauties of this supreme degree. The installation of Principals will be rehearsed on the second Tuesday in each of the months of March, April and May.

MARK MASONRY.

CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

AT the quarterly meeting of this Lodge, held at Colchester, on Thursday evening, 12th inst., Bro. Bailey S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Lowin was elected Treasurer, and Bros. Munson and Wright Tylers. Feeling allusion was made to the recent death of Bro. Arthur John Ward, and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to his widow.

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

WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON,
ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH 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:—4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of
The R.M. Benevolent Institution
are earnestly solicited on behalf of

OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

- *A. BARFIELD P.M. 35 P.P.J.G.D. Hants and I. of Wight, 23 Great George Street, Westminster.
- H. C. DAMANT P.M. 35, Cliff Road, West Cowes.
- *T. W. FAULKNER P.M. 35, P.Z. 151, 175, P.P.J.G.W., York House, W. Cowes.
- *GILKS P.M. 35, P.P.G. Supt. W., Bridport, Dorset.
- R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND P.M. 698, P.Z. 175, P.P.S.G.W., Hare Court, Temple.
- MANNERS P.M. 35, Collector of Customs, Falmouth.
- *G. A. MURSELL P.M. 35, P.Z. 175, P.P.G.S.D., Gloucester Hotel, West Cowes.
- F. NEWMAN P.M. 175, 551, 693, 1884, P.Z. 151, 175, P.P.S.G.W., Ryde.
- G. PACK P.M. and P.Z. 175, P.P.G.J.D., Yelf's Hotel, Ryde.
- *ROBERTSON P.M. 35 and 2169, P.G.S., East Cowes, Isle of Wight.
- *F. RUTLAND W.M. 35, P.G. Orgt., Ivy House, West Cowes.
- *SADLER, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of
The R.M. Benevolent Institution
are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ALICE VASEY,

WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping, 1848-1880, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 551, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

Proxies thankfully received by the following Brethren:—

- G. R. LANGLEY W.M. 183, 18 Gowlitt Road, Peckham Rye.
- G. P. BRITTON P.M. and Treas. 183, 11 Friday Street.
- G. W. Speth P.M. and Sec. 183, Streatham House, Margate.

Strongly recommended by the following Subscribers:—

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| Robert Gray, Past Grand Deacon,
Pres. Board of Benevolence. | George Mickley, P.P.G.S.W. Herts. |
| Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer. | Bro. George Motion, P.P.G.D. Essex. |
| Horace B. Marshall, Past G. Treas. | T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.D.
Middlesex. |
| R. W. Stewart, Past Grand Deacon. | H. W. Roberts, P.M. 1293, P.G.W. Midx. |
| F. Richardson, Past Grand Deacon. | W. A. Scurrell, P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex |
| W. Roebuck, Past Grand Svd. Bearer. | F. Adlard, P.M. 7 |
| Fred. Binckes, Past G. Sword Bearer. | H. C. Archer, P.M. 193 |
| F. Bowyer, Past Grand St. Bearer. | W. P. Brown, P.M. 90 |
| J. H. Matthews, Past G. St. Bearer. | Thomas Griffith, P.M. 997 |
| C. F. Hogard, Past Grand St. Bearer. | N. B. Headon, P.M. 1126 |
| C. E. Soppet, Past Grand Steward. | A. T. Hirsch, 183 |
| Thomas Cubitt, Past G. Pursuivant. | H. Hooper, J.W. 183 |
| C. E. Cottebrune, Past G. Pursuivant. | H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1923 |
| Charles Belton, P.P.G.W. Surrey, | David D. Mercer, P.M. 1641 |
| V. Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes. | Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D., P.M. 1185 |
| W. J. Crutch, P.M. 1278, P.P.G.W.
Herts. | G. W. Pinnock, P.M. 183 |
| T. C. Eager, P.M. 1395, P.P.G.S.W.
Surrey. | Thomas Poore, P.M. 720 |
| J. Glass, P.M. 453, P.G.S.Wks. Essex. | Stephen Richardson, P.M. 183 |
| G. Kenning, P.M. 162, P.P.G.W. Midx. | F. R. Spanll, P.M. 1124 and 1763 |
| | R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144 and 1922 |
| | C. W. Todd, P.M. 183 |

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

Chief Patroness:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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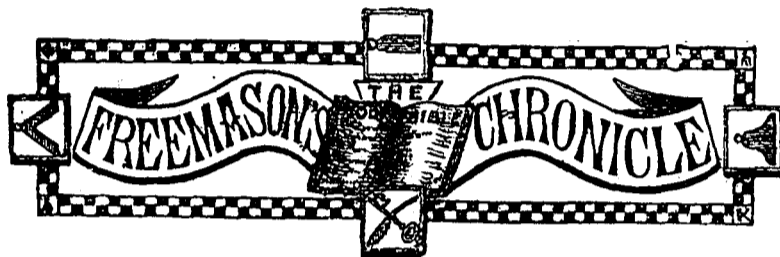
The Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM DEPUTY G.M.,
Prov. G.M. Lancashire Western Division.

