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A WEEKLY RECORD OF MASONIC INTELLIGENCE.

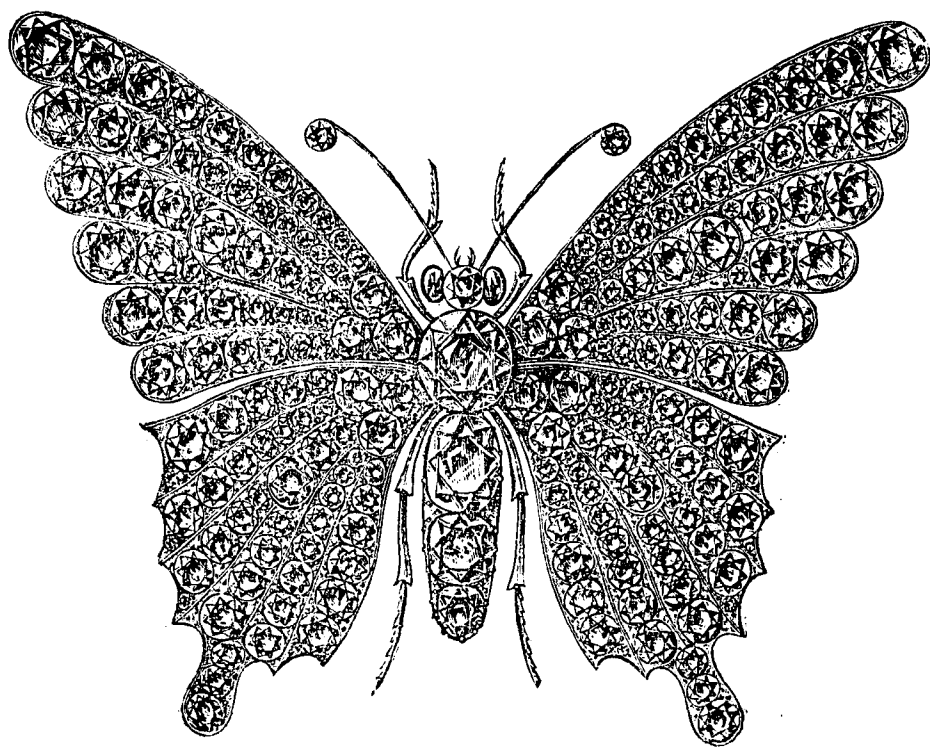
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THE SILVER WEDDING.

FOR a Society "which works in darkness, which is full of all guile, and extremely dangerous to the State," it is really surprising how intimately Freemasonry associates itself with the greatest events of the day, not only in this country, but abroad. Perhaps the Pope, whose description of Freemasonry we have quoted above, would tell us that the fact of Masonry associating itself with the events of the day only goes further towards proving the villainy which underlies the actions of the Craft, but in answer we might say that the association of Freemasonry with popular doings is reciprocal; moreover, we hardly know which is the strongest, the association of Freemasonry with current events, or the association of current events with Freemasonry.

Last week it was our painful duty to chronicle the death of one of the greatest men who ever lived; an Emperor, who for many years ruled over the destinies of the Prussian race, and to whose energy, ability and perseverance the German Empire of to-day owes its origin and grandeur—we mourned for him as a Brother Mason. In the same issue we recorded Masonry's action in regard to another high dignitary of the world, the then Crown Prince, now raised to the throne of Germany, in consequence of the death of his father. Kaiser Frederick also is a member of the Craft. In neither case can it be said that Freemasonry forced itself upon these rulers, they came of their free will and accord to seek a participation in our mysteries, and the same may be said of those we to-day have pleasure in honouring: His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, whose Silver Wedding day has been one of the events of the week; and His Royal Highness Prince Oscar of Sweden and Norway, whose marriage was solemnised at Bournemouth, on Thursday. Both these worthy Freemasons hold

highest rank in their respective countries, and it is our special province, as fellow members of the Craft, to congratulate them.

The Freemasons of England, as our readers are aware, voted from the funds of Grand Lodge a sum of £500 for a present to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, on the celebration of her Silver Wedding day, and, as announced in our last issue, this sum was expended in the purchase of a diamond ornament, in accordance with the wishes of Her Royal Highness. We now have the pleasure of presenting to the Craft a drawing of this ornament, which it will be seen took the form of a butterfly. It is composed of the finest Brazilian diamonds, and contains in all two hundred and seventeen stones. The three largest are set in the body of the insect, while twenty-nine other large diamonds are ranged on the outside edges of the wings, the remainder being distributed as shown in the drawing. The wings are secured to the body by gold springs, while the eyes, which are the only pieces of colour used, are formed of magnificent rubies. The ornament has given the greatest satisfaction, both to the Committee who were entrusted with its selection, and every one else who has seen it.

Masonry's expressions of good feeling did not, however, stop at the presentation of this ornament, that was the material form in which Grand Lodge signified its pleasure. It remained for Masons throughout the length and breadth of the land to give utterance to their good wishes in such form as was best suited to their own views, and in many cases these took the shape of votes of congratulation, followed by telegrams, wherever possible, addressed to the Grand Master, so as to reach him during the celebration of the day's festivities. In other parts of this issue are recorded what was done at Masonic gatherings in several parts of the country, but we

feel sure the record we are able to give is far short of what might have been compiled. It may truly be said that rejoicing was general amongst Freemasons, and their good wishes were of the most sincere character.

We also publish a copy of the address which the Bournemouth Masons presented to His Royal Highness Prince Oscar of Sweden and Norway, on his marriage; in this case also fraternal sentiments have been extended from other centres, while it may fairly be said that the Craft at large gives the young couple its most hearty greeting, and entertains a hope that their future life may be of the brightest and happiest.

Such are the doings of English Freemasons in connection with events which have occurred within a few days of each other. Is it possible to believe that expressions like these emanate from men who conspire against good order, the laws of their country, and the rulers of the world? Or is it possible to believe that such expressions of goodwill as are thus recorded are insincere, and meant as a cloak to hide the vilest of thoughts and actions? We cannot imagine such to be the case, and think the dignitaries of the Catholic Church will have some difficulty in maintaining, in face of such actions, the unfavourable opinion they have so long held in regard to the scope and objects of Freemasonry.

HONOURS TO THE PUPILS AT THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

WE have pleasure in giving the following particulars in regard to the successes secured by the scholars of the two Masonic Educational Institutions at recent public examinations.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Cambridge Local and College of Preceptors' Examinations, December 1887.—Eighteen girls were entered, fifteen of whom passed, as follows:—Senior examination (satisfied examiners)—Emily Mabel Osmond, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Grace S. K. Bartrum. Junior examination (satisfied examiners)—Athalinda Allison, Dorothy Ainsworth, Ruth Byers, Ellen Delafons, Ethel Falding, Helen Foxall, Agnes Fyfe, Maud Hill, Augusta Nicholls, Georgiana Smith, Mary Sherington, Mary L. Sykes. Two others, viz., Ada Crow and Eva Owens, who from the position they had taken in the School were almost certain to have passed, the former first and the latter second class, had, through illness, to be withdrawn after their names had been entered.

Thirty-one girls were entered for the College of Preceptors' examination, December 1887, twenty-eight of whom passed, viz.:—Class II.—Agnes W. Stephenson Division II; Caroline Weare and Martha Fry Division III. Class III.—Eva Gibson, Amy Catbush, Hannah Inglis, Annie Brockbank, Marion Anita Warner, Louise Haigh, Annie Owens, and Jane Smith Division I; Constance Wyman, Maud Greethurst, Beatrice Cookes, Florence Habgood, Kate Wortley, Florence Mason, Daisy Capon, Lillian Shrapnel, Elsie Lister, Jane Turner, Margaret Heaton, Mary Hirst, Mary Hammond, and Ada Buckley Division II; Fanny Wain, Minnie Woodward, and Florence Popkiss Division III.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

University Local Examination.—Cambridge, December 1887. Juniors. Honours—Class II.—A. J. Tettenborn, G. Wilson. Class III.—J. B. Windross, A. Blunt, F. W. Lewis, T. W. Crabb, A. H. High, F. A. Herring. Satisfied the examiners—R. A. Sykes, C. T. Crow, W. E. Clerk, E. T. Platt. Thirteen candidates sent up: twelve passed—Honours 8, satisfied examiners 4.

It may be mentioned that studies were seriously interrupted by the outbreak of scarlet fever which occurred at the School. The most advanced pupil—J. P. G. Templeman—being withdrawn from the examination after his name was sent in.

It will be seen from an announcement elsewhere that a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has been called for Saturday next, to be held at Freemasons' Hall, at five o'clock. The meeting has been called in compliance with a requisition under Law 31, and the resolutions to be submitted on the occasion have reference to the action of the House Committee, in regard to the case of a lad formerly in the Institution. The brethren

who have signed the requisition for the meeting desire that a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the case, which we may mention has already been brought under the notice of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution, who at the last monthly meeting expressed confidence in the ability of the House Committee to manage the affairs entrusted to its charge. It is not our intention to go fully into the case, which appears to have resolved itself into a quarrel among a certain section of the brethren. Still, we cannot help regretting that the efforts which have been made to induce a settlement of the grievance have not met with success. We trust next Saturday's meeting will be conducted in a temperate and dignified spirit, and that, whatever the result, it may be gracefully accepted by those in the minority.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. The minutes having been confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of four annuitants (two male and two female), after which the Warden's Report for the past month was read. Brother Terry also reported that at the recent Anniversary Festival of the Institution, at which Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. South Wales (Eastern Division) presided, donations and subscriptions were announced amounting to £15,081 18s 6d, with ten lists then outstanding; this sum had been since increased to £15,200 16s 6d. It was directed that the vote of thanks, on vellum, to be presented to the Chairman for his valuable services on the occasion, should be engrossed forthwith. Two applications by the widows of deceased annuitants for the half of their late husband's annuities having been granted—subject in one case, however, to the production of the certificate of the husband's burial—other business was despatched, and the Committee adjourned, after the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, which we last week referred to as arranged for Thursday, at the Ealing Dean Public Hall, was duly held, and proved a great success. Bro. Frederick Binckes rehearsed the ceremony of consecration, and was attentively listened to by representatives of the two Ealing Lodges, as well as by a number of Visitors from other parts. The Wardens' chairs were respectively filled by Bro. E. J. Acworth P.M. 1612, and an officer of the Haven Lodge, No. 2022. Bro. Gabb officiated as Secretary; Bro. Charles Andrews P.M. 77 as Director of Ceremonies (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. M. Stiles, caused through the critical illness of an old friend); and Brother Cotton P.M. 382 as Inner Guard. Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211 delivered the Oration, while the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. C. Hall I.P.M. 382. The rehearsal of the installation ceremony followed, Bro. H. Kasner P.M. 1612 acting as the W.M. elect. The brethren of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction are to be congratulated on the success of this meeting; nearly one hundred brethren were present. The arrangements for the comfort of those in attendance were most complete.

