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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, who was supported by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Hampshire and Isle of Wight, as Deputy Grand Master; T. W. Tew Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire as Past G.M., together with nearly one thousand members of the Order. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. filled the chair of Senior, and Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W. that of Junior Grand Warden. Grand Lodge having been regularly opened, the business of the day—of which we gave particulars in our last issue—was proceeded with. The minutes having been confirmed, the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, reported, for the information of Grand Lodge, the manner in which the Grand Master had distributed the £500 placed in his hands, by the vote of Grand Lodge, for the relief of the unemployed of the metropolis. This information we have already published in our columns. He also reported that the £500 voted as a present to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, on the celebration of her Silver Wedding, had been expended in the purchase of a diamond ornament, that being the form which Her Royal Highness had desired the gift to take, as ascertained by the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom. That Brother then rose to propose the resolution standing in his name:

"That this Grand Lodge offers to the Most Worshipful Brother His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany, Protector of Freemasonry in that country, its most fraternal and heartfelt sympathy in the affliction under which he is suffering, and begs to express its earnest hope that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to restore His Imperial Highness again to health."

Few words were needed, he considered, to recommend this motion. He believed there was not a single person in the country who did not watch, with the deepest anxiety, the reports which were published from time to time in reference to the condition of the German Crown Prince. The reason for this was that he was known to be one of the most honest and upright men of his day; a man who had made himself beloved by all; an example as a son, a husband, a warrior, and a statesman. The brethren knew how the destinies of Europe were hanging on this one man's life, and they also knew how closely allied he was to their own beloved Royal Family. His wife, the Princess Royal of England, had followed in the footsteps of her mother, and had shown what a watchful, untiring nurse she was during his long period of trial and suffering. Earl Lathom felt he was saying what all would say—that she and all her family had their deepest sympathy. Bro. Beach seconded the proposition, feeling assured it would be carried with

unanimity, both on private and public grounds; the private one from the relationship the Crown Prince bore to the Sovereign of our country, and the public one from the important position he occupied among potentates of the world. As the acting Grand Master had said, on the life of the Crown Prince hung the destinies of Europe, because he was well known to incline to that love of peace which must tend so much to the benefit of the civilised world. They could, then, but hope that the Great Architect of the Universe might be graciously pleased to spare his life. The proposition was carried unanimously, deep sympathy being expressed by the assembled company. Bro. Gabriel Prior Goldney then proposed the re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. The nomination was seconded by Bro. John Smith, and unanimously approved of by Grand Lodge. The election of Grand Treasurer was next proceeded with, the two brethren nominated for the office being Bros. Asher Barfield P.M. 511, and Stephen Barton Wilson P.M. 59. The ballot resulted in the return of Bro. Barfield, by a majority of about four votes to one, out of 800 recorded. The grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence were confirmed, while the Reports of the Board of General Purposes and of the Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts were adopted. The appeals before Grand Lodge were next dealt with, that of Bro. William Henry Messenger P.M. 1048 being allowed, on the ground that the offence of which he was guilty was outside the cognizance of Freemasonry; while the others, presented by Bros. John C. Cobbe P.M. 465, and H. A. Michael of No. 2071, were dismissed. This concluded the business, and Grand Lodge was closed.

## MERIT.

"Popular glory is a perfect coquette; her lovers must toil, feel every inquietude, indulge every caprice, and perhaps at last be jilted into the bargain. True glory, on the other hand, resembles a woman of sense; her admirers must play no tricks; they feel no great anxiety, for they are sure in the end of being rewarded in proportion to their merit."

THE present is not the first occasion on which we have addressed our readers on the question of merit in Freemasonry, and inasmuch as it is a subject on which there is a very wide diversity of opinion, it is one which may profitably be considered at any time, or under any particular circumstances which the events of the day may bring prominently to the fore. We are aware our opinions on this subject do not coincide with those of many members of the Craft, but that is hardly to be expected in regard to any matter, even in Freemasonry, for notwithstanding its universality we question if there is any subject on which the Craft is of one mind, or on which all its members can agree. Indeed, we do not consider that unanimity would be of any real advantage to the Order, even if it were possible; rather, it might become detrimental to the best interests of the Craft, for without

diversity of opinion we should have no desire on the part of one brother to emulate another, while there would be no incentive for one Mason to improve on the work as performed by his predecessors, or to carry out his duties in a better or more painstaking manner than those around him, for the simple reason that all would be agreed things were being done as well as was possible, and if perfection were arrived at, what more should we have to strive for? Such a condition of affairs is not, however, possible. As long as life lasts there will be some who can see a better way to perform a task than others complete it in, and in striving to demonstrate their views they will aim at excelling their fellows, with results more or less meritorious in different cases.

There is also another consideration which induces men to emulate their fellows, which, in the words of the quotation from Goldsmith given above, may be termed the love of "popular glory." There are few men wholly free from this—may we term it vanity? and unquestionably both Freemasonry and the world at large owe much of their advancement to the efforts of those who aim at securing it. The desire for popularity will induce a man to undertake tasks, and will lead him to achieve successes which sober reasoning would have deemed impossible, and on this account the uncertainty attending the final result is correspondingly great. A lover of popular glory "must toil, feel every inquietude, indulge every caprice, and perhaps at last be jilted into the bargain." Freemasonry supplies numerous instances proving the truth of these remarks. Proposals have been made which appeared to possess every qualification for success; their promoters toiled hard to secure it; they altered their plans with the view of indulging the whims of every objector, and yet, in spite of all their exertions, they failed to win the glory which seemed to be within their reach. It may be answered that, despite the meritorious character of their proposals, they aimed too high; they strove to win that "perfect coquette, popular glory," and met the fate which attends so many of her lovers. Can it be said they secured a reward in proportion to their merit? The world must answer, "Not in every case," and such must be the opinion of every Freemason who measures results from the usual standpoint.

Turn we now to the second portion of our quotation, and we have a lesson equal to any which Freemasonry strives to teach. The seekers after true glory, it tells us, "must play no tricks," but on the other hand they need "feel no great anxiety, for they are sure in the end of being rewarded in proportion to their merit." It is just the matter of merit which here becomes the prime factor in the question—a man must possess it, or he cannot win true glory. From this we may infer that popular glory is to be secured by any one, provided he is ready to toil for so fickle a lover; while true glory is a reward which only falls to the lot of the meritorious. But who is meritorious, and what is merit?

As the basis from which we have to regard our subject is essentially a Masonic one, it is our present duty to attempt to determine what is merit in Freemasonry, and who among its members are deserving of being dubbed meritorious? Merit we may in a few words dismiss, as being Masonry of the heart as opposed to Masonry of the tongue, in brief—acts not words. A meritorious Mason will show a strict observance of the spirit, even if he neglects the actual letter of Freemasonry, and it is on this ground that a man of comparative ignorance, in so far as education is concerned, may become a far better Mason than another possessed of the most profound knowledge. The one will succeed, although quite incapable of expressing himself in public, and making a lamentable failure when the smallest tax is put upon his memory, while the other will fail, in spite of the most brilliant powers of elocution, the ability of discussing or arguing a subject with any one, conjoined with a splendid memory, simply because the one possesses and the other lacks the power of promoting happiness and spreading goodwill among his fellows. The one may, perhaps, win popular glory, while the other will merit, and will assuredly secure, true and lasting glory.

Now, as to the particular events of the day which have brought this subject prominently to the fore on the present occasion. A correspondent, signing himself "A Freemason," wrote to the *Court Circular*, and that paper gives the writer's remarks prominence in its columns in reference to recent doings at the Drury Lane Lodge. The correspondent says:—"I was glad to see the Lodge give

Bro. Parkinson a testimonial; he deserved it. But it was not satisfactory to reflect that it was given for doing the work which should have been done by the Master of the Lodge. During the whole of Brother Augustus Harris's Mastership he did none of the initiations and so forth, and, in fact, delegated his work to Brother Parkinson. This sort of thing is becoming increasingly common, and brings discredit on Masonry." We must at once say we do not agree with the views which our Brother "A Freemason," holds, or which he may be inferred to hold from his remarks. Our argument has always been that the Mason who does his best—no matter what his best may be, when compared with the acts of others—has done well. It is not necessary that a Mason should be qualified to work the various ceremonies of the Order ere he can be described as a good Master, nor does it follow that the strictest disciplinarian in regard to the ritual of Freemasonry makes the best ruler. We have known cases which have proved actually the reverse, and where a punctilious Worshipful Master has upset the peace and harmony of his Lodge by his rigid adherence to the letter of the ceremonies. Everything was made subservient to his pet hobby, and although he was letter perfect, he sadly lacked the spirit of Masonry. We do not wish our remarks to become too much identified with any particular body, and on that account shall dismiss from our minds, for the present, the name of the Drury Lane Lodge, and attempt to answer the remarks of "A Freemason" on broad and general lines.

There are brethren in Freemasonry who strive to secure for themselves and their Lodges the reputation of being perfect, or nearly so, in some particular respect. It may be notoriety they strive for, but we will adopt the language of our quotation, and describe it as glory—whether "popular" or "true" it is not for us to decide, time alone will help us to a solution on that score. Some strive to make their Lodge a pattern for good work, others work to make for it a reputation for geniality, good fellowship, or hospitality, while others again pin their faith on Charity, and let everything else sink into the shade, so that the one object for which they strive may stand out in bold relief. Such tactics cannot always be described as meritorious, although it would be wrong to describe them in harsh terms; but Freemasonry should be universal, and on that account any particular whim or fancy is opposed to its tenets, and any undue prominence may perhaps give offence to some among its members.