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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.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.



R.M. INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly General Court was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P., Past Grand Treasurer, Treasurer of the Institution, was in the chair; and he was supported by Bros. William Roebuck, J. H. Matthews, Edgar Bowyer, Ralph Clutton, Frederick Binckes, J. S. Cumberland, H. A. Hunt, J. Terry, Thomas Massa, C. H. Webb, Peter de Lande Long, William Masters, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). The minutes of the last Quarterly General Court were read and confirmed. These included the resolutions relating to the special advantages to Stewards for the coming Centenary Festival of the Institution. The resolution which stood in the name of Bro. J. L. Mather, in that brother's absence was proposed by Bro. Matthews. The following is a copy:—

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

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

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

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

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

The object of this Resolution is to bring the Laws of the Girls' Institution into conformity with the Report of a joint Committee of the three Institutions, which was approved by the Court at the October meeting, and which recommended that the Quarterly General Courts of the Boys' School should be held on the third Friday in January, April, July and October; that those of the Girls' be held on the Saturdays following; and that the Annual General Meeting and Election of the Benevolent Institution be held on the Monday following the last Friday in April. The above resolution will not come into force unless confirmed at a subsequent Court; moreover, in order to achieve the objects of the joint Courts, it is dependent on the action of the other two Institutions. Forty-two candidates were declared eligible for the April Election, with 11 vacancies. A resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. was passed. The vote of thanks to the Chairman was cordially given.

R.M. INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Boys' School Quarterly Court was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 16th inst. Brother Roebuck P.G.S.B. presided, and there were present

Bros. W. Pannell, W. Whittley, John L. Mather A.G.D.C., Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, James Terry P.G. Sword Bearer, H. Venn, T. Hastings Miller, F. Adlard, and F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer (Secretary). The minutes of the October Quarterly General Court having been read and confirmed, and those of the General Committee read for information, the following resolution, of which notice had been given, was, on the motion of Bro. J. L. Mather, seconded by Bro. T. Hastings Miller, C.C., unanimously agreed to, namely:—

"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."

On the motion of Bro. J. L. Mather, seconded by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, it was resolved—

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."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman having been passed, the Court adjourned.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their first meeting for the current year on Wednesday, 11th instant. Bro. James Brett P.G.P. presided; he was supported by Bros. J. Newton, Charles Belton, W. J. Murlis, C. H. Driver, Samuel Brooks, Alex. Forsyth, M.D., Louis Stean, A. H. Tattershall, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Hugh Cotter, W. Bell-chamber, John E. Dawson P.G.S.B., W. H. Perryman G.P., and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of five annuitants (two males and three widows). The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The application of a widow for the half of her late husband's annuity having been granted, the Committee proceeded to take into consideration the new petitions, 21 in number—11 males and 10 widows. Nineteen were accepted, but two (one male and one widow) were deferred for further information. Those accepted were placed on the list of candidates for the election in May next. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Robert Grey P.G.P. President, James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P.'s Vice-Presidents. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee, attended from Grand Secretary's Office; and a large number of brethren were also present. There were thirty-eight cases on the new list, which were taken, after recommendations from the December meeting, to the amount of £310, had been confirmed. The death of one petitioner was announced; nine petitions were deferred, being incomplete, and one petition was dismissed. The remaining cases were relieved, as follows:—one was recommended to Grand Lodge for £100, and there were four recommendations for £50 each; five to the Grand Master for £40 each, and four for £30; five grants of £20 were made, one of £15, five of £10, one of £5, and one of £2.