Bro. Myles Fenton, the general manager of the South Eastern Railway, with other brethren, waited upon the Princess of Wales, at Marlborough House, on Tuesday afternoon, and, on behalf of the Freemasons of Surrey and Kent, presented Her Royal Highness with a valuable Brinsmead pianoforte.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters Road, N., on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at 7 p.m. We shall give further particulars in our next issue.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though the former disease remorselessly attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering use of these remedies will infallibly cure both complaints. After the affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine, and the skin thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and evenly for a few minutes twice a day, and his Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid who attentively reads them can now be at any loss how to doctor himself successfully.

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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MASONIC PATRONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have neither time nor inclination for carrying on what is called "a paper war," and hence will only trouble you with this second and last letter on the above subject.

Mysticism is oftentimes only another word for haziness, and certainly your correspondent "Mystic" expresses what I should consider very hazy ideas as to the true principles of Freemasonry. His letter is a mixture of denials (which are not arguments), sneers, and not altogether thinly-veiled insinuations as to my motives in writing my former letter, of which more anon.

There are, unfortunately, as I think, a number of brethren whose ideas of Masonry seem to consist in belonging to a Lodge where the annual subscription is very large, the initiation fee an almost prohibitory one, and where the "working" takes the form of meeting some four or five times a year to enjoy a guinea banquet. If your correspondent is, as I should imagine, a dilettante Mason of this kind, it may account for the jobation he has been pleased to give me in your columns.

First he charges me with a "mischievous application of Freemasonry." If this charge be true, there is evidently something wrong with the O.B. in the third degree. From the high ground, doubtless, of a comfortable income, and entire freedom from pecuniary anxieties, he speaks of "only worldly preferment" as if this were a trifling matter, beneath one's notice. But is it not justifiable in any man to endeavour to rise in the profession to which he belongs? And when one has tried to do so by all lawful means, and failed, through no fault of his own, it seems hardly fair to sneer at him as "a disappointed man," or to charge him with being influenced "by mercenary or other unworthy motives." If "Mystic" were a hardworking cleric, who after spending all the best years of his life in the service of the Church, found himself with an infinitesimal income, and no prospects, he would probably feel a trifle "disappointed" himself: and so long as the clergy, like other people, have to pay their tradesmen, "only worldly preferment" becomes a somewhat important factor in the case.

Like your correspondent "A Believer in Mutual Help," "I did not join Freemasonry for what I could make out of it;" but I entirely fail to see why a man who has spent scores of pounds in Masonry should be characterized as "neither a good minister of religion nor a good Mason," simply because he advocates kind and fraternal action on the part of one brother towards another. On this point, at any rate, I practise what I preach, and in all my dealings invariably give the preference to a brother Mason, all other things being equal. According to "Mystic's" ideas, however, I am utterly wrong in so doing: still I venture to believe in, and especially in Masonic life endeavour to act upon, the teaching of One who said "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them."

One sentence in your correspondent's letter I cordially re-echo; "Oh! that a P.P.G.C. should have occasion to thus express himself to the Craft at large." Herein we agree. If Masonic Patrons did what I humbly conceive to be their duty there would be no occasion for the expressions which have aroused such virtuous indignation and reprobation in the "Mystical" breast.

I am happy to be able to set your correspondent's mind at rest on one point, I do not intend "to Masonically address the present Lord Chancellor, or any other Patron of Church Livings," I never have done so, knowing but too well "it would be in vain."

As "Craftsman's" letter takes up much the same ground as that of "Mystic," I need not refer to it further than to say, that I distinctly deny his concluding paragraph, which entirely misrepresents the object I had in view in troubling you with my former communication.

Finally, good brother "Mystic," farewell. One of us must have sadly "misunderstood the lessons set," or have been "wrongly instructed." But, with all due respect to your superior knowledge and judgment, I must stand by the letter to which you have taken such exception; and further add, that there is a good deal of what is vulgarly termed *humbug*, even in Masonry, as you, I am sure, know full well. If proof of this were needed, I could mention the names of many good men and true, lay and clerical, who have retired from all active work in the Craft, solely on this account.

Truly and fraternally yours,

P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.C. 18°, &c.

OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I must decline "I.G.'s" invitation to open a correspondence with him through the CHRONICLE.

The object of my letter of the 3rd inst. will be self-evident to those who desire to benefit by it, and I decline to go further into the subject, unless it be to advise "I.G." to consult the P.M.'s of his Lodge, if he cannot, of his own good sense, see where the line is to be drawn.

Yours fraternally,

P.G.A.D.C.

Lower Sydenham, 13th March 1888.

SCOTLAND.

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ST. JOHN'S KILWINNING LODGE, No. 57.

AT a meeting on Monday, the 5th instant, the R.W.M. Bro. G. Richardson, announced receipt from Bro. the Rev. Canon Wannop, on behalf of the Earl of Haddington, of an ancient seal of the Knight Templars, and read the following letter which accompanied it:—

Dear Sir and Brother,—I send you herewith the Seal of the Knight Templars of the Encampment of St. John of Jerusalem. This degree of Freemasonry was worked in Haddington in the beginning of the century, and the Encampment met in the Lodge of St. John. The seal is presented to the Lodge by P.G.M. the Earl of Haddington, who bought it in Edinburgh, thinking it might be regarded as a curiosity worthy of preservation by the brethren of St. John's Kilwinning, Haddington.

Believe me, faithfully and fraternally yours,

T. N. WANNOP.

Brother Richardson then expressed the pleasure which it afforded him and the rest of the brethren to accept the gift of the Earl of Haddington, which they would be very happy to place amongst the other belongings of the Lodge, and which would be much valued by them. He also said that they must all feel grateful to the Earl of Haddington for having, notwithstanding the many duties which the high position he occupied in the Order involved, remembered his mother Lodge in this manner, and he moved that the best thanks of the Lodge be conveyed to his lordship for his gift. Bro. W. Sinclair S.W., in seconding the motion, remarked that there was not much credit in a poor man joining the Masonic Order, but there was much to be proud of in having as a brother a gentleman of such influence as the Earl of Haddington. His Lordship devoted much time to pursuing the mysteries and practising the virtues of Masonry. This last evidence of his zeal in the cause would be greatly appreciated, as he had furnished for the brethren a most interesting memento of the early days of Masonry in Haddington. The seal is a handsome one, bearing several Masonic emblems in the centre, which are surrounded by the bordered inscription, "St John of Jerusalem Encampment, Haddington."

ST. MIRREN LODGE, No. 129.

THE annual soirée was held on the 9th instant, in the Minor Town Hall, Paisley. Bro. Jack R.W.M. in the chair. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, and an assembly succeeded the soirée. The Chairman, in the course of his remarks, made reference to the Craft and its aims. Speaking of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, he said that prior to 1877 it was not in a flourishing condition, its affairs being somewhat out of order. At that period the Lodge had a debt of £18,000, and to-day it was not only free from that burden but had property on hand the value of which was fully £20,000. The immediate effect of this prosperity was to renew the vitality of the Craft throughout the country, 47,000 Masons having been added, and Charters for 153 Lodges having been granted during the past ten years. They were now better able to attend more efficiently to the work which fell to their hands.

At the Quarterly Convocation of the Unanimity Chapter, held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Cheltenham, Comp. Jeffs, of Gloucester, gave to the Chapter a frame of curious engravings, designed and executed by Lambert de Lintot, R.A., in 1787-1789, which are in a choice state and pronounced to be rare. The engravings are entitled:—

1. Foundation of the Royal Order of the Free and Accepted Masons in Palestine, A.M. 4037;
2. Freemasons at Work;
3. Grand Elected;
4. Chapter and Grand Lodge;
5. Night;
6. Freemasons Crowned.

Lambert de Lintot, besides being a distinguished Royal Academician, was famous in the Craft of Freemasons as one of the founders of the Grand Lodge of England south of the Trent, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of all England at York. The engravings are dedicated to His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, who was Grand Master of the Order from 1782 to 1790. That of "Night" (the Light shone out of Darkness) records that on Lady Day, the 25th March 1788, under the auspices of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cumberland, Patroness, the "Cumberland Freemasons' School," now called the "Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," was founded by Chevalier Ruspini. The gift of Comp. Jeffs is opportune, as it comes almost at the moment of the Centenary of the Girls' School. Underneath the picture is the following inscription:—

"Presented to the Unanimity Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 82, Cheltenham, by Companion Henry Jeffs P.Z., through M.E. Companion J. Brook-Smith, M.A., LL.B., Grand H. of the Province of Gloucestershire, and Past Principal Sojourner of Grand Chapter, March 1888."

