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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION
FOR GIRLS.

ALTHOUGH we were pleased to observe that the recent Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was not allowed to pass without reference to the neglect of the management to extend the benefits of the Institution, in appreciation of the splendid result of the Centenary Festival, we were somewhat surprised that the protest came from so influential a personage as the chairman of the day, and we even go so far as to question the propriety of the remarks made by Bro. H. Brooks Marshall, although, we must perforce admit, they were in keeping with our fondest hopes. Bro Marshall, in his position as chairman of the meeting, regretted that, notwithstanding the munificence of the brethren on the occasion of the Centenary Festival of the Institution, on the 7th of last June, when the Prince of Wales presided, and more than £50,600 was subscribed, there were vacancies for only nine out of sixty three-candidates. The premises however, he said, were going to be enlarged, and he hoped that at the next April or October elections the Institution would be able to take in all candidates. These remarks called forth some strong expressions of disapproval, and we are sorry to say we think they were deserved. We can well understand Bro. Marshall's personal feeling in the matter; he, like many others who have done their best in support of the Masonic Institutions, is no doubt disgusted that such a Festival as that the Girls' School enjoyed this year should be passed over in contemptuous silence, and we cannot blame him for expressing his private opinion, wherever and whenever he has the opportunity of doing so, but as Chairman for the time being of the Institution itself he ought to have been more guarded in his observations. He should not have made use of his public position to express his private opinion, for we think he will agree with us that what he said at the meeting referred to was merely an expression of personal opinion, not to be accepted as in any way official, or endorsed by those entrusted with the management of the Institution.

While it is true we have all along urged the extension of the benefits of the Charity as a mark of appreciation for the Centenary Festival, we have known there was a great and, in one way of thinking, an insurmountable obstacle in the way. The School buildings have for some time past been over crowded; in addition to which alterations are in progress which still further encroach on the accommodation the School buildings afford. It was therefore unwise, if not impossible, to elect any more children for admission to the School until the necessary additions had been completed, but there was no obstacle to prevent an extension of benefits in other ways. Supposing the Committee had decided to elect the nine children for

whom there were vacancies to the full benefits of the Institution, they would then have had fifty-four approved candidates to deal with, and for all of these something could and might have been done. Would it have been a very serious matter—in face of the Centenary Festival—to have elected them all, and educated them outside the School, either permanently, or until such time as they could be admitted in the ordinary way? If such a course would have led to the abuse of the privileges thus conferred,—as we are told was the case in years gone by,—it could have easily been discontinued as soon as the "Centenary" candidates came of an age to leave the care of the Charity, but we do not believe that outside education would be either more expensive, or less satisfactory than that now practised, while it would afford a ready means of doing justice to the Craft, which has thus far been neglected. It is not too late to remedy this omission, and we hope its practicability may yet be considered by those in authority.

Reverting to Bro. Marshall's comments, we may say that the hope he expressed, that on the completion of the alterations all the candidates would be admitted, was most injudicious and most unlikely of being fulfilled. We are not surprised that some of those who were present when he made these remarks took occasion to express their disapproval thereof. One of these, Bro. James A. Birch, of Manchester, has addressed a letter to the *Manchester Courier*, in which he, as a member of the Centenary Committee, says it is not at all likely that the increased accommodation at the School will be available even at October of next year, so that we may give up all hope of anything being done in the way of extending the benefits of the Charity as a result of the Centenary Celebration until 1890 at the earliest. Is this what the Stewards and supporters of the Centenary worked for? We say it is not; and we consider that something should be done immediately to meet the exigencies of the case. It is no use holding out hopes, for 1890, which may never be realised, besides which it is madness to even suggest that during that year all the candidates will be taken on. If such an opinion becomes general who shall say how many candidates will be put forward? Instead of having fifty-four to deal with, as is now the case, we should not be surprised to see ten or even twenty times that number. Taking the average, is there one Lodge in ten that could not find a deserving candidate, provided the members knew there was a certainty of election? Under these circumstances, then, it must be evident that to hope for the admission of all the candidates of 1890, as a recognition of the success of 1888, is not worthy a moment's consideration, and accordingly some other method must be devised of celebrating the grandest Festival ever known in connection with a Charity, or else the matter must be allowed to sink into oblivion—a poor return for a very rich offering.

COMMENTS ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

BY BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

(Continued from page 260).