We will assume for the nonce, and particularly on account of the remarks of "A Freemason," that a Lodge desires to secure and maintain a reputation for the perfection of its working. It is not reasonable to suppose that all its Masters can find time to qualify themselves for the performance of the ceremonies as they desire to see them worked, while it may happen they do not all possess the ability to do as well as they wish. Does the admission of this inability become a Masonic crime, or does it reflect "discredit on Masonry?" Certainly not, it rather proves a willingness to sacrifice one's self rather than oppose the wishes of the other members. The brother who stands aside on such occasions feels he cannot give as much satisfaction as others would, and gives place so that the reputation or the particular hobby of the Lodge may not suffer through his imperfections. It would be unjust to say that such men were personally incapable of performing the ceremonies, because we believe, after what we have seen and heard, that any man capable of repeating the words of the ritual after his neighbour, is capable of performing them, if such a jumble is worthy of being called a performance. It is true we do not approve of a Worshipful Master invariably delegating the work of his Lodge to another, but there is certainly nothing wrong in even that extreme, if by so doing he falls in with the wishes of his fellow members. Besides, a Master's duty does not cease with the working of the ceremonies of the Order; the maintenance of the comfort and happiness of his Lodge is of equal, if not of greater importance, for although it may be true that first opinions have a wonderful effect on the future of a candidate, it is equally certain it is the general working of Freemasonry which will make the greatest impression on him.

Speaking generally it is very difficult to decide who is the most meritorious Master of a Lodge. One excels in one thing, and another in something else: it is only by watching the general effect of a man's rule that we can form any reliable guess as to his merit, or lack of it. By

simply comparing the way in which the ceremonies were worked we may discover who was the most brilliant as an orator, or who possessed the greatest aptitude for learning to repeat certain sentences, but Freemasonry should go far beyond the utterances of the tongue—it should be grafted in the heart of a man, from which source alone can spring truly Masonic thoughts and actions.

The correspondent previously quoted goes on to say that "a man should not be made Master of a Lodge unless he is prepared faithfully to discharge the duties of that honourable office." This is quite true, but what are the duties of that "honourable office?" He is entirely wrong if he imagines them to consist only of ability to work the ceremonies. If this were so rewards for merit in Freemasonry would have disappeared and rewards for natural gifts or greater knowledge would have taken their place. This is not what is intended. In Freemasonry we are all equal, and the dunce should stand as good a chance as the scholar of rising to eminence, provided he be imbued with an equal share of the spirit of Freemasonry, and his ignorance does not become too prominent—so as to bring ridicule on the Order. We cannot all be masters of the work, and if this were possible what would become of those who now love to boast of their superiority over all others in the matter of knowledge of Masonic ritual? We think there is no greater egotist in Freemasonry than the brother who is "letter perfect" in its various forms and ceremonies.

The concluding paragraph of "A Freemason's" letter is also in accordance with our views, and his remarks will be equally endorsed by our readers. He says: "Masonry means something more than giving dinners and getting your name into the papers." Just so! We have already said enough to show what we deem needful in a Mason, and "giving dinners and getting your name into the papers" are not included in those qualifications, and yet the ability to properly preside at a Masonic dinner, and power to merit notice, either in the papers or by other public means, are not to be despised, even if they are not among the acquirements which every Mason should strive to secure, and that, too, with the conviction that true glory will await him in proportion to the merit he displays. As we have all through argued, it is very difficult to decide what merit really is, but there is no gainsaying the fact that what is popular is not always meritorious, while that which is meritorious is not always popular, and on this basis we may dismiss many of the attacks which are levelled against particular practices in Freemasonry. Because certain practices are not popular they are deemed to be without merit; a most erroneous conclusion to arrive at; at the same time it is one which throughout life governs many of our actions.

The final meeting of the Committee for the Ball which took place in January last, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held last week, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, when it was reported that the gross receipts amounted to £392 15s 6d, the expenditure to £184 6s 3d, leaving a balance of £208 9s 3d to be paid to the above-named institution. The accounts were passed, and the ballot was taken for Life Governorships amongst the Stewards, when the following were elected:—Bros. Banner, Coxon, Jarman, Hart, Jude, H. H. Smith, Kelly, Sowden, Wood, Hallwood, and Leake. Cordial votes of thanks were given to the executive officers, the services of the honorary secretary (Bro. Leake) being especially recognised.

Under the auspices of the Unity Lodge, No. 567, a largely attended and successful ball was held at the Court House, Warwick, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The room had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. Mr. J. Bodington officiated as M.C., and Mr. Rigg's string band accompanied the dancing, which commenced about half-past nine o'clock, and continued until five next morning.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—In all outward complaints a desperate effort should be made to at once remove these annoying infirmities, and of establishing a cure. The remarkable remedies discovered by Professor Holloway will satisfactorily accomplish this desirable result, without any of those dangers or drawbacks which attend the old method of treating ulcerative inflammations, scrofulous affections, and scorbutic eruptions. The most timid invalids may use both the Ointment and Pills with the utmost safety, with certain success, provided a moderate attention be bestowed on their accompanying "Directions." Both the preparations soothe, heal, and purify. The one assists the other materially in affecting cures and renewing strength by helping exhausted nature just when she needs such succour.

## A MASONIC ALPHABET.

### XXIII.—"WORK."

The toiling ant, the busy bee,  
Work all the smiling day;  
Then when the pleasant sunbeams flee,  
To rest, they haste away.  
Without a pause their toil to break  
They use the shining hours,  
Lest storm may bid them work forsake,  
Or drench their zeal with showers.  
Each Mason should be swift to grasp  
The moments as they fly;  
If but to give a friendly clasp  
Of tender sympathy.  
Each minute has its present call,  
For some kind deed to do—  
Some generous act, however small,  
May gild the moments through.  
Work well then ere the day is past,  
Ere strength and life be done;  
For night is falling very fast  
When no Work can be done.

### XXIV.—"EXAMPLE."

The years they come, the years they go,  
To shelter in the past—  
The wat'ry tides they ebb and flow  
Each earnest as the last.  
The sun each day sends forth his beams,  
To bless us, year by year;  
And certain, his expiring gleams  
Proclaim the night is near.  
These teach the world the path of right,  
And point a moral clear;  
To do the good with all of might,  
And duty, without fear.  
Our Order's aims are fair and free,  
Still reaching for the good;  
And faithful Masons e'er should be,  
As patterns, understood.  
Should have the passions at command,  
And shew enlightened mind;  
And like the friendly beacon stand,  
Examples for mankind.

—Sydney Freemason.

WM. H. ORE.

## SCOTLAND.

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### CALEDONIAN RAILWAY LODGE, No. 354.

THE annual Festival was held in the Langham Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday, the 27th ult. Dancing commenced at 7 p.m., and continued till ten o'clock, when the company, which numbered about one hundred, sat down to supper. The chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. D. T. Colquhoun R.W.M., was occupied by Brother Dr. Jas. Steel Muir, the croupiers being Bros. C. Petrie S.W. and Horrower J.W. Among others present were Bros. D. Reid W.G.B.B. P.G.S., A. Grey No. 3 bis, J. Wardop No. 3 bis, Jas. Findlay P.M. 333, J. Goodfellow 354, Wm. Anderson 354, Baillie J. Colquhoun, Mr. A. Gordon, Mr. P. Drummond, Rev. Parry Thomas, and the Rev. J. M'Master Chaplain of the Lodge.

### CLYDE LODGE, No. 408.

THE regular by-monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall 30 Hope Street, on Friday, 17th ult. Bro. James Leitch, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. John M'Innes D.M., William Clinton P.M., Angus Rankin acting S.W., John Simpson J.W., William Mullan S.D., Robert M'Crone Treas., Chas. J. Dunn Tr. B.F., J. Macnaught Campbell Secretary, John Robinson J.S., Carl Gutzke acting I.G., Charles Stewart P.M. 4, D. Davidson D.M. 354, John Callen P.M. 609, &c. The Lodge being opened in the usual manner, Mr. John C. Ross was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the R.W.M., and thereafter the Lodge being passed to the square degree, Bros. J. C. Ross and A. Finlay were instructed in this degree by Bros. J. M'Innes. A Lodge of Mark Masters was then opened, when the following brethren received that degree from Bro. J. Macnaught Campbell, viz., Bros. Duncan Campbell, Jas. Wilson, G. Wilson, John Rice, William Porter, James Allen, and Alexander M'Innes, and Bros. Morris Cohen and Peter M'Gragor of Lodges Nos. 354 and 609 respectively. The Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

The members of the Union Lodge, No. 127, gave their annual dinner and tea, at the Foresters' Hall, on the 22nd ult., to 250 of the aged poor of Margate. The dinner consisted of roast beef, roast legs of mutton, roast veal, hams, Christmas puddings, &c. of which, it is needless to say, there was a bountiful supply.



## 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.*

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## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHARITIES.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I, too, am of opinion that much more might be done for our Charities in the way of annual subscriptions. The correspondent who mooted the point in your last issue is, I see, a supporter of the Benevolent Institution, which holds out the best attraction for annual subscribers—a donation of five shillings to its funds securing a vote. In the case of the other Institutions nothing lower than a guinea is recognised, although, I suppose, neither of them would refuse a smaller sum. For this reason I consider the first step should be to secure a recognition from the Boys' and Girls' Schools for sums below 21s. This, of course, could be done by offering a vote at one election for half a guinea, but I should prefer to offer something similar to what is done by the Benevolent, and give a vote for each five shillings. If this could be brought about I believe many Life Governors would continue support as annual subscribers; perhaps not at first, but as soon as it became fashionable to do so; this ought not to be long, if the matter were properly taken up.