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. SUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, when the following Officers were present:—Bros. Birch W.M., Chamberlain S.W., Stuart P.M. Sec., Bale P.M., Hopkins P.M., Whiting P.M., Timothy P.M., Irving S.D., Nightingale J.D., Huntley and Carter Stewards, together with a large attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. G. S. Graham P.M. 1851 P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey, Youngman P.M. 1571, Brett 1791, Pargeter P.M. 1598, Smith 1598, Martin P.M. 879, Wood I.G. 1586, Jones 1586, Hunter P.M. 1321, Hone 957, Wilkins 834, Parsons I.G. 1564, Arnold P.M. 720, Mildred P.M. 2024, Turle 104, Edmonds W.M. 1507, Salaman 1791, Wilkinson 879, Hopkins 1598, Blancher 1275, Murrin P.M. 554, Hodges 1524, Berry P.M. 554, Ives 15, Jones 990, &c. The Lodge having been regularly opened, and the minutes confirmed, was advanced, and Bro. E. Chamberlain was presented as W.M. elect. He was regularly installed, and, having been saluted, appointed the following brethren as Officers for the year:—Brothers Lambourne S.W., Irving J.W., Bale P.M. Treasurer, Stuart P.M. Secretary, Nightingale S.D., Carter J.D., Huntley I.G., Goodwin D.C., C. Maffey Assistant D.C., G. B. Carlton Steward, W. Walker Assistant Steward, Lee Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably performed by the venerable Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Stuart, who won for himself fresh laurels on this occasion. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed Worshipful Master resumed to the third degree, and proceeded to raise two brethren, which he did in splendid style. Rarely have candidates received such impressive advancement as was on this occasion bestowed by Bro. Chamberlain, who never paused for a word throughout the long ceremony, neither, as was remarked by one of the best known Preceptors of the metropolis, did he make a slip in the course of his work, and this, be it remembered, within a few minutes of being installed in the chair of his Lodge. The working throughout the evening was, indeed, of so perfect a character as to reflect the greatest credit on the Lodge of Instruction whence the members acquire their knowledge. We hope we shall be excused if we compare Wednesday's doings with what we last witnessed in the Vetravian Lodge. We were perfectly astonished, and could hardly believe that such radical changes had been brought about; but, then, we have not had the pleasure of being present at any of the meetings of the Lodge for some six or seven years, and all who know the Lodge now, and knew it then, will understand how much room there is both for surprise and congratulation. We only hope the Lodge may continue as it is now going on, in which case its doings cannot fail to make themselves felt for good throughout the Craft. A matter of great importance to the members of the Lodge was referred to ere the closing, and its discussion very wisely postponed until the next meeting. This has reference to outstanding subscriptions due to the Lodge, and we are pleased to see the members are inclined to remove them all from their accounts, although such a course necessarily entails somewhat harsh measures. They are to be congratulated, however, on their desire to start afresh, even if by so doing they shake the Lodge to its foundation. We have no doubt as to the ultimate result; the Lodge will be severely shaken, but its best parts will outlive the shock, and it will grow all the stronger after the severe pruning which appears necessary, and which, from the spirit evinced at the last meeting, will be completed ere many months elapse. The votes belonging to the Lodge, in virtue of its contributions to the Charities, having been apportioned, it was announced that Bro. P.M. Bale, the present Treasurer, would act as Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and that he and other members had pledged themselves to raise sufficient on that occasion to complete the Lodge's qualification as a Vice-Patron of that Institution. The Lodge is already Vice-President of the Boys' School and Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution, so that it has a good record on the score of Masonic Charity. Lodge having been closed the brethren repaired to banquet, which was partaken of in the large hall of the hotel. At its conclusion the Worshipful Master submitted the customary toasts. As Masons, he was sure the company would heartily honour the first on the list, for brethren of the Mystic Art were proverbially courteous to the Queen, and wishful for the prosperity of the Craft. Bro. Graham followed the toast with the National Anthem, and the same brother during the evening in other ways contributed to the harmony of the meeting. In proposing the health of the Prince of Wales, the Worshipful Master referred to the zeal and interest which H.R.H. displayed in the affairs of the Craft, the members of which were so ably ruled over by him. The health of the Grand Officers was next given, the W.M. feeling all present were so well acquainted with their merits as to leave any eulogy on his part quite unnecessary. Bro. Birch I.P.M. now assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It was not necessary to say much in praise of the working of Bro. Chamberlain; he was a very old member of the Lodge, and had served through its various offices, so that the members had had opportunities of forming an opinion in the past, but even if they had not done so, what they had witnessed that day was sufficient for the purpose. All who had witnessed his rendering of the third degree must agree that he gave promise of being one of the best Masters who ever ruled over the Vitruvian Lodge. The brethren no doubt wished the Lodge to prosper under his rule, and hoped his term of office might be a success; to secure this they must rally round him, and help as far as lay in their power. Above all things it was necessary they should keep him well supplied with work, and the wherewith to carry on the Lodge in proper form. If they did that they would find him fully equal to their expectations, and one who would make himself and the Lodge prominent. After a song, Bro. Chamberlain replied; he thanked the brethren sincerely for the respect they had shown

towards him that day and in the past. It was certainly very gratifying to a Master just entering on his year of office to receive such a welcome as had been accorded him, and it augured well for his year that the brethren were so united in their marks of approbation. It was just eighteen years since he had been initiated in the Lodge; many would therefore think that he had been a lazy man, or at least an apathetic member, or he would long since have passed the chair. The facts were he had been away from England during the earlier years of his membership, while business calls had prevented his regular attendance for some time after his return. When, however, he had time to devote to the Lodge, the members would agree he had always been ready to help forward anything proposed for its benefit. He spoke of the part he had taken in securing the removal of the Lodge from its former quarters, and compared its present home with that in which it met years ago. He looked back with pride on the work he had taken upon himself and which had resulted in the change, although at the time he worked for it he was even charged with being at the head of a clique whose aim was to upset the Lodge. He could conscientiously say all he then did was undertaken for the benefit and welfare of the Lodge, and he hoped it would prove to have been for the best. The social tone of the Lodge had been raised by its removal, and in every way they appeared to have reaped benefit. Years ago he had asked the brethren if they would care to bring their wives or their daughters to their place of meeting? then he got no reply; now, if he chose to ask the same question, he knew he should receive a hearty reply in the affirmative. In conclusion, he could but express the hope that the members would co-operate with him with the view of making the Vitruvian Lodge second to none in the kingdom. It was possible for them to rise to the highest rank, and he hoped all would unite in the endeavour to do so. They already stood second to no Lodge in England—drawing the same subscription from its members—in support of the Masonic Charities, and he was convinced that if the members kept on with the desire of doing the best in their power, both for the Lodge and the Institutions, they would never have occasion to regret their connection with the Vitruvian Lodge. He hoped that in every step he took, no matter what its result, the brethren would give him credit for being actuated by a desire to promote the welfare of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was next given. The Vitruvian members were always pleased to see a goodly array of visitors, and strove to give them as hearty a welcome as possible. Bro. Graham was the first to reply, tendering thanks on behalf of himself and brother visitors. The guests had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, that was saying much, but it was not to be wondered at when they called to mind the fare which had been provided. The Secretary of the Lodge had ably performed the installation, and the Master's rendering of the third degree had been a treat. He had the pleasure of knowing Brother Chamberlain, as an Officer of the Crystal Palace Chapter, and was looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to what he would do when called to the highest honours there. The best proof he could give of his enjoyment that day was to tell them he had almost made up his mind to apply for admission to the Lodge as a joining member. Bro. Parmeter followed; he was gratified in being called upon to reply to this toast, as he felt all the visitors were pleased with what had been done; it was indeed an honour to act as their mouth-piece. It was a great pleasure for any Mason to see such a Master as the Vitruvian Lodge had at its head, and he could only urge on the Officers and other members to do their utmost to follow his example. Bro. Edmonds also considered it a high honour to respond among so many visitors in so old a Lodge as the Vitruvian. He personally complimented the Worshipful Master on the way in which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge, and could honestly say he had never heard the third degree better worked than it had been that day. The rendering of the ceremony of installation was also a wonder, especially when they came to consider the great age of the brother who performed it. As a visitor he felt the members had done their utmost to render the meeting as happy, comfortable, and enjoyable as was possible, and they had succeeded. He knew he was expressing the desire of his fellow Visitors when he said they hoped to have many opportunities in the future of attending the meetings of the Lodge, which they trusted would always be of as pleasing a character as had been the gathering that day. Bro. Berry and others also replied. The health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer was next submitted. The members must have been pleased with the working of the Immediate Past Master during the past year. Without doubt he had been most assiduous in his work, and had done his best for the Lodge. It had been their custom to present a Past Master's jewel to their Masters on retiring from the chair of the Lodge, and he had great pleasure in conferring that honour on Bro. Birch. Their Installing Master, Bro. Stuart, was so well known and appreciated in the Lodge that it would be useless to say anything there in his praise. Suffice it to mention that he had that day worked the ceremony in such a way as reflected the greatest credit on his ability. As a Mason, Bro. Stuart was always assiduous in the discharge of his duty. He was one of those who never considered himself, but performed every action rather on the merits of the case than with a view of reaping personal glory. Bro. Birch tendered thanks for the toast, and for the handsome jewel the brethren had been pleased to confer on him for his poor services in the Lodge. He regretted he had not had more than five candidates during the past year, but he hoped, now that the Lodge might be said to have emerged from the cloud which had enveloped it for so long, that the members would find many of their friends whom they might deem worthy of introduction, and that, as a result, the old Vitruvian Lodge would shine out brightly in the Masonic firmament. Bro. Stuart followed. His performance that night had reminded him of the boy who had learnt his lesson so often and so well that when he came to repeat it he had forgotten many of its parts. Such had been his case that day, and, as a result, he had not done the work as well as

he had desired. He was always ready and willing to answer the call of the Lodge, although he was of opinion his services would not be again called into requisition for Installing Master. The idea of the present day seemed to be that each Master should instal his successor, and as a consequence the older Masons, such as he, were not so much in demand as hitherto. The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of the Past Masters, to each of whom he devoted a few words of eulogium. It was to them the members must look for instruction, and considering that they were an influential body he did not think they would look in vain. The members all regretted the loss of their late Treasurer, Bro. Thurtle P.M., but the reason he had assigned for his resignation was of such a character that they had to accept it, although they all regretted his decision. The Past Masters of the Vitruvian Lodge were as good a body of brethren as any Lodge could wish for. Bro. Whiting replied. He had had the pleasure of responding to this toast so often that he felt there was really nothing fresh to say in regard to it. The present condition of the Lodge reminded him of what it was twenty-five years ago, when they had Masters who could, and did, perform the ceremonies. Such was their present condition. He considered, however, that no Master should be called upon on the day of his installation to work a ceremony. He had quite enough to do, what with investing his Officers, looking after the routine of the Lodge, and presiding at the banquet table. Any other work should be undertaken by the Past Masters, who, in their case, were quite equal to the task. Indeed, if at any time their services were required, he was sure they would show themselves ready, able and willing to perform any duty which might be required. Bro. Hopkins followed, calling to mind the time when he initiated the present ruler of the Lodge, and briefly sketching its career since. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next on the list. Bro. Bale was so far an untried member in the office of Treasurer, but they knew what he was capable of, and bearing in mind the example set him by his predecessor there was little fear of his falling short of their expectations. Of the Secretary he had already spoken that day; it was impossible to say too much in his favour, and almost as hard to find any words to adequately portray his good qualities. In the course of his reply, Bro. Bale said he could only promise to do his utmost. He was new to the work they had been pleased to entrust him with, but hoped to satisfy them. Of one thing he would assure them, the money would have to be paid into the Lodge before it was expended, so that to a considerable extent their doings in the future would depend on themselves. Bro. Stuart followed. He considered they had some really good men in the Lodge. Men who had worked hard, and had undertaken duties at critical periods, with the result that they had made for the Lodge a proud name. His was a somewhat disagreeable office, as he was, so to speak, the bum bailiff of the Lodge, always dunning its members for money, and having to make them acquainted with all the disagreeables it was their lot to encounter. Yet in spite of all this they seemed to like him, and he might really say there was not one but greeted him with a kindly expression. The Charities was proposed, and with the toast was associated the name of Bro. Martin. That brother was proud in the knowledge that the Vitruvian Lodge had subscribed so well to the Charities in years gone by as to rank as Vice Patron of two of the Institutions and Vice-President of the other. He referred to the work which their Bro. Nightingale had undertaken in connection with the last Election for the Boys' School, when he had secured the return of one of their old member's sons on the first application. To do this, as Bro. Nightingale had told them, several votes had been borrowed. On this account he appealed to the members to send as many proxies as they could secure in order that Bro. Nightingale might be relieved of his responsibility. He also spoke of the Stewardship which their Treasurer had undertaken on behalf of the Girls' School, and hoped a good list would result. The toast of the Officers was next given, and this having been acknowledged, the Tyler gave the concluding sentiment. In addition to the songs already mentioned, several others were given during the evening, as also a recitation, by Bro. Smith.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