UP to about 1860 Masonic dreamers could with impunity palm off any stuff they pleased for Masonic history, and the most absurd Masonic scribblers were most revered for their profound erudition. Bro. Lyon's sketches regarding "Mother Kilwinning," which appeared about or near 1860, gave rise, I believe, to what may be called "The age of Transition." It doubtless convinced a few brethren that true Masonic history was still unknown, and thus predisposed their minds to listen patiently to more truthful writers. Bro. Findel was the first to pierce a hole through the wall of the dark Masonic chamber, which admitted sufficient rays of light to prove clearly that Grand Lodges, Grand Masters, Masonic degrees, in short, speculative Masonry, with all thereunto belonging, did not begin before 1717; and that the Athelstan Charter, the Henry VI. MS., Masonic Templarism, &c., were all *moonshine*. Bro. Findel was of course attacked by the old luminaries, the high degrees, the crafty, and ignorant scribblers; but nevertheless, there were some who had courage enough to defend him.

Bro. Hughan's contributions to the Masonic press, his History of Masonry in York, his publication of the old MSS. served to illumine further the inside of the long closed up Masonic chamber. In short, Bro. Hughan may be said to have enlarged the hole in the wall which Bro. Findel pierced through. Next came Bro. Buchan, who, among other things, exposed the claimed genuineness of the so-called "Malcolm Charter." Next appeared Bro. David M. Lyon's History of Masonry in Scotland, which is even more *sweeping* to all kinds of Masonic *moonshine* than the History of Bro. Findel; but, nevertheless, times were so changed since Bro. Findel's History appeared, that even the old luminaries and *high degrees* had nothing to say against Bro. Lyon's exposures of the old fictions. These writers, which may be called "The new school," prepared the minds of even the sticklers for Masonic antiquity to read patiently in Bro. Gould's History that Sir Christopher Wren was not even an initiated Freemason, &c.

Unfortunately, however, Masons as a rule have no taste for reading, and when any of them even feel thirsty or hungry for more "Masonic light," they rush into what is called "The high Masonic degrees" for it, and hence there are even now tens of thousands of initiated Masous who have never heard the names of Findel, Hughan, Lyon, or Gould.

I remember that immediately after my initiation, in 1842, I asked a brother to tell me what Masonic History I was to read, and he highly recommended Dr. Oliver's works, and the Freemasons' Magazine. Oliver's books were too dear for my means. I borrowed, however, a book written by Dr. Ashe, and obtained the loan of the said Magazine from a "Lodge of Instruction," but as the subject was new to me, I could not positively say that there were any falsehoods in the above-named works. In short, I was puzzled, but when, in 1852, a Reverend Grand Master of Massachusetts defended sectarianism in Masonry, with long quotations from Oliver's "Johannite Masonry," and from his "Revelations of a Square," I then became satisfied that Masonic writers of high reputation could be utterly unreliable.

In 1866 I was invited to write for the "Masonic Monthly," in Boston, and since then I have read every Masonic book I could lay hands on; and, as a rule, whenever I thought that the author had erred, I tried to demonstrate his error in a Masonic paper. Now, among other matters, Dermott and his "Ancients" attracted my attention, and I have long since come to the conclusion that Dermott was very clever, very humorous and witty, very fond of Masonry, and was charitable too, but he was utterly unscrupulous as to lying, when it served his purpose. Nay, more! he even seemed to enjoy it. I have already given some specimens of Dermott's inventions, but in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of 27th July 1878, I called attention to one of his stories, and as the reader can find the said story on pp 103-4 of Bro. Sadler's book, I shall here merely give the gist of it, thus:—

Sir Christopher Wren, who served the King for upwards of fifty years, was dismissed by George I. from his office of Surveyor General when he was ninety years of age, and a

man by the name of B—ns—n, was appointed in his place, and as the London Masons would have been compelled to elect the said B—ns—n for their Grand Master, and as they were disgusted with the insult given to Sir Christopher, they, in order to avoid electing B—ns—n, ceased to hold meetings for a number of years, during which time they had forgotten an important Masonic *something*; but the country Lodges and the Scotch Lodges, who never suspended their regular meetings, retained that important Masonic *something*; therefore, the Scotch and country Masons were *Ancients*, while London Masons became *Moderns*.

Now, putting aside the facts that Sir Christopher was never a Grand Master, and that there was no law to compel the London Masons to elect a Grand Master, I pointed out, first, that George I. did not begin his reign before 1714, if, therefore, he had even dismissed Sir Christopher in 1714, it is not likely that anything could have been forgotten by the London Masons when they formed their Grand Lodge in 1717; and second, as Sir Christopher was born in 1632, and was dismissed from his office when he was "ninety years of age," the dismissal must have taken place in 1722, or five years after the Grand Lodge of England was formed. Now, after reading the above, I think that no one can blame me for disbelieving anything and everything that was written by Dermott, and even his Grand Lodge records are, in my opinion, utterly unworthy of credence.

Again, in the "Masonic Magazine," London, of May 1874, in a Paper headed "Puzzles," I pointed out, not only that in his Warrants sent to Nova Scotia in 1757, Dermott styled his Grand Lodge as "York Masons," but also that the said Warrants were headed with "BLESINGTON GRAND MASTER." I was of course puzzled, and I asked whether the Ancients were doubly blessed, viz., with a Grand Master *Blessington* and a Grand Master *Blesinton*?