Bibliologists and others had a rich treat this week. Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., whose fame in the West-country, albeit chiefly Masonic, is not confined to the Brotherhood, had consented to deliver a lecture on "Bibles; a retrospect of eighteen centuries," on Wednesday evening, at the Institute of the Torquay Young Women's Christian Association. The title has formed the subject of nearly a score of lectures which Bro. Hughan has delivered, from Penzance to Scarborough; at the last-named of which he succeeded Sir Charles Warren in a series of weekly disquisitions at the Grand Hotel. Wednesday's discourse contained some new and valuable intelligence, and amongst a crowded syllabus the typographical peculiarities and specialities of the Bible were touched upon. Such a variety of facts about the Bible, not yet published in any form, has Bro. Hughan in his possession that his lecture is a study in itself, while the interest is increased when it is mentioned that amongst other valuable editions on view were the celebrated "Bug" Bible, rare Italian New Testament, 1558, Geneva or "Breeches" Bible, 1589, Bishop's or "Treacle" Bible, with reproductions of Wycliffe's, Tyndale's, and other New Testaments, and several curious and valuable facsimiles of MSS., &c.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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"MASONIC FACTS AND FICTIONS."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The writer of the very complimentary article headed as above, in the CHRONICLE of the 7th inst., will no doubt permit me to rectify what appears to have been a slight misconception on his part as to the particular period when a Secession from the Grand Lodge of England has been generally supposed to have occurred. In the year 1722, mentioned by your correspondent, there was undoubtedly a strong difference of opinion amongst the Fraternity in London with regard to the Grand Mastership, and in all probability a "split" would have resulted had not "worthy Brother Montagu healed the Breach of Harmony," as Anderson has it, by giving way to the Whartonites.

In my recently published work I have shown that the Grand Lodge records furnish no evidence nor even indication of a Secession between the years 1722 and 1779, hence the difficulties under which our historians have laboured in fixing the date of the "Great Masonic Schism." I am not, however, aware that any of them have gone beyond the year 1735, and as the "Ancients" organised their Grand Lodge in 1751, with about six subordinate Lodges on their roll, the 1779 fiasco could of course have no possible bearing on their origin. On page 193 of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," I give my reasons for noticing the incidents of 1722 and 1779 in the following words: "Now it seems to me most incredible that we should find ample evidence in the records of these two comparatively insignificant events, and not a word to enlighten us with regard to a much more important Secession, which we have been taught to believe took place at some indefinite period between the years mentioned, and which, so far from being a failure, succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations of those who are supposed to have promoted it, resulting indeed in an organisation of such magnitude that its members were enabled to dictate terms, nearly akin to unconditional surrender, to the body from which it is said to have emanated." In order to avoid the possibility of further misconceptions I will here state that my contention is that there never was a Secession from the Grand Lodge of England, worthy of the name, unless we choose to dignify Preston's expulsion in 1779 by that title.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY SADLER.

Re HIRAM LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"JUSTITIA" will, I feel assured, consider it no lack of courtesy on my part if I adhere to my resolution, communicated to "LEX," in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, not to discuss the subject of the legality, or otherwise, of the action of the Hiram Lodge, No. 1, with any brother who shields himself under a *nom-de-plume*. So far as "JUSTITIA" is concerned, all his communications have been written in such good taste that he will understand my objections to "impersonal correspondence" do not in any way refer to his able advocacy of the "other side" of the question; but a line must be drawn somewhere by me, and I have done so, as noted.

It should be borne in mind that Hiram Lodge, No. 1, deposited its Warrant of 1750 with the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and accepted a new Charter from that body, bearing date 17th August 1796. By the Lodge leaving the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and joining the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, the first Warrant became of no effect, but it was returned to Hiram, No. 1, that its members may treasure it as an heirloom, just as England did in the case of the Lodges which united to form the Grand Lodge of South Australia quite recently. None of these original Warrants are, however, of any force now, and the Lodges are removed from our roll accordingly, just as Hiram Lodge was in 1813-14.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. HUGHAN.

Torquay, 18th January 1888.

MASON AGAINST MASON.

THE annual session of the Connecticut Grand Lodge of Masons is to be held at Hartford on 18th Jan., and then it will be decided whether the struggle which has for 10 years past been going on between Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of this city, and the Grand Lodge shall be settled, or if it will be renewed with increased vigour. All depends on the Grand Master to be elected to succeed H. M. Green of Danielsonville. According to an unwritten law, John H. Mix, the present Deputy Grand Master, should be elected. It is said, however, that Bro. Mix is a warm advocate of Hiram Lodge, and that for this he will be passed over. John H. Swartwout will continue the so far ineffectual attempts to drag Hiram Lodge from its high position in American Masonry.

The Grand Lodge was founded by Hiram Lodge, and although a struggle has been going on between the two bodies for upwards of 10 years, it was not until lately that an open rupture of friendly relations took place. Hiram Lodge was founded in 1770, and the

cause of the Grand Lodge's taking issue with it is found in the fact that Hiram Lodge refuses to change its custom, in accordance with the dictation of the Grand Lodge, and do away with the landmarks of Masonry, which have been in use since the foundation of the Lodge. The members of Hiram Lodge claim that the Grand Lodge is an unmasonic body, owing to the fact that it has made numerous innovations in the customs and the manner of conducting Masonic business, and has compelled subordinate Lodges to acquiesce and accept these changes as legal. In other words, the Grand Lodge has introduced a system of modern Masonry, and in doing so has violated one of the oldest and most respected of all Masonic rules. The members of Hiram Lodge further aver that it is not within the power of man, or body of men, to make any alterations in the customs, all of which have been in vogue since the origin of Freemasonry.