THE installation of Bro. James Jenkins as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, in succession to Bro. J. W. Boughton, took place at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Thursday afternoon, the 8th inst., in the presence of a large number of present and past Provincial Officers, Masters, and visitors from several Lodges in the district. The ceremony of installation was efficiently performed by Bro. T. P. Palsgrave, and at its conclusion the newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. W. Boughton I.P.M., Beale S.W., Woodhouse J.W., Palsgrave Treas., Holley Sec., Sanderson S.D., Anthill J.D., Outridge D.C., Snell A.D.C., Pearman Org., Reading I.G., Curtis and Bamble Stewards, Exell Tyler, Smith Asst. Tyler.

Before vacating the chair the retiring W.M. (Bro. Boughton) presented a handsome Past Secretary's jewel to Bro. H. P. Holley, which had been subscribed for by the members, in recognition of the tact and ability displayed by him in discharging the duties of the Secretariat. The Secretary suitably responded. Another jewel was then presented to Bro. R. W. Beale, in acknowledgment of the services rendered by him on the Charities Committee. In making the presentation Bro. Boughton remarked that Past Master Beale had spent much time and money in connection with the Committee, and the brethren in recognition of his invaluable services now asked him to accept this slight token of their high appreciation and esteem. His (Bro. Beale's) breast was already adorned with a large number of jewels and emblems, which testified to the deep interest he took in the welfare and prosperity of Freemasonry, but he trusted he would be able to find a corner in which to place the one of which he now asked his acceptance. Bro. Beale suitably returned thanks. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Outridge, a vote of thanks was

accorded the Installing Master for the efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties. The W.M. said it now became his pleasant duty to refer to the excellent manner in which Bro. Boughton had discharged the important duties of Master of the Lodge during the past year, and to ask him in the name of the brethren to accept, as a souvenir of his term of office, and as a mark of their high esteem and fraternal regard, a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Boughton, who was received with loud applause, warmly thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel which they had presented him. On the occasion of his installation, twelve months ago, he promised the members of the Lodge that he would keep the example which had been set by the many worthy Masons who had passed through the chair of the Portsmouth Lodge always before him. He had done so to the best of his ability, and that he had succeeded was, he ventured to think, proved by the appreciation of his services conveyed by the presentation of a handsome jewel now that his time came to yield up the gavel to another. It was difficult for him to realise the fact that twelve months had actually passed since he was honoured by being installed in the chair of K.S., and the fact that the time had flown by so swiftly was a clear indication that his year of office had been a remarkably pleasant and happy one. Other Lodge business having been transacted the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where an elaborate banquet was served, by the proprietor of the Albany Hotel, Landport, during which a selection of music was performed by the string band of the 2nd Connaught Rangers, under the direction of Bro. James Evans. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Boughton, in proposing the W.M., congratulated the members of the Lodge on having so enthusiastic and hard-working a Mason at their head. Bro. Jenkins held various offices in the Order, which required real hard work, and he had always acquitted himself most satisfactorily. He had gone up step by step in the offices of the Portsmouth Lodge, and had given much attention to the duties of Senior Warden, indeed his conduct in that important office merited the highest praise. He heartily wished him a prosperous year. The W.M. who was loudly applauded on rising to respond, said he was deeply grateful for the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him by electing him to the Mastership of the Lodge. The position was one which it had always been his ambition to serve. He had endeavoured to do his duty thoroughly in all the junior offices, and he should follow the same line of conduct in the office of W.M. He subsequently proposed the health of Bro. J. W. Boughton, whom he warmly eulogised for the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. Bro. Boughton, in responding, said his term of office had been a most pleasurable one, thanks to the cordial assistance and cooperation of the Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Lodge, and if they accorded the new W.M. the same support there was no doubt that he would have an equally prosperous year. He regarded the office of W.M. as a most important and honourable one, and he was glad to know that his efforts to discharge its duties had met with their approbation.

ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 513.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Beaumont, who was supported by his Officers. The Lodge was honoured with the attendance of the following visitors, viz., the V.W. Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bros. F. F. J. Greenfield W.M. 1465 Prov. G. Chaplain, C. F. Lewis W.M. 2187 Prov. S.G.W., W. W. D'Albiac W.M. 1466, S. Peters W.M. 311 P.P.G.P., R. B. Y. Powell W.M. 1829, R. Willard W.M. 732, G. Rawlinson W.M. 1797, R. Pearce W.M. 1821, C. J. Heald W.M. 636, C. F. Field W.M. 1726, C. W. Jemmett W.M. 851, A. H. Smith P.M. 56, C. T. Cowley 2030, C. Cowley 511, G. Fieldus 1829, J. Newbury J.W. 574, J. H. Bussey 744, J. H. Glassington S.D. 1947, W. Rogers P.M. 91, M. Lelew 1821, J. H. Coleman P.M. 907, A. N. Olding 271, F. W. Hollands 1636, G. Cole P.M. 1636, A. Russell D.C. 311, R. Clowes J.W. 2202, H. Tuff 1273, J. J. Clark 1947, E. A. Buchanan 1829. The principal business of the meeting was the installation of the newly elected W.M. Bro. G. R. Godfree. The ceremony was admirably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. H. Beaumont, who also gave the charge to the W.M., those to the Wardens and the Brethren being delivered by Bro. J. W. Stride P.M., and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master respectively. The W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year: those present being invested with the insignia of the respective offices, viz., Brothers Beaumont I.P.M., Styer S.W., Terry J.W., Kent Secretary, Hudson Treasurer, Eberall Charity Steward, Devin Organist, Rye S.D., Cooke J.D., Carter D. of C., Kent I.G., Payne and Bioletti Stewards, Hughes Tyler. Bro. H. Beaumont was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year. The Lodge having been closed the brethren sat down to a banquet, supplied by Bro. J. Sayers, of Western Road, Brighton. The newly installed W.M. Bro. G. R. Godfree presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was very cordially received, responded on behalf of the toast of the Officers of Grand Lodge, proposed by Bro. A. J. Hawkes, and the R.W. the Duke of Connaught Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, the V.W. Bro. Gerard Ford Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, present and past. After speaking of the excellent government of the Grand Lodge, and the great interest the Duke of Connaught took in the Province, he said that for his own part he had endeavoured to follow in the Masonic traditions he had received from his immediate predecessor the late lamented Brother J. Henderson Scott. The latter came from an old Masonic family, and he (Bro. Ford), whose family had been closely associated with Freemasonry for a hundred years, would make it his earnest endeavour to maintain those principles of the Craft which they all so highly honoured. Assisted, shoulder to shoulder, by his fellow Officers, his aim would be to uphold the dignity and stability of the

Order throughout the Province. He cordially wished the W.M. a happy and successful year of office. Bros. C. F. Lewis and F. F. Greenfield also responded for the Provincial Officers. Bro. H. Beaumont proposed the Worshipful Master. Bro. G. R. Godfree, who was warmly applauded, briefly acknowledged the toast. Bro. J. W. Stride gave the Worshipful Masters of the Province, which was acknowledged by Bros. W. W. D'Albiac and C. J. Heald. The Visitors brought forth responses from Bros. Clowes, Bassey, and Rogers. Bro. L. R. Styer proposed the Past Masters, which was acknowledged by Bros. W. Marchant and J. W. Stride. The toast of the Initiate, proposed by Bro. C. W. Hudson, was responded to by Bro. G. H. Barnes. The W.M. gave the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge. Bros. L. R. Styer and J. Terry responded. Bro. H. Kent then presented Bro. Beaumont with a silver cup, for his young son, born during his year of office as W.M. Bro. Beaumont had carried out his duties, he said, in such an admirable manner that he could express no better hope for his infant son than that he might become as good a man and Mason as his father. Bro. Beaumont, in acknowledgment of the presentation, said he had experienced so much kindness at the hands of the brethren of the Lodge that he could not find words to thank them sufficiently for this additional mark of their esteem, conveyed by the presentation to his little son. He should always remember their kindness with gratitude, and trusted they would not measure his feelings of pleasure by the brief and inadequate response which he now made to them. The Tyler's toast completed the *post prandial* proceedings. During the evening the various speeches were agreeably interspersed by songs, rendered by Bros. Clowes, Jemmett, Nicholson, Cole, Willard, and Cowley, and recitations given by Bros. Holland, Bioletti and Hudson. The duties of accompanist were ably carried out by Bro. Devin.