To show the extent to which these annual subscriptions might rise, I assume that of the total subscribed to the three Institutions during any year at least twenty thousand guineas comes from Life Governors. The total amount received last year by the three Charities was £61,059 0s 11d, so that I only apportion one-third to Life Governorships. This gives 2,000 contributors, and if one-half of these became annual subscribers of 5s each they would provide an income of £250. Now, supposing they continued their subscriptions, on an average, for ten years, it would give a contribution of £2,500 as the outcome of one year's work, and that among Life Governors only. I am quite of the opinion expressed by your correspondent, that "there is room for a very widely extended system of annual subscriptions to our three Institutions," and co-operate with him in asking for your support. I would remind my brother Masons that the five shillings per year required for the vote referred to above is less than five farthings per week; indeed, five shillings per year could be given to each of the Institutions for one half-penny per day. Here is a splendid opportunity for Lodge Secretaries, and especially those connected with Lodges of Instruction, to advance the welfare of the Charities. Fourpence per week collected from any Mason would be ample for the three subscriptions, and would allow a good margin for working expenses.

Yours fraternally,

A SUPPORTER OF THE THREE INSTITUTIONS.

## THE MASONIC RIGHT OF VISITING.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The brother who wrote to you last week on the subject of "Class Masonry," and signed himself "TOLERATION," is just one of those—if I may be allowed to say so—of whom I spoke in my last letter to you, as lacking enthusiasm. I hope he will not think me obtrusive, but I cannot help urging him to read your article, if he has not already done so, and also my letter, which appears under his own. After this he might systematically devote himself to a study of the principles and practices of Freemasonry, and if he does so I fancy he will soon form a different opinion to that he expresses in his letter on the subject of visiting. I take it that visiting among Freemasons is a right, and that he is wrong in assuming that one Mason cannot force his presence on a Lodge or assembly of Masons met for the practice of Freemasonry. I base my opinion on the injunction in the Book of Constitutions, that the Master and Wardens of a Lodge should visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft and a good understanding cultivated amongst Freemasons. If it is good and desirable that the Master and Wardens should visit, I suppose it is equally good for others, even private members, to do so. Perhaps your correspondent would give his authority for the opposite opinion.

Yours, &c.

STUDENT.

## MASONIC PATRONS.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your last issue gives evidence of the widely opposite opinions which may be entertained in regard to any one subject by different brethren. I favour the view which "MYSTIC" takes of the letter of "P.M., &c.," which appeared in your issue of the previous week. No good can certainly accrue to Freemasonry from a more extended use of its influence in matters of personal advancement or trade. I consider we do very well if we leave Masonry entirely alone in all matters of business. A Mason should not even be expected to give the preference to a brother Mason, all other things being equal, or we should immediately open the doors of the Order to a crowd of speculators, who would join on the chance of being the only Mason interested in a particular contract or tender. That something of the sort must necessarily exist among the members of a particular Lodge is but natural, just as

mutual help must exist anywhere among friends, but to extend the system throughout the Craft would be a mistake likely to lead to disastrous consequences.

I should have imagined "P.M., &c.," would have as much influence with Church Patrons, as a Churchman, as anything in connection with Masonry would confer, and if he made use of his association with the Craft, no doubt others would do the same, so that he would not stand a much better chance of preferment. Such actions might cause a scandal in the Craft, or set one section of the Order at variance with another, and for this reason I believe the less we have to do with patronage through Freemasonry the better it will be for all concerned. Take for example the opinions expressed by "P.M., &c.," and "A BELIEVER IN MUTUAL HELP," in regard to Freemasonry. They are not so much disgusted with the Order, as they are disappointed that it has not proved of greater advantage to them from a mercenary or other unworthy point of view, and their opinions must necessarily increase in proportion as the cause for them increases.

Yours fraternally,

CRAFTSMAN.

## OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In thanking you and your correspondents for the remarks which appeared in your last issue, under this head, I hope you will excuse my observing that the subject appears to be one of those for which no fixed rule exists. All I see it is possible for me to do in the future is to follow the same course as I have hitherto adopted, that is, use Outside Titles or ignore them as I deem best. I feel not a little flattered by the remarks of P.G.A.D.C., and assure him, if I am "not so young as I pretend to be, I certainly am not so young as I wish, but at the same time I am sincere in asking for information, and this, with all due deference to him, he does not give, or, at least, he does not settle the questions I am doubtful about. I do not think I should have announced a Provincial Grand Master as simply Bro. So-and-so, nor do I imagine I should introduce an Admiral or other high dignitary simply by his name, but how does the matter stand when we come to Captains, Lieutenants, Serjeants, or even Corporals? If I announce Bro. Corporal Jones, the dignity of Captain Smith is touched, and if I ignore Jones's "title" he is snubbed, and so, as I said before, I am in a difficulty. Even "PROVINCIAL," in his letter last week, stops his definitions at "Commissioned" Officers, and so his otherwise useful advice does not wholly satisfy me. If I am not trespassing too much on your space, I should like to hear from "P.G.A.D.C.," or "PROVINCIAL" as to what I am to do in the case just mentioned. We have in our Lodge, either as members or visitors, Commissioned Officers of the two Services, and I have to announce a Mason, holding the rank of Corporal. Am I to use his "Outside Title in Freemasonry"?

I remain, yours, &c.,

I.G.

## HUYSHÉ ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

THE annual meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess Place, Plymouth. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The business commenced with the election and perfection of three new candidates—Bros. W. Jamieson, J. M. Hifley, and F. Donoghue. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31° presided. The M.W.S. elect, E. and P. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies was then installed by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon. The following brethren were invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Rogers I.P.M.W.S., Rev. T. W. Lemon High Prelate, Bayly Treasurer, Westlake Recorder, Bond 1st General, Daniel Cross 2nd General, James Griffin Grand Marshall, Regar Raphael, Derry Herald, Westcott C.G., Dunsterville D.C., Hearder O., Phillips E. The Audit Committee presented a very favourable statement of the financial prosperity of the Chapter. Large photographs, capital likenesses of the nine members of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the A.A.R., enclosed in a very handsome gilded and glazed frame, were presented to the Chapter, with the following inserted on an ornamental tablet on the frame:—

"Presented to Huyshe Chapter, S.P.R.C. of H.R.D.M., No. 38, Plymouth, by the Illustrious Brother the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31° P.M.W.S. and High Prelate, 28th February 1888."

The presentation was very courteously received, and an unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lemon for his admirable present so suitable to a Rose Croix Chapter. At the close of the business the members of the Chapter and Visitors adjourned to the new Freemasons' Hall and Club's premises in Princess Square, where the annual banquet of the Chapter was held. The banquet-room of the Club was very tastefully laid out for the occasion, Bro. E. Aitken-Davies presiding. After the toast-card had been exhausted, the M.W.S. suggested success to the Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, and thanks to Bro. Symons (the Steward) for his excellent catering. The spirited enterprise of the Company, he said, promised every success. He had the honour to preside at the first Masonic lunch and dinner, which had been provided on their premises, and must say that in his long experience he had never seen either excelled. The toast was very warmly applauded, and Bro. Symons called in and thanked. Several capital songs and recitations were given between the toasts. Bros. W. S. Hearder, Rev. T. W. Lemon, Donoghue, T. Goodall, Jamieson, Clemens, Watson, and others assisted.

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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

## ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

THIS Lodge—the senior in South Devon—was, at its meeting on the 6th inst., at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth, the recipient of some very handsome presents. The Secretary, Bro. J. B. Gover, announced that one of the members, Bro. D. P. Cama, had presented ten guineas to entitle the Lodge to a life subscribership to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Cama is a Parsee, and the senior member of a London firm. This being the Centenary of the Girls' School, his gift is in commemoration of that event. The Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain presented to the Lodge a handsomely-framed picture of the installation of the Duke of Connaught as P.G.M. of Sussex, by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., at Brighton, 22nd June 1886, and also framed photographs of the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, as it appeared after the fire, 4th May 1883, and of the laying of the stone of the New Masonic Buildings, Plymouth, in December last.

## STRICT BENEVOLENCE CHAPTER, No. 97.

THE annual convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, on the 16th ult. Comps. J. G. Kirtley Z., J. R. Pattison H. and T. Sharp J. were the presiding Principals, and were supported by Comps. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G. 1st Principal, B. Levy P.P.G.H., R. Hudson P.G.S.B. England P.G.S.E., T. Coulson P.P.G.S.B. J., Sedcote J. 1119, T. Henderson P.Z. 94, J. J. Clay P.P.G.Dir. of Cers., Wm. Liddell P.P.G.J., M. Douglass Past Provincial Grand Registrar, &c. The intallation of the Principals for the ensuing year took place, as follows:—Comps. Robson Pattison Z., Sharp H., Singleton J., Walter Beattie S.N., Wake S.E., Liddell Treasurer, Shadforth P.S., Gray and Smith Assist. Soj., Watson Dir. of Cers., Porteous Org. The installation ceremony was splendidly performed by Comp. B. Levy.

## TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 20th ult., when Bro. A. Marks was installed Master of the Lodge, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. J. M. Levy S.W., L. L. Bloomfield J.W., Asher I. Myers Secretary, J. D. Barnett Organist, S. Rosenfeld S.D., J. Eisenmann J.D., E. Barnett Dir. of Cers., M. Marks and Lewis Levy Stewards. There was a very large attendance, and at the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given in felicitous terms by the new Master, who was greeted with much enthusiasm. Among others who took part in the proceedings were Bros. Algernon E. Sydney, N. Moss, R. Z. Bloomfield and S. Rosenfeld.

## ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 1028.

THE twenty-third anniversary was celebrated at Alfreton on Tuesday, the 28th ult. There was a numerous gathering of brethren. Bro. Holland Rowbottom S.W. was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. R. Knowles, the retiring Master. The Officers were appointed, as follows:—Bros. Knowles I.P.M., Cupit S.W., Wild J.W. Wilson Treasurer, Coope Secretary, Hardstaff S.D., Shardlow J.D., Briddon I.G., Taylor Organist, and Bunting Tyler. The brethren, to the number of about forty, subsequently sat down to banquet at the George Hotel.