As another proof of the character of the Grand Lodge, Hiramites affirm that it is unmasonic to have compulsory dues. Nearly every Lodge in the state has such dues, and if they are not paid the members of the Lodge are suspended, and, in consequence, the State is filled with "Masonic tramps," who have no mother Lodge. The Grand Lodge derives its support from the subordinate Lodges throughout the State, on which it levies a tax of 20 and 25 cents for each member, excepting those who have been members in a Lodge for 25 years. This year, the Grand Lodge has levied a tax of 30 cents per member. If this tax is not forthcoming, the Grand Lodge takes away the charter of the delinquent body. Hiram Lodge has never had any such dues, and it never intends to have them. It is content to continue in the paths trodden by Masons for many centuries.

The breach between Hiram Lodge and the Grand Lodge was opened about a year ago. A demand for Hiram's charter was made by the Grand Lodge, but the charter could not be found. Even now only a few of the members of the Lodge know of its hiding place. By the order of the Grand Lodge, the several other Masonic bodies, whose custom it had been to occupy the Masonic Temple in common with Hiram Lodge, removed to other quarters early in last summer, and left Hiram Lodge sole tenant of the luxurious apartments. Since Hiram was deserted, her members, of whom there are over 700, have worked with determination for her interest. The initiation fee was reduced from 40 dollars to 20 dollars, and over 100 new names have been added to her membership list. On 5th Jan. there will be a public installation of the officers of Hiram Lodge for the ensuing year, and 2,500 covers will be laid for the banquet, which will follow. Among the well known members of Hiram who are working for her interests are the following: Hon. Lynde Harrison, ex-Gov. Charles A. O. Ingersoll, ex-Gov. Henry B. Harrison, J. D. Sewell, Col. N. G. Osborn, Sr. F. A. Whittemore, ex-Judge L. B. Morris, and Gen. Colin M. Ingersoll.—*Boston Herald*.

A meeting of the Governors in connection with the Fortescue Masonic Annuity Fund is to be held at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, on Friday, 3rd February, to arrange for the election of an annuitant or annuitants, and to consider a communication from Provincial Grand Lodge as to a proposed increase in the number of annuitants on the Fund.

The brethren of the Brent Lodge, No. 1284, who hold their meetings in the Lodge-room adjoining the Globe Hotel, Topsham, were among those who sent wreaths to be placed upon the coffin of the wife of the proprietor of the hotel, Mrs. Hodder, who recently died, at the early age of 28.

On Friday, the 13th inst., the brethren of the Cleveland Lodge, No. 543, held their annual banquet at the Golden Lion Hotel, Stokesley. Bro. Handyside presided, and the company included several visiting brethren.

Another Lodge is to be enrolled on the list of the Province of Surrey. The Onslow, No. 2234, will be consecrated on Tuesday next, the 24th instant, at the Constitutional Hall, High Street, Guildford, by the R.W. Bro. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, who will be assisted by the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. England, Bro. Frederick West D.P.G.M. Surrey, and other Provincial Grand Officers.

The Mayor of Scarborough, Bro. Walker, gave a smoking concert to his Masonic brethren on Tuesday, at the Crown Hotel, South Cliff, Scarborough. An excellent programme of songs, &c. was efficiently rendered by Bros. Spurr (Hull), Fletcher, Walshaw, Ascough, Grayston, &c. The health of the Mayor, proposed by Sir Charles Legard, was enthusiastically received, and briefly acknowledged. The guests numbered upwards of 250 brethren.

On Friday, the 13th inst., a ball in connection with the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, was held in the Town Hall, Mansfield. The company present numbered about 70. Mr. Waterfield's quadrille band supplied the music.

The installation banquet of the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the White Hart Hotel, Salisbury, under the presidency of Bro. John Hyde Dear W.M. The attendance of members was large, proving the Lodge to be in a prosperous condition.

Obituary.