ERME LODGE, No. 1091.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, Ivybridge, on the 7th instant. Bro. James Shepherd, the W.M. elect, was installed. Bros. J. D. Cobeldick and R. Lavers were the installing Masters. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Lavers I.P.M., Selleck S.W., Coyte J.W., Cole Treasurer, Ford Secretary, Gulley S.D., R. D. Mudge J.D., Mudge D.C., Balkwill A.D.C., Mortimore O., Selleck I.G., Farley and Coyte Stewards, Pillage Tyler. Bro. Cole was re-elected the representative at the Committee of Feitions. In the evening the members of the Hawton and Erme Lodges, and their visitors, dined together at Bro. Mortimore's, King's Arms Hotel. Bro. James Shepherd presided. The usual Royal and Masonic toasts were given, and a capital entertainment of vocal music and recitations was furnished by brethren.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Cannon Street, Hotel, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. Robert Greening Worshipful Master, who was supported by H. J. Bertram P.M. S.W., W. F. S. Cook P.M. J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, W. Baber P.M. Secretary, John Seex P.M., Richard Stanway P.M., G. W. Blackie P.M., Thomas Hamer P.M., W. F. Kibble P.M., F. W. Potter I.P.M., H. F. Frost S.D., W. F. Bertram J.D., D. T. Keene D.C., E. Wesley Org., G. W. Robson, and J. R. Gwyn Stewards, together with the following lay members of the Lodge:—Bros. J. R. Hartley, Owen Bowen, Henry Thompson, George Jenkins, J. W. Colmer, R. Hannaford, James Archer, D. McNiven, J. Hartley, Alfred Camner, J. R. Greening, C. T. Smith, R. Brookman, H. Dottridge, J. K. Hooper, J. Cooper, F. E. Bailey, F. J. Biggs, G. M. Fraser, T. Owens, J. T. Jolliffe, Ricards, Baldwin, Price and Hall. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Ricards, Price and Baldwin were raised, while Bro. Hale was passed. The election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year was the next business on the agenda. Bro. J. Seex P.M. was selected for the office of Master, Bro. N. B. Headon P.M. was re-elected for that of Treasurer, and Bro. R. Potter P.M. to that of Tyler. A proposition, by Bro. J. K. Gwyn, "That the usual Past Master's jewel of the Lodge be presented to the W.M. Bro. Robert Greening, on the termination of his year of office," was brought forward, and regularly agreed to, as also was a proposition, moved by Bro. Blackie P.M., "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge, and placed on the W.M.'s List as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." One of the most pleasing features of the meeting was next undertaken. Bro. N. B. Headon, the Treasurer of the Lodge, moved, That that being the Silver Wedding-day of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, a message of congratulation be sent to him from the Lodge. This was seconded and carried unanimously, and a telegram to the following effect was despatched.

"To H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons,
Marlborough House.

The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of The Great City Lodge, now assembled at Cannon Street Hotel, respectfully and heartily felicitate your Royal Highness upon the auspicious occasion of your Silver Wedding-day, and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will bless you and your beloved wife and family with health and every happiness throughout years to come."

To this the following gracious reply was subsequently received:

"To N. B. Headon Esquire
(Treasurer)
The Great City Lodge Freemasons.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.
10. III. 1888.

The Equerry in waiting is desired by the Prince of Wales to convey to the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of the Great

City Lodge, the expression of their Royal Highnesses sincere thanks for their kind congratulations and good wishes."

In connection with these interesting proceedings, we may add that two members of the Lodge, Bros. F. J. Biggs and H. F. Frost, who on the 10th of March 1863 were chorister boys in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and were present during the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, voted in favour of the resolution.

After the closing of the Lodge the company sat down to refreshment. The usual toasts were honoured at the conclusion of the repast, which was well served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Kilby, the manager of the Hotel. Among the visitors present were Bros. S. Rideaux 1601, W. Carey W.M. 1571, G. Church W.M. 20, T. E. Tallant P.M. 186, and A. S. Hart P.M. 1872. "The Wedding March" was well played by Bro. Edwin Wesley, Organist of the Lodge.

CARADOC LODGE, No. 1573.

THE annual installation ceremony in connection with this Lodge took place on Monday evening, the 5th inst., at Swansea. There was a very large attendance of brethren and visitors. The installation was performed by Bro. Parry. The W.M. installed was Bro. Neil Leitch, who invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Terrill S.W., Taylor J.W., Canon Walters, D.D., Chaplain, Jones Treasurer, Lewis Secretary, Williams S.D., Martin J.D., Davis D.C., Grose Assistant D.C., Pascoe I.G., Broad Organist, Brown and Paton Stewards, Bullerwell Tyler. A banquet afterwards took place, at the Royal Hotel. Host Rowe gave the most complete satisfaction, as usual. The toasts of the M.W. the Grand Master, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Worshipful Master, the Visitors, the Past Masters, the Officers, and the Tyler, were all honoured. Several of the brethren gave musical assistance.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Fox and Hounds, Putney, on Wednesday, 7th inst., Bro. R. R. Collick I.P.M. presiding. Bros. Williams S.W., Wing J.W., Watkins Treas., Robinson P.M. Secretary, Wright acting S.D., Sandalls J.D., Oliver I.G., Collings P.M. Dir. of Cers., Stacey P.M. Organist, Coombes Steward, Bowler Tyler; P.M.'s Pardoe, H. Mansell, and about twenty brethren. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bros. Desmond and Organ were questioned and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree and these two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Knight was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Knight was passed to the degree of F.C. Lodge was resumed to the first. Bro. Williams S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Watkins was re-elected Treasurer (for the thirteenth time), and Bro. Walkley Tyler. Bros. Grundy, Gordon and Sterne were elected on the Audit Committee. The sum of 25 guineas, which had been voted to the list of the late W.M. Bro. Strong, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was transferred to the list of Bro. Williams W.M. elect. After routine business, Lodge was closed in due form according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments. The installation meeting will take place the first Wednesday in May.

PAXTON LODGE, No. 1686.

A PLEASANT and happy hour or so can always be ensured by those members of the Craft who have the privilege of visiting the above Lodge, and the meeting on the 10th inst. was no exception to this rule. The business—ably performed by the W.M. Bro. C. S. Damant—was the initiation into our mysteries of Mr. C. Granville Baker (architect), and the passing of Bro. Williams. It being election night, Bro. R. Canning Jones S.W. was by unanimous vote elected to the important office of W.M., while Bro. J. M. Klenck P.M. was equally well supported in re-election as Treasurer. A jewel was voted to Bro. Damant W.M. A notable event during the evening was the forwarding a telegram to the M.W.G.M. and H.R.H. the Princess, congratulating their Royal Highnesses on their Silver Wedding, with loyal wishes for their future happiness. This received a gracious reply. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to their harmonious and enjoyable refreshment after labour. In addition to the W.M., there were present—Bros. R. C. Jones S.W., C. Hanington J.W., Klenck P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.D. Surrey Sec., E. Stanford S.D., Akers J.D., Canningham I.G., with several other members. The Visitors were—Bros. Moss P.M. 1339, Sly 1628, Telfer W.M. 12, Grove P.M. 1769, &c.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE monthly meeting of this popular and flourishing Lodge, on Saturday last, was rendered more than usually interesting, from the fact that the fixture took place on the 25th anniversary of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The auspicious circumstance was naturally seized upon by the W.M. and brethren as a suitable occasion for testifying to the M.W.G.M. and his illustrious Consort the devotion, affection, and loyalty which animate the Masons of Leeds in general, and of the brethren of 2069 in particular. The meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, at four o'clock in the afternoon, and there were present—Bros. Tudor Trevor P.M. W.M., Watson P.M. S.W., Chas. Middleton J.W., Dr. Cartwright Smyth G. Chap. England as Chaplain, S. Scott Young Secretary, J. J. Fretwell S.D., T. Atkinson J.D., R. Abbott Treasurer, Butterworth I.G., Howarth Organist, B. S. Bailey Steward, C. L. Mason I.P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, R. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D., Rev. J. H. Evans, Smithson, H. B. Abbott, &c. The Visitors included Bros. José Rickard W.M. 304, Carter W.M. 1042, Bradford W.M.

1211, Scarth P.M. 289, Moore, Hollis, Tomlinson, Smith, &c. Two names having been put before the Lodge as those of gentlemen suitable for initiation into the Order, the W.M. then addressed the brethren present, as follows:—I have asked the W.M.'s of the Leeds Lodges to attend here to-day, the Silver Wedding day of the Prince of Wales, for the purpose of sending to him an united expression of loyalty on this memorable occasion. I recollect the marriage, which took place at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, 25 years ago, very well and also the day when their Royal Highnesses made their public entry into London. Some one has said that to look at the Princess of Wales is to love her, and certainly when the English nation looked on Her Royal Highness they loved her, and have loved her ever since. The poet laureate most happily expressed the mind of the English nation on that occasion, when he penned his splendid ode, of which one verse is as follows:—

Sea King's daughter, as happy as fair,
Beautiful bride of a blissful heir,
Bride of the heir of the Kings of the Sea,
Oh! joy to the people and joy to the throne,
Come to us, love us, and make us your own.
For Saxon, or Dane, or Norman, we,
Tenton or Celt, or whatever we be,
We are each of us Danes in our welcome to thee,
Alexandra!

Yes, from the first moment of her arrival to the present, we have loved the Princess, our future Queen. We have loved her not only for her gentle parts, her majestic mien, not merely for her sweet disposition, but in good truth for her consistent and simple goodness, for her devotion to her husband and children, and her adopted country; and I am sure of this that the hopes that were entertained at that Royal Marriage which took place 25 years ago have been realised. We, as loyal Masons, happily meeting on this day, unite in our expression of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. for having preserved the Royal pair for so long. It is a long time in one's life, and it is a matter of thankfulness that during that period no serious domestic calamity has clouded their wedded life. As to H.R.H., he is in every sense of the word a most popular man, and in every sense of the word he has been a true Mason. I think it would be sadly wanting in us if we allowed this day to pass without sending some expression of our feelings. As Lodge Prudence happens to meet on the actual day of the celebration, it struck me as a happy thought to send a united Masonic greeting from Leeds, and I am extremely pleased to know that my proposition meets with the unqualified approval of the members of the other seven Leeds Lodges. I propose to send the following telegram to the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"The W.M.'s, Officers and Brethren of the 8 Masonic Lodges of Leeds, in open Lodge, assembled under the banner of Lodge Prudence, No. 2039, most respectfully and loyally greet H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and the Princess of Wales, on this the celebration of their Silver Wedding-day, and most earnestly pray T.G.A.O.T.U. to bless their Royal Highnesses for many years to come."

(Signed) TUDOR TREVOR W.M. 2069.

Bros. Scarth P.M. 289, José Rickard W.M. 304, Bradford W.M. 1211, Carter W.M. 1042, all cordially supported the motion, whilst Bro. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, in happy terms, added his voice to the general chorus of congratulation, and the motion having been adopted with great enthusiasm, it was at once despatched by telegram to Sir Fras. Knollys, for presentation. The Lodge shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony, and "high tea" was partaken of by a large number of brethren and visitors. In the speeches sympathetic allusion was made by the W.M. and others to the sad bereavement which has befallen many noble families in Europe by the death of the German Emperor, who was a friend and patron of the Craft.