## STAMFORD LODGE, No. 1045.

THE annual meeting was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on the 5th instant, when Bro. Robert H. Potter was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Masters were Bros. Chas. G. Bosustow and Bro. John Siddeley. The Officers were invested, as follows:—Bros. the Hon. Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.G.S.W. as I.P.M., Lindsell S.W., Foden J.W., Rev. R. Hodgson Chaplain, Siddeley Treasurer, Richard Newhouse Secretary, Worthington S.D., Blunson J.D., Clarke Organist, Naylor I.G., Harrison Tyler. There was a large attendance of Provincial and other brethren.

## PHENIX LODGE OF ST. ANN, No. 1235.

ON Wednesday, the 22nd ult., the annual meeting and installation took place at the Court House, Buxton, when Bro. Lomas S.W. was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of brethren from Derbyshire, Lancashire, and Cheshire. The Lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. M. Smedley, and the newly-appointed W.M. then invested the following Officers: Bros. Cooper S.W., Lane J.W., Varley S.D., Sutton J.D., Hall I.G., Jacques Secretary, Broadbery Organist, Rowland and Scatt r Stewards. The annual meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter was also held, when the Principals elected and invested were:—Comps. Jones Z., Harrison H., and Orme J. Companion Cartwright performed the ceremony. On the motion of Companion Milligan the sum of £2 2s was voted in aid of the Buxton Distress Relief Fund. The brethren afterwards, to the number of fifty, had dinner, at the George Hotel, Bro. Lomas in the chair.

## ASHBURTON LODGE, No. 2189.

THE first banquet was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at Brother Ford's, Commercial Hotel, Ashburton, Devon. The W.M. the Hon. Richard Dawson presided, and the vice-chairs were filled by Bros. H. Steele S.W. and W. S. Jervis J.W. The inclement weather and other unforeseen circumstances prevented some of the members from attending, but a very enjoyable evening was spent by those present. Sundry toasts were given, and some instrumental and vocal music was contributed by Bros. Crowe and Ford.

## THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE BALL.

THE members of The City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, held a Ball at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. An excellent Board of Stewards was formed, under the presidency of Bro. Edmund B. Cox W.M., with Bro. C. H. Radclyffe as Hon. Sec., and, thanks to the excellent arrangements made, the members and their friends—to the number of over 250—spent a most enjoyable time. The Great Hall was gaily decorated with flags and banners, and the musicians' platform tastefully adorned with flowers and ferns. The brethren, in accordance with a dispensation obtained from H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., appeared in Masonic clothing and jewels. Owing to an unfortunate accident which recently occurred to the W.M. Bro. Cox, he was prevented from participating in the enjoyment provided. Dancing commenced shortly after half-past nine o'clock, to the strains of Mr. Pritchard's Band, which played an excellent selection of music in an admirable manner, which was continued with great spirit until shortly after midnight. An adjournment was then made to the supper rooms, where a repast was served which fully maintained the reputation the proprietors have so deservedly gained. The large company present included Bro. E. B. Cox W.M. and Mrs. Cox, Bro. Hill S.W. and Mrs. Hill, Bro. Brunder J.W., Mrs. Brunder and daughters, Bros. Shand P.M. Secretary, Eastgate P.M., Bro. and Mrs. Millis, Bros. Neat and Hewitt, Bro. and Mrs. Ferris, Bro. Marks, Bro. and Mrs. Berther, Brothers Clarke, Emanuel, Beach, Piccidillo, and Dennis, Bro. and Mrs. Radclyffe, Bro. Le Clere, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bro. J., Mrs., and the Misses Diprose, Bro. and Mrs. Coombes, Bro. and Mrs. Morgan, Bro. and Mrs. V. Larnier, Bro. and Mrs. Valeriani, Bro. Kirby, Miss Alice Pritchard, Miss Estelle Tuck, Bro. and Mrs. Jackson, Bro. and Mrs. Lusty, Bro. Madell, Bro. and Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Pailthorpe, Bro. and Mrs. King, Bro. and Mrs. Hatton, Brother and Mrs. Dukey, Bro. and Mrs. Batchelor, Bro. and Mrs. Land and daughter, Bro. Von Joel, Mrs. Von Joel and daughters, Bro. Kay, Mrs. Hermon, Bro. Bellerby, and many others too numerous to mention.

## EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE, No. 2201.

THE fourth meeting of this newly established Lodge, was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, 25th ult., when a large number of visitors attended to do honour to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, who is the W.M. There was a large muster of members and visitors, including Grand Officers. The chief business of the evening consisted in the raising of Bro. J. P. Knight, son of the late respected Bro. J. P. Knight, General Manager of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, which was carried out in an excellent manner by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. H. Matthews, who gave the traditional history, and Bro. the Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield, who delivered the charge. Several minor matters were then taken into consideration, and the W.M. informed the brethren that he had prepared an address of congratulation to be sent from the Province to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his Silver Wedding. He also announced that arrangements had been made to hold an "At Home" at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, 9th March, to further celebrate the auspicious event, and that a dispensation would be granted to wear Masonic clothing on the occasion. After this the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where an excellent dinner was served, supplied by Bro. D. Mutton.

## PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2068.

THERE was a large and influential muster of members of the Masonic Craft at the Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth, on Monday, the 27th ult., when Bro. T. Tufnell was installed as the Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. Apologies were received from the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) and the D.P.G.M. (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre), who had signified their intention of being present, but were prevented. The Provincial Grand Lodge was represented by Bros. Mortimer Grand Junior Warden, Edgar Goble Grand Secretary, Hooper-Rastrick Grand Treasurer, Holbrook Grand Registrar, Felton Lancaster Past Grand Registrar, Downing P.G.A.D.C., Berry G.A.D.C., Hobbs Standard Bearer, Pocock, Dupree, Gilbert, Pratt P.G. Steward, Beale P.P.G.S.B., Wilkins P.P.G.S.B., Dart P.G.S., &c. There were several other Visitors and a goodly muster of members of the Lodge. The ceremony of installing the new W.M. was carried out in a highly impressive manner by Bro. J. Palmer, who gained the highest encomiums from all present for his eloquent rendering of the ritual. Brother Tufnell appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Bevis I.P.M., Miller S.W., Cecconi J.W., Adames Treasurer, Pither Secretary, Williams S.D., Fisher J.D., Pearman Organist, Palmer D.C., Woodthorpe I.G., Porter and Making Stewards, Wells Tyler. The W.M. referred in high terms of praise to the services of Bro. Palmer, and proposed that the hearty thanks of the Lodge be passed to him for his efficient conduct of the installation ceremony. This was carried with acclamation, and the W.M. then presented to Bro. G. F. Bevis a handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a recognition by the Lodge of his valuable services to the Craft and as W.M. for the past year. Bro. Bevis, who said he was taken entirely by surprise, thanked the brethren in a neat speech. A letter was read from Bro. G. F. Lancaster, Hon. Secretary of the Hamp-hire and Isle of Wight Masonic and Benevolent Institution, thanking Bro. Bevis (who acted as Steward) for his exertions in connection with the Festival of the Institution, and complimenting the Lodge on having taken the foremost place with its subscriptions. The musical service was conducted by Bro. Pearman, with marked ability. After the Lodge had been closed a *récherché* banquet was served in the hall of the Institute, at which Bro. Tufnell presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and interspersed with the excellent music of the string band of the 2nd Connaught Rangers.

## BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 446.

THE 52nd anniversary was celebrated on Monday, at the Town Hall, Wells, when there was an unusually large attendance of brethren, there being Visitors from Frome, Glastonbury, Langport, Axbridge, &c. The W.M. Bro. A. Law Wade presided, and after some preliminary business installed Bro. J. Motes Atkins P.P.G.A.D.C. W.M. for the ensuing year. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Wade I.P.M., McWilliam S.W., Wickenden J.W., Manning P.M. Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Downes Chaplain, Thrale Perkins P.M. P.G.D. Secretary, Knight S.D., Harte J.D., Drayton D.C., George I.G., Coates Organist, Tate and Taylor Stewards, Horn Tyler. After the business of the Lodge was concluded the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a splendid banquet was supplied.

## CHERWELL LODGE, No. 599.

THE anniversary festival took place at the Masonic Hall, Banbury, on the 27th ult. The chair was taken by Bro. J. S. Palmer P.M., whose thorough knowledge of Masonry, and whose great services to the Craft justly entitle him to the highest honour that it is in the power of a Provincial Grand Master to bestow. Preliminary business having been disposed of, two brethren were passed. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. R. Cooper Prov. G.D., was then presented, the ceremony of installation being performed in a masterly and impressive manner by Bro. Palmer, who was highly complimented by several distinguished brethren from London and the neighbouring Province of Warwickshire. Brother Wells P.M. presided at the harmonium. The Officers for the year were invested, as follows:—Bros. Wynne I.P.M., Wood S.W., Edmunds J.W., Rev. W. A. Marshall Chaplain, Palmer Treasurer, Hartley Secretary, Johnson S.D., Strange J.D., Humphrey Dir. of Cers., Hood Assist. Dir. of Cers., Huscroft Organist, Nathan I.G., Forrester and Wilks Stewards, Moss Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, and sat down to an excellent banquet.

## PARRETT AND AXE LODGE, No. 814.

ON Wednesday, 29th ultimo, Brother A. Hart was installed as W.M. The ceremony was performed by Brother Else D.P.G.M., in the Lodge room, Crewkerne, in the presence of a large number of brethren, including many visitors. When the ceremony had concluded, the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Pamphlett I.P.M., Bartlett S.W., Catford J.W., Tompsett Treasurer, Parry Secretary, Walter S.D., Lye J.D., Coombs D.C., Read Organist, Alford I.G., Wicks and Smith Stewards, Lacey Tyler. The Worshipful Master received several congratulatory telegrams during the day. In the evening a banquet was partaken of.