SIR JOHN STAPLES.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JOHN STAPLES, K.C.M.G., P.G.D. England, whose death occurred, at his residence, Avenue-road, St. John's Wood, on Monday morning, after only a few days' illness, was initiated into Masonry in Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, in the year 1881. In 1883 he took part in founding the St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020, and was installed its first Worshipful Master early in January of the following year. At the close of his term of office he was unanimously re-elected. In November 1885 he was installed in office as Lord Mayor, and, following the example of preceding Lord Mayors, who were also Freemasons, gave a grand banquet at the Mansion House a short time previous to his vacating office, to the Grand Officers both Present and Past of United Grand Lodge, and to the Lodges and Chapter of which he was a member, namely, the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, St. Botolph's, No. 2020, and the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657. At the Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, Bro. Staples, who in the meantime had had conferred upon him by Her Majesty the distinction of a Knight Commandership of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, for his Civic services, was among the distinguished members of the Fraternity on whom the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was graciously pleased to confer the rank and privileges of a Past Grand Officer of United Grand Lodge, and was made a Past Grand Deacon, a corresponding honour in the Royal Arch Degree being conferred upon him at the Quarterly Convocation in August, when he was appointed a Past Grand Principal Sojourner of Supreme Grand Chapter. The deceased had also rendered efficient services to our Charitable Institutions, having constituted himself a life Governor of all three, and having served four Festival Stewardships, namely, one for the Girls' School, one for the Benevolent Institution, and two for the Boys' School. In his Civic capacity the late Alderman was much esteemed and respected. After serving for many years as a member of the Court of Common Council, he was, on the death of Alderman Besley, in 1877, unanimously elected his successor as Alderman for the Ward of Aldersgate, and the same year served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex, in conjunction with our late Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage. In November 1885 he was chosen Lord Mayor of London, and in recognition of his services in that capacity the Queen was pleased to create him a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George. He last year was the means of raising a large sum—between £80,000 and 90,000—for the relief of the unemployed in London, and was a member of the Court of Lieutenancy for London, a Governor of the several Royal Hospitals, and a member of the Metropolitan Board of Works. The late Alderman and ex-Lord Mayor was in the 73rd year of his age, but till within a few days of his death had taken an active part in his duties.

BRO. COL. DAVID MACLIVER.

WE deeply regret to announce the death, at the comparatively early age of forty-five, of Colonel David MacLiver, junior partner in the firm of MacLiver and Son, proprietors of the *Western Daily Press*. Until a year ago he took an active part in the management of that undertaking, and, while he was personally very popular with those in his employ, his colleagues on the press of Bristol found him a courteous and honourable gentleman, with whom it was at all times a pleasure to have any communication. As long ago as 1882 he made a trip to America, mainly in quest of health, and has since made two or three other journeys, to the West Indies, and to the Canary Islands last year, for the same purpose. Finding that his heart appeared to be affected, he consulted Dr. Quain and other eminent members of the faculty, and it is as nearly as possible twelve months since those of his friends to whom there was reason for writing received a touching intimation of the medical verdict that there was no hope of his recovery, and that he had made up his mind that he would never again be able to fulfil any of his public engagements. He had been subaltern and captain in the 2nd Somerset Militia, and after his retirement from that became major in the 1st Gloucestershire Engineer Volunteers, then under the command of Colonel Bramble. He succeeded Colonel Washbourne in the command in 1883, and was very active in promoting the formation of the torpedo corps of submarine miners at Cardiff, in connection with the Bristol Channel Defence arrangements.

He was a J.P. for Bristol, having been placed on the bench in the last batch of magistrates but one. He was a P.M. of the St. Vincent's Lodge and P. Prov. G. Registrar in the Mark Degree.

On Tuesday, a very feeling allusion was made to the sad event by the Bristol magistrates, and the flags in the civic buildings were half-mast. He was very highly respected by all classes, and much sympathy is expressed for his family.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Gaiety.—What may be called a second version of Richard Henry's latest burlesque, "Frankenstein," is now being played at this theatre. After the first night Mr. George Edwardes went to work to alter the piece, with a result that many of the lovely dresses, some of the music, the ballets and processions, have been taken away, and in their place we have genuine fun of the highest order. Mr. Edwardes wisely sacrificed much of the display he relied on, and with a few judicious touches the story can now readily be followed. New songs have been added, plenty of dances for principals introduced, while the whole thing is brimming with jokes and smart sayings. Needless to say, all these are done justice to by Miss Nellie Farren and Mr. Fred Leslie. Miss Farren has worked up her part to perfection, she sings and dances in her best style. Mr. Leslie has, emphatically, remodelled his part; he cracks jokes on the latest news, and sings in perfect style. His "Special Police" song is very amusing, while his fiddle song in the second act is capital. Mr. E. J. Lonnen has brought his part well to the fore, with his clever dances and laughable style; while Mr. George Stone is exceedingly funny as the Model. Miss Marion Hood was apparently suffering from a cold; her voice was hardly heard at its best. Miss Maria Jones was humorous as Mary Ann, while Miss Sylvia Grey's dancing was heartily applauded. As "Frankenstein" is now played we feel sure it will not be far behind its predecessors in regard to success. An amusing farce was presented on Tuesday, for the first time, and was well received. It is a capital little piece, from the German of Von Moser, adapted by Mr. W. J. Fisher, and entitled "Lot 49." It tells of how an exorbitant price is paid for a dog at a sale. The lady leaves a message with the servant to look up whatever comes for her. The first thing is a young man, who is in love with the lady. This youth of course is found by the lady's husband; the mistake however is soon explained, and the dog being again sold, peace reigns in the domestic circle. The piece is capitally played by Miss Emma Gwynne and Mr. Cyril Maude, as the married couple; Mr. George Stone as the loving youth, and Miss Sybil Grey and Mr. Thornton as servants. The farce is very amusing, and well worth attending early for.