UNITY LODGE, No. 71.

THE following letter has been received in reply to a telegram sent by the W.M. Bro. John Russell, the Past Masters and Brethren of this the oldest Lodge in the Province of Suffolk, to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, congratulating him on his silver wedding:—

"Lieutenant-General Sir Dighton Probyn, Comptroller and Treasurer of the Prince of Wales' Household, is directed to thank the Worshipful Master, and through him the Brethren of the Lodge Unity, No. 71, Lowestoft, for their kind telegram congratulating His Royal Highness on the occasion of the celebration of his silver wedding.—Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 10th March 1888."

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

A MEETING was held on Monday, the 5th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street. Among those present were Bros. Lion W.M., Isaac Botibol S.W., Gardner J.W., J. Lyons P.M. Treas., Lazarus P.M. Secretary; Past Masters L. and M. Alexander, Spiegel, Dodson, Myers, Dewsnap, Roberts, Wall, and Abrahams; Rocco Chap., H. Lazarus J.D., Saqui and Garrard Stewards, together with several visitors. In the course of the meeting Bro. Smith was passed, Bro. Hartmann raised, and Mr. Paul Hetcht initiated.

ELDON LODGE, No. 1755.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, on the 10th instant, a beautifully painted silk banner was presented to the Lodge by Bro. A. J. Tonkin, of the firm of Tonkin and Son, Park-street, Portishead. The presentation was suitably acknowledged by the W.M., Bro. W. K. Thomas, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded. This being the Silver Wedding day of the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, a telegram of congratulation was forwarded to Marlborough House, to which a gracious reply has since been received.

Obituary.

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BROTHER EDGAR BOWYER.

THE death of this well known Mason occurred this (Friday) morning. It was only last night we heard that a sudden illness which had overtaken Brother Bowyer had assumed a serious aspect, and now we have just received a telegram announcing his demise.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 9th instant, when the accounts were examined, passed, and ordered to be settled. Votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, as well as to the various Officers, were agreed to unanimously.

The lads at the Masonic School at Wood Green appear to be making a name for themselves in the football world, although it may be added it is only during the past season that the School has really devoted itself to the game. During the present term five matches have been played; two of these were won by the representatives of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, two were lost, and the other resulted in a draw, both sides scoring two goals. The most enjoyable match was that played on the 25th ult., between the R.M.B.I. first eleven and a team of Old Boys, who were defeated by 8 to 0.

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The date of the Festival will be announced as soon as the day has been decided upon.

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In compliance with a Requisition under Law No. 31, duly signed:—

A SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 24th day of March 1888, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon precisely—

"For the purpose of transacting the business contained in the following Resolutions, which will be duly proposed at the Court, namely—

"That a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the steps recently taken by the House Committee in reference to the case of William Gideon Motion, who was in the Institution; with full power to investigate the matter, call witnesses, and report thereon to an adjourned Special General Court, to be held on Saturday, the twenty-first day of April 1888.

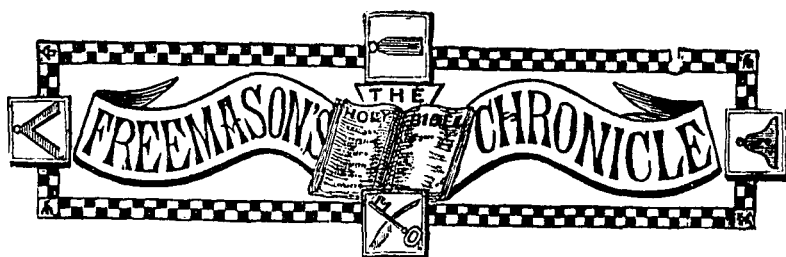
"That this Special General Court be adjourned until Saturday, the twenty-first day of April 1888, at Freemasons' Hall, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving and considering the Report of the Special Committee."

Dated this 8th day of March, and signed by—

(Here follow the signatures.)

FREDERICK BINCKES (V. Pat., P.G. Sword Bearer),
Secretary.

13th March 1888 (date of receipt of above requisition).



HIRAM LODGE.

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

[COMMUNICATED.]

THERE is not a great deal of Masonic law in the United States bearing upon the status of a Lodge in the position of Hiram Lodge of New Haven, Connecticut.

There is a general sentiment, founded upon Fraternity and good will, which recommends all Lodges within a given territorial jurisdiction, upon the constitution in such territory of a Grand Lodge, to unite their life and fortunes with the new Grand Lodge, for the presumably better administration of Masonic affairs, and to the end that there may be a permanent unification of Masonic work, and jurisdiction and purpose.

More or less reluctance is often felt in Lodges to sink their ancient life and freedom in a Grand Lodge which shall have immediate supervision and authority over them.

This is no more than a fair exhibition of that human nature which belongs to men associated as well as to individuals. It is a sentiment which yields to the assurance of greater good, and has, in the States, very generally yielded, after a greater or less delay. There are but few exceptions, and Hiram Lodge, by a singular concurrence of circumstances, stands in this exceptional position:—that is to say, in relations of Masonic law and right, of Masonic honour and courtesy, which are new and seem to require some new Masonic legislation.

We suggest that the relations are new, because they have not been specifically recognised and treated as such, and that they require new legislation because the rules which have been pronounced, rather than legislated, have been made, seemingly, from a different standpoint, and do not cover the issues now for the first time raised, and brought distinctly into view. Again, they are new, because they involve principles of Masonic law which must be regarded as well established, and which do not get their lawful execution and influence, except by a modification of other rules and principles which have been pronounced for cases in which these relations were not involved. They have not as yet had hearing, and to put them down by the mere will and ipse dixit of Grand Lodges, is to make might take the place of right, and to use the bludgeon of barbarism and the tyranny of power, rather than the temperateness of Fraternity, and the justice which comes of wise discussion.

To understand the crass and incomplete condition of Masonic law relative to Grand Lodges in the various

circumstances in which they may be placed, and the precarious and untenable position of subordinate Lodges, if the enunciated rules are to have universal sway, our discussion must for a little widen beyond the question of any particular Lodge, and enter upon more general considerations.

And, first, let us see how subordinate Lodges may be situated under the laws given out for the formation of Grand Lodges.

A Grand Lodge may be formed in any independent State, or in any territory of a country that has been organised into a separate territory, and "it is not essential that it should be an independent and Sovereign State or territory, but simply necessary that it be a separate and distinct State or territory." And such legal Grand Lodges have been formed in the United States in Oregon, Washington, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska and other territories, and, under the Government of Great Britain, in the Province of Canada and elsewhere.

Now in each of these territories, at any time before the institution of a Grand Lodge therein, the Grand Lodge of any foreign jurisdiction may warrant and establish subordinate Lodges that are legitimate, and equipped with all the rights and privileges of subordinate Lodges anywhere.

Let the Grand Lodge of England have established, say in Washington Territory, U.S.A., thirty Lodges, and other Grand Lodges as many more. Now, any three of these Lodges "in active existence within the territorial limits," may meet, and consent to form, and may form, a Grand Lodge for that territory.

This they can do without giving notice of their intention to the other subordinate Lodges, according to the Digest of American Masonic Law, although notice is recognised as the "just and seasonable thing" in such cases to be done. And the only check which can be put upon them rests in their possible lack of recognition by other Grand Lodges, a matter that is, in these times, easily managed, and of but little real consequence, whether given or not, except as its refusal may project upon the Fraternity a long and disgraceful Masonic contention.

More than that, if all were notified, it does not appear that the consent of a majority of the Lodges in the territory, or a majority of those represented, is necessary to the formation of a Grand Lodge, but only the concurrent action of some three Lodges of them.

These rules are laid down in these terms on the sixteenth page of the Digest above referred to, the fullest and most complete in use.

Three Lodges then have formed a Grand Lodge, surrendered their old charters, and received new ones from the new Grand Lodge. Now, let us see what they can do? Among the general powers of a Grand Lodge on page 22 is this: "It has the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft," and this and other general powers are subject to one limitation only, and this is "Provided always that the old landmarks be carefully preserved;" and then, as if to end and shut off all questions by negation as well as affirmation, it adds, "By this standard and this only are we to measure the powers of a Grand Lodge."

The 57 Lodges in Washington Territory who did not enter into the Grand Lodge organization are therefore at once liable to expulsion, and the members of them to be declared illegitimate Masons, not entitled to the courtesies of the Craft, whether of visitation, office, charity, or anything else. What is the condition of each of these 57 Lodges? Illegal and excommunicate? We answer, no, notwithstanding the enacted rules and laws of Grand Lodge Masonry. They do not apply or meet the circumstances. Ignorant Grand Masters, self-sufficient and pig-headed Grand Masters pronounce Grand Lodge rules, and the unthinking, perhaps unnoticed mass of members, in the haste and superior interest of other matters, confirm them. Still they do not address themselves to the intelligence or obedience of the Craft of these 57 Lodges, or of Masons generally. They have rights deeper, broader, more fundamental than these. Their cases have not been met by positive enactments of law, but by evasions, and makeshifts, and side-manœuvring. Yet the rules exist to be applied to some poor unfortunate Lodge or Lodges, whenever their chance may come, and they fall into the hands of passionate, designing men on the one hand, and easy, thoughtless men on the other.

But how is the case better, if thirty-one, a majority of the Lodges, agree to form a Grand Lodge, and twenty-nine refuse? Doubtless recognition would follow at once upon

such an organization, and without notice to the dissidents, though they be lawful Lodges, lawful Masons, and possessing every authority and right which the consenting Lodges possessed. But they go to bed at night with a membership scattered all over the world, lawful, honourable, upright Masons, and wake up in the morning to find themselves illegitimate, expelled, denounced, dishonoured. Can this be so? Is this law? and law founded upon the equality of Masonic Brotherhood? It is the possibility of action under existing enactments, and has formed some exemplifications in Masonic experience.

Assuredly there needs now, at this day, when the possibilities of these conditions are so large, so complex, some new announcements or agreements of law, which shall wisely regulate and preserve the rights of such minorities, these 29, or perhaps these 57 Lodges, and this extensive membership. And it is a disgrace to the intelligence of the Masonic Fraternity that it has not wisely formulated the way and manner of such preservation. And it is too much to suppose that the intelligence of the Craft shall submit to the arbitrary enforcements of such laws. It might well beget discord, and rivalry and disgrace.