## PHENIX LODGE, No. 904.

ON Thursday, the 23rd ult., the installation of Bro. Bancroft Coward took place at the Lodge Room, Ship Hotel, Rotherham. There was a good attendance of members, and visiting brethren were present from Branstons Beach, Friendly, Wentworth, Hereford, William Preston, St. George's, Bishop Stortford, Wharfedale, and Royal Brunswick Lodges. Bro. Dickie I.P.M. was the installing Officer. After the ceremony of installation, the W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bro. Smith S.W., Oakes J.W., Wordsworth Treasurer, Buttenshaw Secretary, Gibbs S.D., France J.D., Bingham D.C., Harvey Organist, J. France I.G., Le Tall and Illston Stewards, Chester Tyler. After the meeting, the annual banquet took place, the caterer being Mr. H. Doel.

## BOOTLE LODGE, No. 1473.

THE annual meeting took place at the Assembly Rooms, Merton Road, Bootle, on Thursday, 1st instant, and was numerously attended, over thirty Past Masters and Provincial Grand Officers being present. The Lodge has been closely connected with the progress of the municipality of Bootle, many members having filled high offices in the local council and magistracy. The chair was taken by Brother Job Clarke W.M., supported by his Past Masters and Officers. The Worshipful Master elect, Brother Dr. H. Taylor S.W., was presented by Bros. Platts and Scott, and the ceremony of installation was effected by Brother John Duncan jun. for the tenth time in the Bootle Lodge; after which the following Officers were invested:—Bros. Job Clarke I.P.M., Forsyth S.W., Alexander J.W., Ibbs (father of the Lodge) re-elected Treasurer, Wyatt re-appointed Secretary, Hale S.D., James Gill J.D., Pope I.G., Rawlinson S.S., Fletcher J.S., Isaac Platts re-appointed D.C., Blake re-elected Tyler. Dinner was afterwards provided by Brother Scott, of the Wyndham Hotel, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bros. Newell, M'Arthur, and Bargery responding for the Provincial Grand Officers. Brother Ben Brierley, well-known Lancashire author of characteristic sketches, gave some of his recitations; and Bros. Cockerham, Murphy, and Hogarth gave musical selections, under the direction of Brother Forsyth. During the evening the I.P.M., Bro. Job Clarke, was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel by the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge.

## OLICANA LODGE, No. 1522.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms at Ilkley, on Tuesday, 28th ult. The brethren assembled at 6 p.m. Bro. Lupton P.M. P.P.G.D. presented Bro. Kaye, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The following are the Officers for the year:—Bros. Balfour S.W., Bates J.W., Critchley Treasurer, Evers Secretary, Brotherton S.D., Bennett J.D., Wedgewood I.G., Sykes Tyler. Bro. Gaunt P.M. P.P.G.W. was unanimously re-elected as Charity Steward. The winter festival of St. John was afterwards celebrated by the brethren.

## SOUTHDOWN LODGE, No. 1797.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, at the New Inn, Hurstpierpoint. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. G. L. Hawken Prov. G. Steward. The chief business of the afternoon was the installation of the W.M. Bro. G. Rawlinson. The ceremony was performed by Bro. G. L. Hawken, while the charges to the W.M., the Wardens, and the Brethren were delivered by Bros. H. Beaumont, H. Kent, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D., respectively. The W.M. then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. Hawken I.P.M., Fitch P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks Treasurer, Hollands S.W., Pearce J.W., Masters Secretary, Abell S.D., Buckwell J.D., Wickham D.C., Clarke I.G., Broad Steward, and Parsons Tyler. Bros. Golding, Bailey, and Robinson were elected on the General Purposes Committee, and Bro. Hawken Charity Steward. Brother Hawken was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel, in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the year. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served up in admirable style by Bro. Sayers, of Western Road, Brighton.

## ROYAL LEEK LODGE, No. 1849.

THE annual installation took place on the 1st inst., at Bangor. Bro. Rev. Hugh Thomas, Rector of Llanellian, Anglesey, was installed W.M., the Installing Officer being Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith, Holyhead P.M. 597 P.P.G.S.D. The W.M. appointed as his Officers: Bros. Pryce I.P.M., Platt S.W., Dr. Greig Hughes J.W., R. Munro Hughes S.D., Laurie J.D., Kyffin P.P.G. Chap. Treasurer, Pritchard P.M. St. Tudno Secretary, Owen, Llandudno, Chaplain, Stubbington Tyler. The Rev. Daniel Morgan, Vicar of Bodewryd, Anglesey, was duly initiated. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren. The banquet was served at the Masonic Hall. Messrs. Brown and Pugbe, of the British Hotel, were the caterers. The musical arrangements were under the Direction of Bro. E. W. Thomas P.G.Org., Organist of St. Ann's, Bangor.

## ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 2136.

THE installation meeting took place at the Chequers Hotel, Bishop Stortford, on Tuesday, 6th inst., when Brother W. R. Willcocks, the oldest members of the Craft in East Anglia, formerly of Colchester, was inducted into the office of Worshipful Master. The following brethren were elected as Officers:—Smith I.P.M., Scarr S.W., Brazier J.W., Mardon Treasurer, Rattray Secretary, Collis S.D., Adams J.D., Taylor D.C., Marcus Organist, Waylett I.G., Miller Steward, Bowie Tyler. About thirty sat down to a very choice repast, served by Host and Hostess Kindred. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

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## ISRAEL CHAPTER, No. 205.

THE installation meeting was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E. installed the Principals into their respective chairs:—Companions Da Silva M.E.Z., Phillips H., and Gartley J. The Officers appointed were Comps. Hogard P.Z. Scribe E., Norden Scribe N., Rev. M. Haines P.S., Ehrenfeldt and Lichtenfeld Assist. Sojs., Cohen Treas. Comp. Maurice Bash was exalted. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Col. Clerke for the honour conferred on the Chapter by his performance of the ceremonies. A handsome gold jewel, of chaste design and set with diamonds, was presented to the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. Henochsberg. Five guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

## NORMAN CHAPTER, No. 1334.

A CONVOCATION was held on the 28th ult, in the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, for the purpose of installing the three Principals for the ensuing year. In the absence of Comp. W. H. Turner, Comp. Hillier assumed the first chair. Comp. Whitehead was installed in the second chair by Comp. William Coxon. Comp. Dr. L. Booth was installed in the third chair by Companion R. Hudson. Amongst the brethren present were Comps. R. Hudson P.G.St.B. England, Turbull P.P.G.J., Coxon P.P.G.J., Gray P.Z. P.P.G.A.S., John Mitchinson P.P.G.H., Fenny P.P.G.S.B., Halfnight, &c. The following were appointed:—Comps. Chambers S.N., Shaw S.E., Willan Treasurer, Rutherford P.S., Hauxwell 1st A.S., Farthing 2nd A.S., Grant Janitor. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Banqueting Hall.

On Monday, 27th ult., a Royal Arch Chapter was consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Faversham, the ceremony being performed by Earl Amherst Provincial Grand Superintendent for Kent, assisted by Comps. Rev. Thomas Robinson P.G.A.S. England, Rev. T. S. Curteis P.G.J., Horatio Ward P.P.G.H. Wilts, T. S. Warne P.P.S.E. and Henry Penfold P.G.S.N. The following were installed as 1st Principals:—M.E. Comp. F. F. Giraud as M.E.Z., M.E. Comp. J. M. Godfinch as H., and M.E. Comp. F. W. Underdown as J. The Officers of the new Chapter were duly invested, as follows:—Comps. C. Eltham S.E., Philip Phelps S.N., F. A. Gange P.S., W. Barnett and Rev. H. M. Vaughan Assistant Sojourners, J. W. Ward Dir. of Cers. Visitors attended from Chapters at Rochester, Chatham, Canterbury, Sheerness, Ramsgate, Folkestone, Deal and Sittingbourne, in all about fifty. After the business a banquet took place at the Dolphin Hotel, Comp. Giraud presiding.



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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.

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- 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., Gloster Hotel, West Cowes.
- F. NEWMAN P.M. 175, 551, 698, 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. 554, 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 Gowlett Road, Peckham Rye.
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## BRO. ASHER BARFIELD

DESIRES to express thanks to the many friends who attended the QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE, on Wednesday, and recorded their votes, on his behalf, for the Office of Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England.

26 Clarges Street, Mayfair, W.

8th March 1888.

In the Press.

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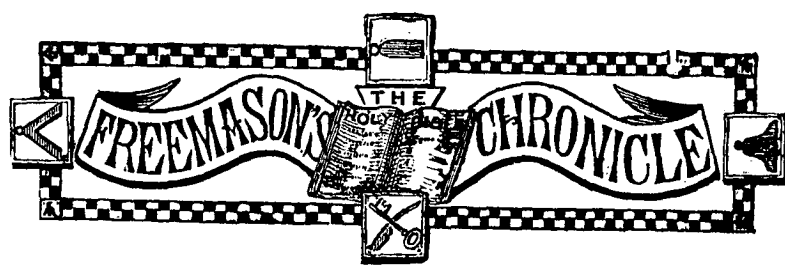
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## THE LATE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

THE deceased Emperor, who for many years occupied the position of Protector of German Freemasonry, died yesterday morning at half past eight o'clock. For some days past the gravest fears had been entertained in regard to the condition of His Majesty, and news of his death was hourly expected. A report reached London on Thursday afternoon that he had passed away, but this was contradicted later in the evening; only to be followed, the next day, with authoritative news of his demise. The career of the late Emperor will doubtless be sketched by more able pens than ours, it is only necessary for us here to express a word of sincere sympathy with our Brother Masons in Germany at the loss they have sustained by the death of one who had for so long occupied the most prominent position it was in their power to confer, both in the Masonic Order, and in Imperial affairs.

## ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

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## CONSECRATION OF THE F. R. SEWELL LODGE, No. 213.

THIS event was celebrated at the Freemasons' Hall, College Street, Whitehaven, on Friday, the 27th ult. The three Officers designate were Bros. Colonel F. R. Sewell D.P.G.M.M. first N., P. de E. Collin P.M. 151 P.G.D. England first J., J. Ryrrie P.M. 213 P.S.G.W. first S. This being the first time in the History of Freemasonry that this degree has ever been held in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, there were twenty-four candidates on the agenda to ballot for, and twenty-one being in attendance, they were elevated to the degree. The consecrating Officer deputed by the M.W.G.M. to perform the ceremony was Bro. J. Murray P.C.N. P.G.St.B. England. Bro. F. R. Sewell was installed as first C.N., and invested the following as his Officers, viz., Bros. P. de E. Collin J., Geo. Ryrrie S., Nicholas Treasurer. Rev. J. Anderson Chaplain, Dalrymple



Scribe, Atkinson S.D., Gardiner J.D., Carlyle D.C., Cook Organist, Brackenridge G., Harper and Tyson Stewards, and Casson W. The customary oration was delivered by the Grand Chaplain. Brother Murray, on the unanimous vote of the Lodge, was elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and we may add the name of the new Lodge, F. R. Sewell, is that of our highly esteemed Brother Colonel Sewell D.P.G.M.M. of the Province. On the completion of the business Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Black Lion Hotel, where a banquet was served, which even surpassed Bro. Roll's former efforts to please. The usual loyal toast list was gone through and a very agreeable evening was spent.

### SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON'S SILVER WEDDING.

ON the afternoon of the 27th ult. the Freemasons of the Province of Durham presented to Sir Hedworth Williamson, their Grand Master, a massive silver punch bowl. The gathering took place in the Masonic Hall, Durham, where there was a very large gathering of brethren of the Craft from every part of the Province. Sir Hedworth was well supported. The bowl, which occupied a conspicuous position on a table at the head of the room, is designed from the celebrated beautiful marble basin of a fountain still in existence at the Villa Albani in Rome. The subject represents the apotheosis of Hercules. The original is esteemed one of the finest productions of the kind, and is of Greek workmanship. The bowl bears the following inscription:—

"Presented to Sir Hedworth and the Lady Elizabeth Williamson, on the celebration of their silver wedding, by the Freemasons of the Province of Durham, 3rd of February 1888."

Accompanying the bowl was a handsomely illuminated address, gorgeously bound in rustic-coloured plush, with orange blossoms, and a pair of love birds worked upon the side. The address ran as follows:—

To Sir Hedworth Williamson, Baronet, R.W.P.G.M. of the Province of Durham.

Right Worshipful Sir,—On behalf of the Freemasons of the Province of Durham, whom you so ably rule, we are deputed to approach you, on this occasion of the celebration of your silver wedding, in order to express our hearty congratulations and our sincere trust that the great Architect of the Universe may accord to you and the Lady Elizabeth many years of domestic happiness, surrounded by loving children and true friends. We also earnestly hope that you may have health and strength to discharge for many years to come those high Masonic duties which you now perform with conspicuous efficiency and genial tact, to the advancement and credit of Freemasonry.

As a memorial of the happy celebration, and as a token of esteem, we ask your acceptance of a silver vase from the Freemasons of the Province of Durham.

On behalf of the brethren,

H. B. Tristram W.D.P.G. of Durham Chairman.  
R. Hudson P. G. St. B. Secretary, and also Prov.  
G. Secretary.

Dated 3rd February 1888.

Canon Tristram, on rising to make the presentation, was received with hearty cheers. They as Freemasons, he said, must take an interest in the domestic happiness and welfare of him who ruled over them. Sir Hedworth was connected with Freemasonry in general and with the Freemasonry of that Province in many ways. He was not the first of the name who had held the highest position which a Freemason could hold in that Province. They had not forgotten how for many years Sir Hedworth had served with distinction in that high office for which he had, with an impartiality he (the speaker) could not defend, selected himself (Canon Tristram) to succeed him. He had filled office for many years under him who was the first Freemason of the Kingdom, he meant the senior P.G.M. of England, their late Worshipful Brother John Fawcett. He had had yet further experience in serving under their late Reverend Master, the Marquis of Londonderry, who filled that chair with such dignity and grace and urbanity. Right worthily had he been selected by his Royal Highness the Grand Master of England to occupy in succession to that noble brother the chair which by his death was left vacant. They welcomed him then, and still welcomed him when he came amongst them. They recognised, too, how often he had sacrificed his personal convenience in his devotion to his Masonic duties. After so many years of service in Masonry, years which extended beyond the quarter of a century of his married life, it was a happy thought which suggested that they ought not to allow the occasion of his silver wedding to pass over without recognition. They did it with pleasures of anticipation, as well as with pleasures of memory, because they anticipated, looking at his robust and vigorous frame, that their sons in Masonry hereafter, twenty-five years hence, might be called upon to make another presentation. Let him, in conclusion, draw his attention to that small testimony of the regard and esteem in which he was held by the brethren. That Albani vase was an exact model of one of the most celebrated *chefs d'œuvre*s which, he believed, was still to be seen in the Albani Province at Rome, or in Paris, or Dresden. They trusted that it might remain an ornament and a heirloom in the house of Williamson. The presentation was then formally made, amid great applause, the Rev. Canon being enthusiastically applauded as he christened the bowl and pledged the health of Sir Hedworth. Sir Hedworth Williamson, or rising to reply, was received with hearty cheering. He said he must ask his hearers to discount the high eulogiums Canon Tristram

had poured upon him, by 90 per cent. If half, or even a quarter of what had been said was true, it must be quite clear to himself that, during his reign over that important Province, he must have arrived as near perfection as possible. He had tried to do his best. He was sure he would not have succeeded so well as he had done if it had not been for the great and zealous support he had received from all his Officers in Grand Lodge during the years in which he had had the proud happiness to appoint them. Not alone to the office of the Masters and Wardens of the various Lodges in his Province, for their excellent work, he must ascribe the success of which Canon Tristram had been kind enough to speak. It was quite true that this was the anniversary of his silver wedding. He could only say that he hoped every member present who had been married 25 years could look back upon those 25 years as he could. The speaker continuing said, he was afraid he was more or less of a bigamist, because long before he married his good wife he was wedded to Freemasonry. If he was spared a few more years, they might have to congratulate him upon, not his silver wedding to Masonry, but his golden wedding. Should he ever celebrate his golden wedding to Masonry, he would not expect another testimonial, for the one he had received was quite as much as any one man could expect, and much more than he deserved. He did not care where the original of the vase was situated, so long as he had that most beautiful copy. He looked upon it not only as a gift from the Freemasons of this county, but he hoped it might be considered as a personal gift from many private friends. It was impossible for him to know every Mason in his Province, as it was impossible for every Mason to know him, but nothing should be wanting on his part to try and extend his personal acquaintance amongst the Masons of the Province during the time he was in power. He should take pains that the vase should become an heirloom in his family. Sir Hedworth then invited those present to partake of refreshments, and this having been done, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Canon Tristram, moved by Ald. Blackett, and seconded by Mr. T. Bell of Durham.—*Newcastle Chronicle*.

### WEST LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THE annual report of this West Lancashire Masonic Charity, recently published, is of a highly satisfactory nature, showing that the "pet charity" of the province is doing a work worthy of the highest commendation, and most cordial approval. The hon. secretaries (Bros. G. Broadbridge and R. Martin, whose zeal and self-sacrificing labours command universal admiration) say:—

Your Committee, in presenting their report, have again the gratification of announcing another year of continued prosperity and usefulness, with a still increasing interest and regard by the brethren of the Province for this favourite Charity. The income from donations and subscriptions for the year 1887 amounted to £1514 19s 2d; included in this amount is £125 19s 2d paid since the Treasurer's accounts were made up. The annual festival and ball produced £265 11s 4d. The interest on invested capital and cash in banker's hands yielded £750 11s 8d. A sum of £41 8s 6d was received for returned income tax, and £60 was received from the Court of Chancery on account of one of the boys on the combined fund towards his maintenance, making the total income from all sources £2632 10s 8d, being the largest sum received in any one year in the history of the Institution, the increase in donations and subscriptions over the previous year being £463 3s 7d. This large increase is to be attributed to the special efforts made in several Lodges to celebrate the jubilee year of the Patroness of our Order, and for which we express our grateful thanks. You will note with pleasure in the lists a reduced number of Lodges with the words "No return" against the names. Still the number is more than it should be, and we should like the unspeakable pleasure of announcing in the next report that every Lodge had sent a list, however small. During the year 183 children received the benefits of the Educational Fund, at an outlay of £1138 0s 4d. Twenty children were on the combined fund, the fund which provides for the children's maintenance, in addition to clothing and education; the outlay under this head, reckoning the annual value of the presentations to public schools was £616 8s 3d, and a sum of £42 10s was paid for the advancement in life of eight children. The Treasurer's statement shows £1635 8s 7d paid on behalf of the children on the foundation, but to this must be added £161 10s, the proportionate annual value of presentations, making the total outlay for 1887 £1791 18s 7d, being the largest sum yet expended in any one year. Expense of administration, including the cost of printing and distributing the reports, and the purchase of a fireproof deed box, was only £77 9s 8d; this, we think you will agree, is a pleasing feature in the accounts. During the year five rights of presentation to public institutions were purchased, at a cost of £1575, and an agreement has been entered into for another on payment of £350. These rights of presentation secure to the Committee the privilege for twenty-one years of having a child who is on the combined fund in the respective schools, where they are entirely educated, clothed, and maintained. By this arrangement the cost per child under three of the presentations is £25 per annum, and as to other two only £18 15s. This economic plan enabled your Committee during the year to declare several vacancies on the combined fund, which but for this scheme they otherwise could not have done, the amount set apart for the purposes of this particular fund being limited to a fixed sum per annum. Fifty-six children were elected on the foundation during the year, being all applicants duly qualified; seven of them being placed on the combined fund. Twenty-six children