Toole's.—Owing to a severe attack of gout, Mr. J. L. Toole was unable to take part in the performance of "Dot" last Monday. This popular piece, which is from Charles Dickens's "Cricket on the Hearth," has been put in the evening bill for a few nights, while the new play is being prepared. Every one knows how Mr. Toole depicts the part of Caleb Plummer, but on Monday Mr. Westland played the part, at short notice. Great praise is due to this gentleman for the way in which he got through his work. Of course the character lost a great deal by Mr. Toole's absence, but Mr. Westland was a very good substitute. Miss Kate Phillips, who essayed the part of Dot for the first time, is capital, her style being suitable. The several characters were well cast, Messrs. John Billington, G. Skelton, C. M. Lorne, Misses Marie Linden, V. Vanbrugh, and Emily Thorne lending excellent service. "Dot" is followed by the amusing farce, "Ici on Parle Français," which caused roars of laughter. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Merivale's new comedy is in active rehearsal, and will shortly be produced.

The last nights of "As in a Looking Glass" are announced at the Opera Comique, to make room for a new play in preparation. However, we are not to be deprived of Mrs. Bernard-Beere's delineation of Lena Despard entirely; she intends to produce "As in a Looking Glass" at matinees, and also to play "Adrienne Lecouvrier" and "Masks and Faces" during the season.

The Dickens birthday celebration has been fixed for the 7th February, at the Balmoral Rooms, Hart Street, W.C. (late Bloomsbury Hall). Messrs. Wilson Barrett, Howard Paul, Donald (Toole's), Colonel Lean, M. Marius, Madame Florence Marryat, Miss Letty Lind, and many others, are already on the list of patrons.

Wednesday, the 25th instant, has been appointed for the reception of works of art intended for the Spring Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

Mr. Kinglake's portrait has never, we believe, as yet been published; but the accomplished historian will be represented in a special drawing by the sculptress of the bust of Fielding (Miss Margaret Thomas), to appear, with a memoir, in the February number of Mr. F. G. Heath's pictorial monthly "Illustrations."

ROWING CLUBS LODGE.

WE understand that a Warrant has been granted for a Lodge to be called "The Argonauts," the qualification being membership of some recognised amateur rowing club. The Lodge will meet at Cromwell Hall (The Baths), Putney Bridge Road, Putney, S.W., on the second Monday in the months of March, April, May, June, and October. The consecration will take place on the 12th of March next, when the ceremony will be performed by V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, the Grand Secretary, assisted by other distinguished Grand Officers. Bro. Monteuus P.G.S. P.M. Tuscan and La France is the W.M. Designate, with Bro. Radford as S.W., and Bro. Savory as J.W. We understand that several well-known oarsmen have already sent in their names as desiring to become joining members, and we anticipate a very good future for the Lodge.

Bro. Dr. Wiles was, on Wednesday, installed as W.M. of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174. We are compelled to hold over our report till next week.

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Ars Quatuor Coronatorum; or the Transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. Vol. I., Part 2.

THIS serial, besides recording the actual proceedings of the Lodge, contains three instructive papers or lectures delivered by members, which together with a varied assortment of clippings from foreign journals, reviews of recent Masonic works, extracts from German Craft literature, and some articles explanatory of the Legend of the Quatuor Coronati, or Four Holy Crowned Martyrs, make up an issue presenting a range of attractions, that cannot fail to satisfy the numerous readers of what is apparently destined to fill a long-felt gap, and to serve as the medium of exchange for such thoughts and ideas of our British literary Masons, as are unsuitable from one cause or another for ventilation in the weekly Masonic press.

The transactions under review begin at the 2nd June 1887, on which date an alteration was made in the regular days of meeting, which are now fixed for the first Friday in January, March, May, and October, St. John's day (in Harvest), and the Festival of the Quatuor Coronati (8th November). At this meeting a paper was read by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., entitled "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry, from a Non-Masonic Standpoint," and an interesting discussion ensued, in which Bros. Rylands, Gould, Speth, Lane, Mathers, and Woodman took part.