Now let us look at another thing and take a strong case. One Lodge in a territory does not consent to unite, or refuses to surrender its charter for the purposes of the union. Leaving other questions, which have elsewhere been considered, it is held by almost, perhaps quite, universal law, that though the majority of a Lodge vote to surrender, yet so long as seven members refuse the charter cannot be surrendered to any Grand Lodge, old or new. "If," says the authority, "seven or more members refuse to give their consent, the charter cannot be surrendered," . . . and so says Massachusetts. But a new Grand Lodge is formed, and this Lodge remains out, working and existing under a lawful charter, which it refuses to surrender, and granted, let us suppose, by Massachusetts.

Now we will take the Massachusetts law as announced in its Digest, and we shall see one of the most illegitimate, barbarous and absurd provisions ever made for legal administration by intelligent men. Its only excuse or justification is, that it was made very early in the century, before Masonry had become an extensive institution, and before the intricate and involved conditions in which it now exists, and must appear, for regulation and government, had been developed.

Massachusetts says "a Lodge in another State, to which a Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at a time when there was no Grand Lodge organised in the former State, was rightfully and legally under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, until the formation and establishment of a Grand Lodge in the State where the Lodge is located. After that time the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge ceased."

And again, "where a Lodge was formerly rightfully under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in a State wherein no Grand Lodge had been established, and afterwards such a Grand Lodge was lawfully established therein, under the jurisdiction of which a majority of the members of the Lodge vote to place themselves, but a minority adhered to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, both retaining the original name under which the Lodge was chartered, it was held that the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge over said Lodge was at an end."

Massachusetts (and other Grand Lodges are in the same category) knows no way to legally manage this case, and preserve the Masonic status of the Masons whose affection for her is supreme and before all others, but like an ungrateful and criminal mother casts them off from her care. The more they love and respect, and prefer to have their Masonic life affiliated with hers, the more arbitrary and cruel is her abandonment of them. She does not, will not care for them though they are her lawful children in every way: she will not recognise them, or give them any humane protection or guidance. She will not arrest and take away their charter, cancel their organisation as opposed to the new Grand Lodge, and receive them more immediately into her own bosom, and thus preserve to them Masonic character, right of visitation, and of being received in Masonic bodies as Masons in good and regular standing, which she might do if she would, but makes them waifs, Masonic pariahs, illegitimates, not entitled to Masonic charity when living, nor to Masonic burial when dead. And why? What have they done? Loved her and preferred her, more than those who only cared for themselves, and nothing for her. She leaves them in

possession of a legal Charter, but blasts them as an unauthorised organisation, destroys and poisons their reputation, and needlessly so! And this is the boasted wisdom of Grand Lodge law! The best they have as yet done.

Surely this is not because of malice, or any deliberate purpose or desire to inflict injustice, but in part because of the insidiousness of the lust of power, in part because of the lack of opportunity or attention to grasp and comprehend the situation, and in part, in some cases, because of an inability to understand and provide legal constitutions necessary for the complex relations into which the multiplied Masonry of to-day has come. Certainly it is time some new legislation was had to conserve these chartered and lawful rights, and also the interests of the new Grand Lodge, and hold them both away from contention, and the problem would seem to be a not difficult one.

But power is easier than wisdom, and might sometimes more attractive than right. The one is summary and takes no thought, it is all in a single brute blow. The other is careful, thoughtful, slow to move, considerate of all relations, and looks for the affiliations of truth and justice.

But we have not yet reached the whole of the folly and the wrong of this Grand Lodge position. The Masonic position of these Bodies is not yet defined.

The Lodge whose seven members do not choose to surrender to the new Grand Lodge, and whose charter the old Grand Lodge will not or does not arrest or revoke are left, how? Why, of course, a regularly constituted body in every respect, as much so as any Lodge in the Universe; members regularly made and clothed with Masonic powers and authorities, rights and prerogatives conceded to be legitimate the world over:—acting in the presence, and under the authority of a charter lawfully granted by a Body authorised to grant it, and carefully preserved as the accredited symbol of Masonic right. Do they commit any crime? Any Masonic offence? It is not necessary even that they should know that anything was doing, or had been done adverse to their interests, when, lo! of a sudden, they as a Masonic Body are murdered, by the blind and unexpected blow of, shall we say, an assassin. They as Masons are robbed of character and rights; like those of old, stricken with leprosy, they are denied the society, converse, charity, humanity of their brethren. And it does not answer the position to say or suggest, that other Grand Lodges will be watchful to consider all circumstances, and see that no injustice is done, for it is not true, it is not inevitable—it is no law that requires they shall be guarded and defines the precaution,—it is chance, and the reliability of representations, and the interest of adverse parties, and a thousand elements of doubt and uncertainty that may prevent their receiving justice, without an expenditure of time, reasoning and pleading which they can neither give nor afford.

Even Massachusetts, that was so prompt to announce her position, and to leave her chartered children to the uncovenanted mercies of the Masonic world, has never yet said what they shall be, or what their rights should be, or how their interests should be conserved. All this is an unsettled case, without an adjudication so far as we find, without even a pronouncement by any Grand Lodge.

There is no law. It is a case waiting for wise, considerate, just law. It is time for the formulation of such a law, that shall not crush to atoms the innocent and faithful, and despoil their covenanted rights, but shall adjust and conserve, and award their Masonic preferences and instincts, according to general, wise and equitable provisions.

But the absurdity of the Grand Lodge position is not yet fathomed. We have Lodges that by wisdom and forecast and self-denial have accumulated quite considerable amounts of wealth, in Masonic libraries, in funds whose incomes are to be disposed of in charity for the relief of distressed brothers, their widows and orphans.

Now this same Grand Lodge law says that when the charter of such a Lodge is surrendered or taken away by the Grand Lodge, new or old (and notice the inducement for doing it), all the regalia, furniture and property of the subordinate Lodge shall go to the Grand Lodge, and without limitation of its use by them.

The Constitution of *Connecticut* requires to be surrendered "the charter, books, papers, jewels, furniture, funds and other property of such Lodge." And it is made

the duty of the Grand Secretary "to demand and receive" "the effects of all Lodges whose charters may have been, or shall become forfeited, annulled, or revoked by the Grand Lodge." "And any member of the Fraternity who shall refuse to surrender the same, or any part thereof, when so demanded, shall be expelled from all the privileges of Masonry."

The present status of Grand Lodges therefore not only sanctions abandonment and injustice, but exposes an inducement for fraud and greed. And we see right here that Masons are not above the frailties and lusts that are incident to unmasonic human nature.

The condition of these Lodges, thus left, is in law a *casus omissus*, and is not met by any principles as yet established, indeed their condition does not seem to have received consideration.

But there is still one step further in this descent of obloquy. A Lodge may have a charter and ancient prerogatives that it is not willing to, and will not, surrender, because it has distinguished ability of members that it cannot control, and large wealth that it is unwilling to submit to the more general purposes of a Grand Lodge, possibly covered with trusts that it cannot abrogate, and because its parent power has vanished, returned to its source, or is so far remote as to render Masonic privileges and fraternities with it of but little avail. And in such case the neglect and arbitrary attempts of Grand Lodges towards it are still more unreasonable, illegal, and unmasonic.

And it would seem, in the light of justice and reason, and as a conclusion of other well established principles of Masonic law, that they would be justified, in the cases under consideration, to assume their independent and original lives, and carry them to such lengths of defence and support as Masonic usage and precedent and law will justify, and that, we submit, is clearly not only the right and power of self-existence, but of propagation.

JUSTITIA.

The following is a copy of the Masonic address, presented on Wednesday, to Prince Oscar of Sweden, in view of His Royal Highness's wedding, which took place at Bournemouth, on Thursday:—

"To His Royal Highness Prince Oscar of Sweden and Norway, the Most Eminent Ordens-Statthalter of the Grand Lodge of Sweden,—We, the Masters, Past Masters, and Officers of and representing Lodges Hengist 195, Boscombe 2158, and Horsa 2208, of Free and Accepted Masons of England, beg to offer you fraternal greetings on your visit to our town and on such an auspicious occasion. We would beg to tender you our sincere and hearty congratulations on your approaching marriage, and to express a fervent wish that, with the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, you may enjoy many years of health and happiness."

The address is signed by the W.M., the I.P.M., the S.W., and the J.W. of each of the above-named Lodges.

The following is a copy of the Address presented by the Freemasons of Sussex:—

To the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c. &c. &c.

We, the Freemasons of Sussex, who have the privilege of being presided over by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, at whose installation you graciously officiated, desire to offer to your Royal Highness and to that gentle lady who, as daughter, wife, and mother, will ever be held in esteem by the wives and daughters of Masons, our respectful and sincere congratulations on the happy anniversary of March the Tenth.

May the Great Architect of the Universe shower blessings on the Royal House, to which we, as faithful Masons and loyal citizens, give true and hearty allegiance.

That this Silver Wedding may mark a happy and prosperous epoch in the life of our Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Princess his wife is the humble and earnest prayer of each and all of your Royal Highness's devoted servants,

THE MASON OF SUSSEX.

RICHARD PIDCOCK Prov. G. Registrar.

GERARD FORD P.G.D. Dep. Prov. G. Master.

V. P. FREEMAN P.G.D. Prov. G. Secretary.

10th March 1888.

The Argonauts Lodge, No. 2243, was consecrated on Monday, at the Cromwell Hall, Patney, by the Grand Secretary of England, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who was assisted by Bro. E. Letchworth P.G.D. as S.W., Lord John Tylour as J.W., G. W. Weldon G. Chap. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and J. H. Matthews P.G.S.B. as I.G. We regret that illness prevented our attendance.

MARK MASONRY

CONSECRATION OF THE DE-LA-POLE LODGE,
No. 372.

A NEW Mark Masonic Lodge, the De-La-Pole, No. 372, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Seaton, on Wednesday the 7th inst. The consecration Officer was Bro. Charles Spence Bate, F.R.S., P.G.M.M.M., assisted by Bros. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31 deg., and Henry Stocker 18 deg. In addition to the above named, the Board of Installed Masters included Bros. John Lane, Samuel Jones, E. T. Fulford, J. Jerman, and S. Toms. Previous to the consecration the following brethren were advanced to the degree:—Bros. Henry Ford, Alfred W. Oakley, John Impey Scarbrough, George J. Oldridge, William Adams, Fredk. Magor Portlock Dadson, all of De-La-Pole Lodge, No. 1181, Albert Pryer Reece 449; with Thomas Henry Perry 1181 as serving brother. The ceremony of consecration was then gone through; it reflected considerable credit on Bros. Spence, Bate, Lemon, and Stocker. This over Bro. John Stocker P.M. 15 P.G.S.W. was installed as W.M. The following brethren were appointed and invested for the year ensuing:—Bros. Samuel Jones I.P.M., John Sackville Swann S.W., George Evans J.W., Henry Ford M.O., Alfred W. Oakley S.O., William Adams J.O., George Evans Treasurer, Frederick Magor Portlock Dadson Secretary and Registrar of Marks, John Impey Scarbrough S.D., George S. Oldridge Organist, Albert Pryer Reece I.G., and Thomas Henry Perry Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a well-served banquet at the Beach Hotel, Seaton.