ceased to be on the foundation. In the majority of cases letters of thanks had been received from the children or friends, acknowledging the favour conferred upon them by the Institution. At the close of the year two hundred and three children remained on the foundation, and during the ensuing year 27 children will have attained the age when they cease to be entitled to the benefits of the Institution; but at the March Court of Governors, nineteen children will come up for election on the educational fund and one for the combined, so that we may conclude the expenditure for the year 1888 will equal, if not exceed, the large expenditure of the past year. We have had to record during the past year the loss by death of one of our Vice-Presidents, and a larger number than usual of Life Governors; among the latter was our esteemed Bro. Dr. S. J. M'George, who for so many years acted as one of the honorary medical officers. To the donors and subscribers who have so nobly supported the institution during the past year, and to those brethren particularly who have, by their efforts as Charity Stewards in their respective Lodges, contributed in no small degree in obtaining the splendid results disclosed in the printed lists, our warmest thanks are tendered, and we ask on behalf of the helpless little ones, deprived of the fostering hand of paternal tenderness, a continuance of these efforts and of that fraternal feeling in favour of this Institution. Doing this, we may delight ourselves with the reflection of a venerable patriarch—"When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, then it gave witness to me; because I delivered the poor that cried and the fatherless and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy."

From the statement of the hon. treasurer (Bro. J. T. Callow), it appears that the total value of the invested funds of the Institution, on 31st December last, was £20,344 13s 8d, including five rights of presentation to certain public Schools for 21 years.

#### THE LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of this prosperous Institution has just been held at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds. Brother Richard Wilson was elected President, Bros. Dr. Smyth and C. L. Mason Vice Presidents, and the following Committee:—Bros. McGill 1311, Dyson 306, Hollingsworth 1311, Thompson 1042, Kingston 1221, Asquith 1311, Trevor 2069, Tomlinson 304, Brownfoot 304, Banks 1042, Warren 1211, Winn 1211, Dobson 289, Jaques 1211, Stansfield 1211; Bros. Cowbrough Treasurer, Lowrey Secretary.

The Hon. Sec. (Bro. Chas. Lowrey) submitted the eleventh annual Report of the Committee, as follows:—

Brethren,—Your Committee, in presenting their eleventh annual Report of the working of this Institution, have again to congratulate the Patrons, Governors, Subscribers, and Friends on its continued success. During the year last past the capital account has been increased by the creation of two Perpetual Governorships of £10 10s each, in the persons of the Senior and Junior Deacons of the Zetland Lodge, and the further sum of £2 4s 7d, on account of a further Perpetual Governorship, in the name of the Inner Guard, the whole being the result of an entertainment, in which Bro. Sir Geo. W. Morrison and other members of the Zetland Lodge took a prominent part; also by the sum of £18 4s 4d, being the amount of the offertory after a sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock; two Life Governorships of £5 5s each, in the persons of Bro. Sidney Galvayne, of the Fidelity Lodge, and Bro. Thomas Sutton, of the Excelsior Lodge; £2 2s, being the completion of the purchase of a Life Governorship, by Bro. Wm. Furze, of the Goderich Lodge, under Rule 14; £2 2s from Jno. Grimsbaw; and £1 1s each from Bros. Yates, Rickard, Hattersley, Pocklington, and Suddick, all of the Philanthropic Lodge, being payments on account of Life Governorships, under Rule 14; and £2 2s from the Charity Box of the Fidelity Lodge—and now amounts to £1,560 1s 1d.

This fund is invested as follows, viz.:—in the purchase of £1,000 Leeds Corporation 4 per cent. Stock, at a cost of £1,036 11s 8d, and in the purchase of £450 3½ per cent. Leeds Corporation Stock, £454 18s 11d, and the balance in the Leeds and County Bank.

The Revenue account for the year is as follows, viz.: Balance brought over from last year, £38 15s 4d; Interest from the Leeds Corporation, £54 2s 6d; Bank Interest, £1 14s; and Subscriptions, £54 13s; making together the sum of £149 4s 10d. The payments for education have amounted to £51 6s 7d, and for incidental expenses to £11 10s 11d, together £62 17s 6d, leaving to carry forward the sum of £86 7s 4d.

There are now on the books of the Institution, six boys and three girls. This report was unanimously adopted.

#### PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

WE have recently given at intervals statistics showing contributions during the septennial period of 1881-7 of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School, and we are now able to add the contributions in respect of the third great Charity, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The figures are: 1881, £299 5s; 1882, £196 17s 6d; 1883, £375 5s 6d; 1884, £512 1s; 1885, £234 5s; 1886, £507 5s 6d; and 1887, £21 only; the total being £2,145 19s 6d, or an annual average of £306 11s 4d. The year's cost of maintenance, &c. of boys of the Province was £282 6s 3½d; the average annual excess of contributions over cost thus being £24 5s 0½d. The neighbouring Province of Dorset contributed during the same period £463 1s, or an

annual average of £66 3s; the cost being £120 19s 10 0½d, and the yearly deficiency £54 16s 10½d. Sussex contributed £2140 8s during the seven years, or an annual average of £305 16s 10d; the cost being £201 13s 1½d, and the annual excess £104 3s 8½d. London contributed £41,639 14s 5d during the seven years, and the annual excess was above £3,044.—*Hampshire Independent*.

#### PERCY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 198.

FROM an interesting Report of the year's proceedings at this Lodge of Instruction, we glean the following particulars:—Method of Working—The First Ceremony and Sections first Saturday in the month; Second Ceremony and Sections, second Saturday; and Third Ceremony and Sections, third Saturday. The fourth and fifth Saturdays, when they occur, at the discretion of the W.M. elected for the evening, thus giving a diversity of work. According to good authority, this Lodge is the oldest in existence. Minute books bearing the date of 1791 are in the possession of Bro. G. Lambert P.G.S.B., who has been five times W.M. of the Mother Lodge, while the venerable P.M. who initiated him over forty years ago is still a member. Many distinguished brethren have been associated with it, amongst them we may mention Bros. Stephen Barton Wilson, Peter Gilkes, and P. Cama Past Grand Treasurer. During the past year meetings have been held on forty-two occasions, the initiation ceremony has been rehearsed sixteen times, passing thirteen times, raising ten times, and installation once, together with 182 Sections. Forty-six new members, making a total of 650 brethren, have joined the Lodge of Instruction since its resuscitation twelve years ago.

The number of attendances has been 1078, making an average of 25½, or three more than last year. The receipts have been £13 0s 6d, against £12 19s 3d last year, an average of £11 7s 10d during the twelve years; a donation of £5 5s 0d has been given to the Boys' School, making a total of 69 7s 0d to the three Institutions.

The Secretary (Bro. R. W. Galer), with the assistance of a Committee, inaugurated, in November 1884, a "Masonic Association," the object of which is to get a number of brethren to contribute 1s per week (payable monthly) for four years, making in that time £10 10s, and as soon as sufficient funds are in the hands of the Treasurer to ballot for a Life Governorship in one of the Institutions. This Association has now completed its labours, and has been so far successful that sixty brethren have been enabled to qualify themselves as Life Governors of one or other of the Masonic Institutions, the total amount of accumulated funds being £670 15s 1d.

Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 is the Preceptor, and Bro. R. W. Galer P.M. 1366 is the Secretary.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their regular meeting on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the chairmanship of Bro. W. Roebuck P.G.S.B. There was a large attendance of brethren, the business to be brought under consideration being of an exceptional character. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, those of the House Committee were read for information. A grant was made towards providing an outfit for an ex-pupil, and another application of a similar character was considered, but for the present was deferred. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., a member of the House Committee, then addressed a few words to the brethren on the nature of the business on the agenda paper, particularly in reference to questions concerning the action of the House Committee in regard to one of the pupils. He felt it would be best to let bygones be bygones, both for the lad's sake, as for that of the Institution, the welfare of which they all had at heart. Bro. Andrew Motion then announced it was his intention to withdraw all but the second motion on the notice paper standing in his name, and he accordingly moved, "That an immediate inquiry be held by the Life Governors of this Institution, respecting the wrong done to William Gideon Motion." In doing so, he said his brother William was not guilty of the offences alleged against him, and that what the lad had done did not justify the punishment dealt out to him. He therefore urged the Committee to grant the inquiry prayed for. The proposition was ultimately rejected, by a large majority, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

On Thursday next, the 15th inst., Bro. Fred. Binckes, Past Grand Steward, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will rehearse, at the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Ealing Dean Public Hall, adjoining Castle Hill Station, the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation. Bro. Binckes will be assisted by Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, who will deliver the Oration; Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, &c., who will act as Director of Ceremonies; Bro. George Gabb, and others. Musical arrangements conducted by Bro. W. C. Hall W.M. 382. The proceedings will commence at Seven o'clock precisely.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

**Princess's.**—Mr. Arthur Law's dramatic version of Mr. Fergus Hume's "Mystery of a Hansom Cab," which was recently produced here, is not likely to become so popular as the book. The reason for our saying this is obvious. Carelessly constructed, and badly written, the best features of the book are absorbed in the first act, by which means the interest that should be aroused in the search for the murderer of Oliver Whyte is entirely lost. Of course the dramatic author is placed at great disadvantage. Except by careful writing he is obliged to show who commits the murder, while in a book it is different. So it is with the piece under notice. Mr. Law shows clearly who is the murderer, and thus he has to rely wholly on the complications that arise through suspicion falling on the wrong man, and thus to excite the interest of his audience. When we say that the plot of the drama is simply a repetition of the book—some of the dialogue being word for word with the original—with the murder in the hansom cab, the subsequent arrest of Brian Fitzgerald, and the attempt on the part of Moreland to levy blackmail from Mark Frettlby, it will easily be seen that Mr. Law has followed closely on the lines of the book. The only point of difference is the ending. Moreland, after a struggle, shoots himself, but Mark Frettlby seems to revive, leaving us to hope he will repent of his earlier sins. The piece does not give scope for brilliant acting, but Mr. J. H. Barnes is earnest as Fitzgerald. Mr. James Fernandez has very few opportunities as Mark Frettlby, except in the sleep walking scene, and of this he makes the most. Messrs. Harry Parker and Frank Wright are amusing as the detectives, while Mr. W. L. Abingdon is good as Moreland. Mr. Bassett Roe, in the small part of Whyte, scored well, while Mr. Forbes Dawson and Miss Cicely Richards were exceedingly funny as aristocratic "spongers." Miss Eva Sothorn was most winning as Madge Frettlby; Miss Grace Hawthorne did fairly well as Sal Rawlins, while Mrs. Frank Huntley was terribly in earnest as old Mother Guttersnipe. Miss Cooper-Parr, as Rosanna Moore, was effective, and the Mrs. Sampson of Miss Dolores Drummond was an amusing and laughable impersonation. We hear, notwithstanding its faults, that the piece is being played to good houses, and is likely to keep the bill for some time to come.