At the meeting next following, held 8th September, Bros. the Rev. C. J. Ball, M.A., and Sir Henry Barford-Hancock D.G.M. Gibraltar, were elected members, and Bros. R. F. Gould P.G.D., and Walter Besant were chosen W.M. and Treasurer respectively. The paper read on this occasion was on, "The Religion of Freemasonry, Illuminated by the Kabbalah," the lecturer being Bro. Dr. W. W. Westcott, and the speakers at its close, Bros. Gould, Simpson, Dr. Woodman, Speth, Mathers and Woodford.

The next event recorded is the Festival of the Lodge, which was celebrated according to invariable custom on the 8th November. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford acted as Installing Master, and Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D., the W.M. elect, was placed in the Eastern chair in succession to Sir Charles Warren. Bro. W. Kelly P.P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, was elected a joining member at this meeting, and at the conclusion of the routine business, the W.M. delivered a short address reviewing the position and prospects of the Lodge, and subsequently read a paper on "English Freemasonry before the Era of Grand Lodges (1717)," which was criticised in his happiest manner by Bro. Woodford, and appears on the records of the Lodge as the last contribution of that worthy brother to the fund of Masonic debate.

Hitherto, we have passed over, from considerations of space, the proceedings of the members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge during the periods devoted to refreshment, but those recorded under the date of 8th November demand some notice at our hands. The least of the evening, as might be expected, was that of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Sir Charles Warren, of whose brilliant career a brief sketch was given by the W.M., who in concluding his speech remarked of his predecessor in the chair that, like Sir Philip Sidney of old, "he seemed born on purpose for whatever he was about." At this point, and before Sir Charles Warren rose to reply, there was an agreeable interlude, occasioned by the Tyler approaching the table with a number of elegantly-bound books on a silver tray. The collection consisted of 40 distinct works—on Masonic, Architectural, and Archaeological subjects—representing twenty-three authors, all of whom were members of the Lodge or its Correspondence Circle, and was considered the most appropriate testimonial that could be offered by a Lodge of Authors and Masonic Students to the distinguished brother who had been their first Worshipful Master.

Sir Charles Warren acknowledged the presentation in a speech of great eloquence, which we regret our inability to quote at length, as we likewise do the graceful remarks of Bro. Woodford in proposing the health of the W.M.

The editor, Bro. G. W. Speth, Secretary of the Lodge, has evidently had his heart in his work. Not only does the record of the actual proceedings reflect credit on his diligence and accuracy, but the same praise must be accorded to the translations from recent German works with which he has filled up a portion of the space at his disposal. These are respectively entitled—"The Apostle St. Paul, a Mason," in which it is argued that St. Paul was a member of a Mason's Lodge; "Studies of the Master's Degree," wherein (i.e., in the translation) Bro. Speth, dissenting wholly from the author's premises, arguments, and conclusions, nevertheless shows that the "Studies" are like those of many Germans—notably Krause, who in his greatest work enlightens his readers upon nearly every subject, except those forming the title of his book—of great value, though for reasons not altogether in the contemplation of the writer from whose pen they proceed; and, lastly, "Some remarks on the Grand Lodge of London and its treatment of the documents of the Operative Masons," from the German of Dr. Begemann, and of which Bro. Speth says—"In the small treatise before me I hardly know which to admire most, his style or his indefatigable industry of comparison and research."

We have as yet made no mention of the numerous books and periodicals announced as additions to the library at every meeting of the Lodge, but the collection is rapidly attaining dimensions, which must overtax the capability of the indefatigable Secretary, to combine any longer with the ordinary functions of his office, the onerous duties of Librarian.

An Outer or Correspondence Circle was added to the Lodge in January of last year, and on the 6th inst. it had reached a total of 195 members.

Our review of these Transactions must here close, but it may

interest some of our readers to learn that the practice of issuing a St. John's Card at the Winter Festival of St. John has been adopted by the Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati. The Card of No. 2076 was designed expressly for the occasion by Bro. W. Simpson, F.R.I.P., Hon. A.R.I.B.A., Senior Warden of the Lodge. Letters from the W.M. and Secretary are bound up with it, and also—what will prove of great utility—the first of a series of annual lists of the members of the Lodge and Correspondence Circle, with the postal address of each.

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SHAKSPEARE LODGE, No. 143 (I.C.)