HAWTON LODGE, No. 100.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual meeting on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Ivybridge. Bro. F. Henwood, the W.M. elect, was installed. Bros. W. R. Velvin and Jas. Gidley were the installing Officers. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Velvin I.P.M., Selleck S.W., J. W. Selleck J.W., Mudge M.O., Shepherd S.O., Farley J.O., Cole Treasurer, Ford Secretary, D. Mudge S.D., Balkwill J.D., Bromidge I.G., Coyte Tyler.

ROYAL ARCH.

MAGDALEN CHAPTER, 242.

THE annual installation of Principals in connection with this Chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on the 27th ult. The following Companions were installed in their respective chairs:—Comps. Walker P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. as Z., Hirst (J.P., Retford) as H., and Rev. James Blake as J. The rites of installation were impressively conducted by Comp. Ensor Drury, of Sheffield, a distinguished Yorkshire brother, and an honorary member of the Doncaster Chapter. The Principals installed, the other Officers were appointed and invested, as follows:—Comps. Wilkie Scriba E, Goldthorpe Scripe N, Ogle (Retford) P.S., Hirst Janitor. The annual banquet was held the same evening, at the Reindeer Hotel, and a very handsome dinner served by Mrs. Grant, but the attendance was smaller than it would have been save for the election. Even in the room itself this exciting influence was felt, and Mr. Fitzwilliam's good health, proposed by Comp. Brook, was honoured with great enthusiasm, three cheers being given, and one cheer more for Lady Mary Fitzwilliam. Several of the Masons were amongst Mr. Fitzwilliam's most energetic supporters. Another toast to elicit a most cordial reception was that of the newly-installed E.Z. Comp. Walker, proposed in a highly complimentary speech by Comp. Bellerby. A very pleasant evening was spent.

BISHOP CAMIDGE AND FREEMASONRY IN THE COLONIES.—Information has been received at Thirsk of the reception which the late Vicar (now Bishop Camidge) has met with at the hands of the Freemasons of Australia. The brethren of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 1846, E.C., and of the Caledonia Lodge, when it became known that the new Bishop was an enthusiastic Mason, met in the Oddfellows' Hall, in the City of Bathurst, and presented Bishop Camidge, as Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Yorkshire, with an address of welcome, in which they trusted that he might find as warm a fraternal friendship existing there as in his far away Yorkshire home. The address was beautifully illuminated and framed, and in his acceptance of the address Bishop Camidge suitably responded.

Several notices of meetings and other matters are held over, in consequence of pressure on our space. Among these are reports of the meeting of the Hendon Lodge, on Saturday; the Wallington and the New Concord Lodges, on Thursday; at the latter Bro. Frederick Perl was installed as Worshipful Master.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced, in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Toole's.—When we say that the part Mr. J. L. Toole has in Mr. and Mrs. Herman Merivale's latest comedy, "The Don," is one of the best he has ever had allotted him, it will easily be understood that it is amusing. As Mr. Milliken, M.A., Dean of the Chapel, there is plenty of scope for this public favourite to work upon, and he takes the fullest advantage of it. Dressed in full college regalia, and supposed to be a woman hater, but in reality in love with a charming widow, the fun caused by this individual is fast and furious, while the other characters are well looked after. The authors have improved on their previous efforts, the action of the piece is closer, while the writing is in a smart and interesting style. All this tends to one end, that is to provide a piece that is harmless and full of fun. That this is done has been fully testified, for not only has the piece received a most friendly welcome, but is likely to prove attractive for some time to come. The mystification necessary in such a piece as this is caused by the Don being mistaken for the husband of a Ward in Chancery, while he is really in love with a widow—Mrs. Coventry Sparks. The troubles that this involve are necessarily prolonged, but they are funny, and but for the weakness of the last act the piece would be almost perfect. This fault, however, has been got over by some capital acting on the part of the principals, headed by Mr. Toole, who is admirably suited. A more captivating widow than Kate Phillips could not be conceived, her principal scene in the second act being most charmingly rendered. Miss Linden was fresh and interesting as the Ward in Chancery, while Miss Emily Thorne acted with considerable humour as the keeper of the Bull and Mitre Tavern. Mr. Edward Gardiner was easy as the younger Milliken, who is really the husband, while Mr. Billington was sufficiently irritable as Mr. Pappendick, M.A. Miss Violet Vanbrugh and Mr. C. M. Lowne are interesting as lovers, while Mr. Aubrey Boucicault made a favourable first appearance. A word is also due to Mr. G. Shelton, who is drily humorous as a servant to the Don.

Avenue.—Monday evening last saw the 150th performance of that popular and spirited piece "The Old Guard." Every one was in the best of spirits, and we may say that the play never went better. New songs and dances, with fresh business had been introduced, with the result that those who have already seen it will do well to go again and compare the present edition with the old. Mr. Arthur Roberts was never in better humour than on Monday last, his humorous sayings and business thoroughly delighting the audience. Miss Marion Edgcombe and Miss Fanny Wentworth were in good voice, while Miss Phillis Broughton introduced a new and attractive dance. Miss Henrietta Polak, Messrs. John Dallas, Alec Marsh and Joseph Tapley all scored well. Several floral tributes were awarded during the performance. "The Old Guard" has undoubtedly started a new lease of life.

Mr. A. W. Pinero's new domestic drama, in three acts, entitled "Sweet Lavender," will be produced at Terry's theatre next Wednesday evening. The caste is a strong one, Mr. Edward Terry taking the part of a barrister. The whole of the action of the play takes place in spring time of the present day, at the chambers of Messrs. Phenyl and Hale.

On Monday afternoon, the 19th instant, Mr. Meyer Lutz, the popular musical Director of the Gaiety Theatre, takes his annual benefit. A most attractive programme has been provided, consisting of the second act of "Frankenstein," the third act of Balfe's "Bohemian Girl," and a new farce, "Good Business," with numerous incidentals. The booking is already great, so that we may anticipate a "bumper" on the occasion.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed on Tuesday next, the 20th inst., at the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839, meeting at the Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside, commencing at 7 p.m. Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will officiate as Consecrating Officer, and will be assisted by Brothers W. W. Morgan P.M. 211 (who will deliver the Oration), A. J. Dixie W.M. 453 (who will act as Director of Ceremonies), and other well known Masons. The musical arrangements have been entrusted to Bro. H. S. Trego, Mus. Bach. Oxon, Organist 1839. The brethren are requested to wear Masonic clothing. At the conclusion of the ceremonies refreshments will be provided for those who choose to partake.

The Diamond Butterfly presented by the Freemasons of England to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and of which we give an illustration elsewhere, was designed and manufactured by Messrs. Johnson, Walker and Tolhurst, Wholesale Jewellers, 80 Aldersgate Street, London. We understand that Mr. Walker senior, a member of the firm, was initiated in the Tusan Lodge, No. 14, some time since.

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, 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)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, 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, Harwood 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

MONDAY, 19th MARCH.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, 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.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 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.)
 1683—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerks, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 823—Evert, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
 R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 20th MARCH.

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

- 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1011—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stars, 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)
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 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.)
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
 R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scarrier, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Boote, 146 Berry Street, Boote, at 6. (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rageley
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
 2045—Wharton, Willesden
 2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
 M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 229—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleagall Road, Cubitt Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1684—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, 61, Abchurch Lane, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 155 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 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)
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 114—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
 M.M. 184—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Clarendon
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancaster
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Peasmarsh
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, London

380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffeld, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
 1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
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 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
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 R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury

THURSDAY, 22nd MARCH.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 786—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1308—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 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)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheat-sheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
 M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Downbury
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Hullersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslington
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
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 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Corwall.
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1437—Liberty of Haverling, Rising Sun, Rotherford
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts. at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 391—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
 R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 23rd MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 834—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)
 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Puddington, 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)
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 24th MARCH.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 70 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

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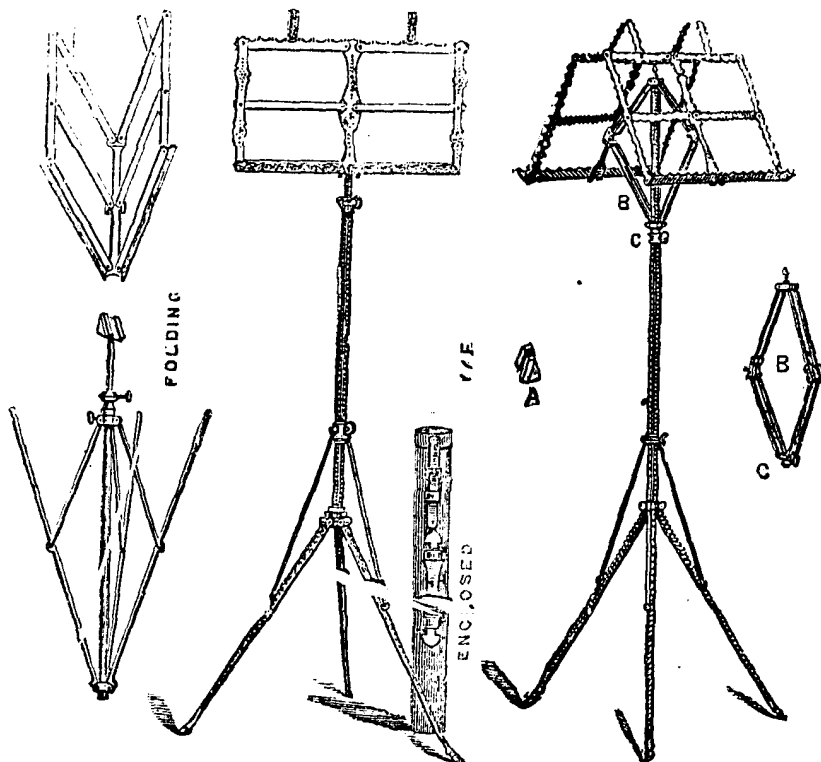
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