The one hundredth performance of "The Woman Hater" duly took place at Terry's Theatre last Tuesday, when a house full to overflowing greeted the merry doings of Mr. Edward Terry and his admirable company. Notwithstanding the undoubted success of the piece it must be withdrawn shortly, to make room for Mr. Pinero's new work. This is announced for the 21st instant.

The redecoration at the Alhambra are progressing apace, and already the house is beginning to look brighter. The work does not inconvenience the visitors, and the capital programme that is now set down for nightly discussion is heartily enjoyed. The incomparable Paul Cinquevalli is back again, and is exhibiting his wonderful balancing powers to an astonished and appreciative audience.

## MARK MASONRY

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## FIVE ARCHES LODGE, No. 256.

ON St. David's Day the annual meeting was held, in the Lodge Room, South Parade, Tenby, for the installation of Bro. Jenkins P.P.G.S.B. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Gilbertson. After the ceremony the newly-installed Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Allen S.W., Reenfig J.W., Gordon M.O., Wade S.O., Bancroft J.O., Lewis S.D., Rowland J.D., Hughes D.C., Smith I.G., Jenkins Steward, Pratt Tyler. At six o'clock the brethren sat down to a capital banquet prepared by Bro. Hughes, at the Cobourg Hotel.

Application has been made for a petition for a new Lodge, to be called the Chough, in connection with the successful musical society of that name, the founders being all members of the Committee.

The *Evening Post*, writing in reference to the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution says, that whatever the uninitiated may think or say about Freemasonry, the Craft cannot be accused of not looking after their own.

Respecting the "Universality of Masonry," a writer in the *Masonic Review* states:—"Four years ago I was at a Masonic Lodge in Calcutta, when the third degree was given to three Fellow Crafts, who knelt before the same altar. One was a Christian, who took obligation on the Bible; one was a Mohammedan, who took it on the Koran; the other a Hindu, who took it on the Shastras. It was administered by an English Lord, a Judge of the Supreme Court. Such is the universality of Masonry."

The *Western Daily Mercury* issues the following caution:—A foreigner, professing to hail from an Egyptian Lodge, is paying a visit to some of the Lodges in Devonshire and craving assistance. As he does not always tell the same story, brethren would be well advised in exercising some caution in dealing with him, as there is reason to believe that his case is not one for relief, without due inquiry and confirmation.

## REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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*Provincial Calendars, Directories, and Year Books:* Cambridgeshire, Middlesex, Leicestershire and Rutland.

THE widely-extended custom among the Provinces of issuing a Masonic Calendar year by year renders the review of any particular one, in a great measure, applicable to the whole. Thus on the present occasion we have before us three distinct works, all of which are compiled on somewhat similar lines, and for each we are pleased to utter a few words of commendation. The one for Cambridgeshire has a novelty, in the form of a review of the past year, both in regard to the work of the Craft generally, as well as the Province and Private Lodges of Cambridgeshire in particular. This is a feature we compliment the Editor upon, and we recommend his "Editorial" to the notice of other compilers. The Middlesex book is edited by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, under the authority of the Provincial Grand Master, and among its attractions may be mentioned a portrait and brief sketch of the Provincial Deputy, Brother Raymond H. Thrupp P.A.G.D.C. A similar honour is conferred on Brother S. S. Partridge, also a P.A.G.D.C. and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the Leicestershire and Rutland Calendar, which now appears for the sixteenth year. It is compiled by Bro. B. A. Smith, and in many ways is a pattern worthy of imitation. It contains a mass of information which other works of a similar character do not give, for the reason that the Province is rich in Committees, and other organizations which are lacking in other districts, notable in this respect being the Charity Committee of Provincial Grand Lodge, the Union Lodge of Instruction, the Committee of the Leicester Freemasons' Hall, the Library Committee, the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association, &c. The Calendar also gives a roll of Lodges, &c., in adjoining Provinces, and some pages of Masonic Notes, &c., by the Provincial Grand Secretary. Interesting particulars in regard to the local support of the Charities follow, and the work concludes with a record of Masonic "events of the past year." As we have on more than one previous occasion pointed out, these Provincial Calendars will become of great importance when the history of the present day in Freemasonry has to be written, as they contain many items of local interest which are not to be met with anywhere else.

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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, 10th MARCH.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)  
 188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)  
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)  
 2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8  
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
 2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey  
 R.A. 1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

## MONDAY, 12th MARCH.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)  
 50—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.  
 222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield  
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate  
 1426—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)  
 1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)  
 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 2030—The Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster  
 R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.  
 R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth  
 88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge  
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport  
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)  
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham  
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby  
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth  
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)  
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth  
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall  
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham  
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness  
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea  
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants  
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds  
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York  
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea  
 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick  
 1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset  
 R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington  
 R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 129 Mill Street, Kildarminster  
 R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool  
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.  
 M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham

K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester  
 K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 13th MARCH.

- 46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street  
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City  
 235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 763—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)  
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel  
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)  
 1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30  
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.C. 71—Bavard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield  
 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton  
 626—Lansdowne o' Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich  
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wokingbury  
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup  
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster  
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport  
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge  
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey  
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex  
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc  
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon  
 1638—Browarigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge  
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool  
 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Heme Bay, Kent  
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth  
 R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
 R.A. 265—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley  
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds  
 R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge  
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
 R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford  
 R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton  
 R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter  
 M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 30—United Mariners', The Lagard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth  
 147—Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Banlets Road, E.  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruct.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct.)  
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruct.)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In.)

- 1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea  
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 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)  
 1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.  
 R.A. 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham  
 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale  
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire  
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
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 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith  
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford  
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth  
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
 1094—Temple, Mascnic Hall, Liverpool  
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford  
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes  
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
 R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle  
 R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple  
 R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool  
 R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford  
 R.A. 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent  
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

## THURSDAY, 15th MARCH.

- 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.  
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 195—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1558—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, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)  
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)  
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1728—Temple Ear, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1983—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill  
 R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road  
 R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)  
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashi e  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
 623—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 606—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead

- 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1672—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton  
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton  
 2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket  
 R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester  
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden  
 R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington  
 M.M.—Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
 M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
 K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

## FRIDAY, 16th MARCH.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6  
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)  
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.  
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)  
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1228—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 Horas, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)  
 K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury  
 R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich  
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax  
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford  
 R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 17th MARCH.

- 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)  
 1289—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  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.  
 1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines  
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent  
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

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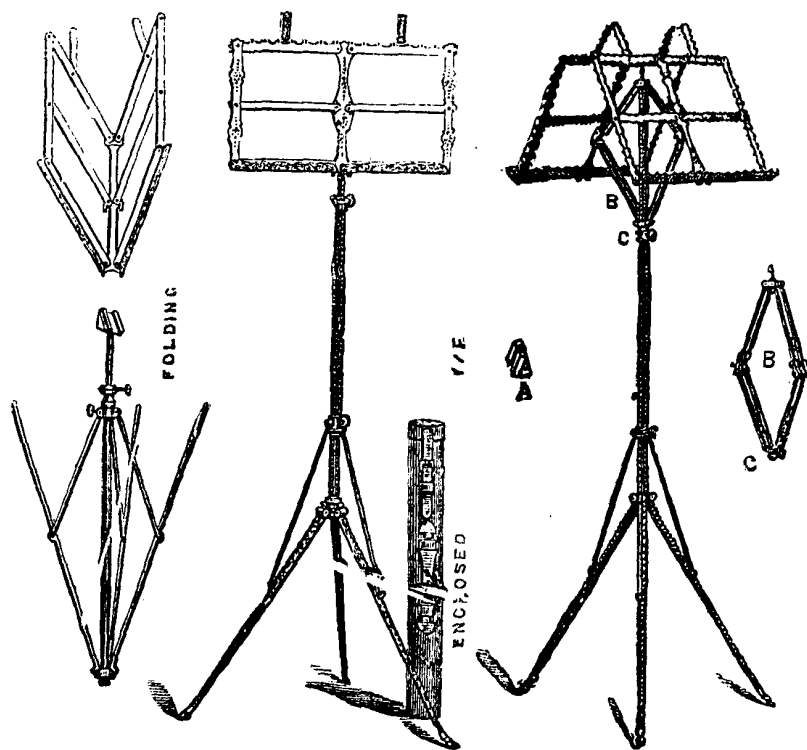
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