THIS Lodge held its installation dinner at the Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst. The Worshipful Master, Major Robert Forster, presiding. After the charter, loyal, and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the brethren presented an address to Sir E. H. Hudson Kinahan, expressing their satisfaction at the honourable distinction conferred upon him by Her Most Gracious Majesty in creating him a Baronet of the United Kingdom during the celebration of the Jubilee year of her reign. The following is the address:—

"To Sir Edward H. Hudson Kinahan, Baronet, 32^d, Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of Ireland. We, the Master Wardens and Brethren of the Shakspeare Lodge, gladly express our satisfaction at the honourable distinction which has been conferred upon you by Her Most Gracious Majesty as a signal mark of her favour. Your patent as a Baronet of the United Kingdom is most honourably connected with the Jubilee celebration of the fiftieth year of her Majesty's most happy reign, on which auspicious occasion she determined to honour those of her loyal subjects who were most distinguished for their public virtues. At this honour which she has deigned to confer upon you we exceedingly rejoice, recognising, as we are bound to do, your worth and eminence as a citizen. As brethren, we desire to testify our high appreciation of your worth as a Mason, that worth being proved by a long and honourable career, not only as a member of our Lodge, but also as the holder of many of the highest offices in our venerable Order. Your diligent discharge of all Masonic duties, your unbounded liberality to our Charities, as well as your genial disposition, have not only earned the respect, but also attracted the affection of all your brethren. We wish you all happiness, and pray that you may be long spared to maintain among us those fraternal relations which it has always been your pleasure to cultivate and your privilege to enjoy."

Sir Edward, in responding, said—Worshipful Sir, Brother Senior, Brother Junior, and Brethren of the Shakspeare Lodge, I feel most grateful to you for the handsome address and album presented to me on the occasion of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patron of our Order, conferring on me the honour of a Baronetcy. Since I first saw the light in this old and distinguished Lodge, I have endeavoured to do my duty as a Mason. I shall never forget the many acts of brotherly kindness I experienced from the various degrees of this Order, and it will be my constant endeavour to prove myself worthy of the confidence reposed in me. I most heartily reciprocate all your kind wishes. The address is from the studio of Mr. James McConnell, of Clonmel Street, and is illuminated in beautiful manner. The title-page is surrounded by a border of golden-coloured celandine, expressive of joy; the pages containing the address are designed to convey the sentiment of the address; a border of chestnut in many coloured rich autumn tones expresses the recognition of merit; while a rich border of fir-cones signifies elevation; similar ideas being carried out through the entire work, which has been bound in a very handsome manner by Messrs. Galwey, of Eustace Street. The cover is of Masonic blue marocco leather, with Celtic ornamentation, surmounted by the crest and monogram of the distinguished Baronet, who, from his long and honourable career, is eminently worthy of this mark of appreciation from his brethren.

FUNERAL OF AN OLD FREEMASON.

A SURPRISINGLY small number of brethren attended the funeral of Bro. Jas. Taylor, aged 62, at St. James's Cemetery, Liverpool, on the 11th inst. The deceased had been a life member for upwards of 25 years, and besides having filled the office of Secretary to the Workers' Lodge, No. 219, at the back on 20 years ago, was at the time of his death Past Master of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264. The simple funeral train arrived at the cemetery at three o'clock. The following brethren were present at the service:—Bro. Peter B. Ger, P.M. 1264, J. Mollay 219, Thos. Singleton 1750, and Luc S.W. of 1264. Bro. J. Croxton had charge of the undertaking arrangements, and the service was conducted by the acting chaplain of the cemetery, the Rev. J. A. Sheal.—*Liverpool Courier.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 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, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, 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.)
 Sinai 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—Tentorden, 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, Kirkcuberton
 2147—Cray Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, 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)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 802—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Park Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1823—Shepherds Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield
 M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gatohead
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haverth
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 899—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1542—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 24th JANUARY.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1153—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Tower, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 7. (Inst.)

- 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Hendon, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1547—Chruce, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2103—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
 R.A. 21—Cyprus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Alderley Edge, Cheshire
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1230—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1633—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 9. (Instruction)
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Barton-on-Trent
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 25th JANUARY.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Miro, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Southampton Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burlington-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Popplin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gruliron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1631—Ravensburton, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
 1632—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1631—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gruliron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thisle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 753—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Church-street, (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Huntington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1119—St. Beate, Mechanics' Institute, Jarro
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mosely, near Manchester
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slough
 1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
 1933—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitravian, White Hart, Collegio-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 90—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 873—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1810—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 2192—Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8: (Instruction)
 R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 214—Hone and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bæup
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttroter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blytho
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Choadle
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
 R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
 R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
 R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
 M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 27th JANUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kow Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)

- 1054—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 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)
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1612—E. Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. —Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Horsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 61—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Sation Road, Woughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Solby
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmforth
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1921—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

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