Now, on page 84, &c., in Bro. Sadler's book, I find letters of correspondence between Dermott and the above referred-to nobleman, and I was surprised to find that his lordship's letter was signed "Blesinton." In short, "Blessington" is not found in the said correspondence. That Dermott knew how to spell the said name or title is evident, from his dedication of the 1756 edition of the Ahiman Rezon to the "Earl of Blessington." And as no one can suppose that the said Earl did not know how to spell his own title correctly the question therefore is, did not Dermott manufacture the whole correspondence, and alter the spelling of his lordship's title for the purpose of shielding himself from legal prosecution? Bro. Gould furnished a case which raised my suspicion about Dermott's capability of manufacturing letters of correspondence; thus, in the fourth volume of his History, page 442, I find as follows:—

"In the following year, March 1st, 1758, a letter was read from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, announcing strict union with the Ancient Grand Lodge in London."

The brethren of Dermott's Grand Lodge must have been overjoyed with the above announcement. But on page 446 of the same volume Bro. Gould, says as follows:—

"At a Grand Lodge held Sept. 2nd (1762), a letter was read from Bro. J. Corker, Deputy Grand Secretary of Ireland, stating that 'he cannot find any traces of the agreement which was made between the two Grand Lodges in 1757,' and also that nothing would have been more advantageous to our poor Fraternity than a strict adherence to such a resolution."

Now, is it not strange that an agreement entered into with the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1757 or 1758 should have been unknown to a Deputy Grand Secretary in 1762? For my part, I cannot believe that the letter read in the Grand Lodge of Ancients in 1758 was genuine, and I doubt very much whether the second letter in 1762 was genuine; or at least, whether it had not been altered, or additions made thereto.

But that is not all. Among the correspondence between the Ancients and Lord Blessington one of the letters was from Bro. Holford to the Grand Master, in which he said:—

"The number of Warrants signed by your Worship is convincing proof of the prosperity of the Craft under your Lordship's sanction."

Now, all the Warrants given by the Ancients during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Blessington have somehow disappeared. In Halifax, Nova Scotia, however, there is a Warrant as well as a Deputation to Erasmus James

Phillips, dated 1757. Both documents are headed with "Blesinton," but neither of them was signed by the Grand Master, but by "Lau Dermott, G. Sec." The question therefore is, did Lord Blessington ever sign a Warrant at all?

The next question is, what kind of a Grand Master did Lord Blessington make? To this question Bro. Sadler himself, on page 84 of his book, answers as follows, he says:—

"I cannot, with strict regard to truth, say that he (Lord Blessington) filled the chair during the time mentioned, for, strange to say, he never attended a meeting, not even to be installed, that ceremony being performed privately by the Grand Officers in his own library in Margaret Street.

Now, as the evidence of Lord Blessington's private installation rests solely on Dermott's testimony, *I may therefore doubt it.*

The surprise of Bro. Sadler about Lord Blessington's behaviour to the London Ancients must be enhanced when we remember his lordship's zeal and activity when he was Grand Master of Ireland in 1738 and 1739; for, as already stated in my former communication, he was even associated with a committee for the purpose of comparing the usages or laws of the Grand Lodge of England with that of Ireland; there was therefore evidently "a screw loose" in London.

Now, it is an undoubted fact that since 1722 (when the Duke of Montague accepted the office of Grand Master of the London Masons) there was no great difficulty in finding noblemen who would cheerfully accept the Grand Master's office; and such was the case, not only in England, but in Ireland and Scotland too. Again, Dermott well knew that unless he could get a nobleman to preside over his Grand Lodge his concern would not last long; hence, on 5th Nov. 1752, the record (as quoted by Bro. Sadler on page 83) says:—

"The names of several Noble and Honourable Gentlemen, said to be Ancient Masons, were laid before the Committee, in order to petition some one of them to undertake the Grand Mastership, &c., of the Craft. The principal personages spoken of were the Right Hon. Lord Chesterfield, Ponsonby, Inchiquin, Blesinton."

Dermott doubtless knew very well that not a solitary personage he named was what he called an "Ancient Mason," and this fact is admitted by Bro. Sadler himself. To how many personages Dermott wrote I know not. It is evident, however, that no one of the parties he petitioned would have anything to do with him. At last he caught, or seems to have secured the promise of, a nobleman, in 1756. Dermott informed his Grand Lodge, 27th Dec. 1756, that he had written a letter to Lord *Blesinton*, and carried the letter to his lordship's house, but he was refused admission, so he sent another letter to his lordship by post, to which he received the following answer:—

"I am much concerned that I happened not to see you when you called on me the other day, but my being denied was owing to a mistake, having given orders, not with regard to you, but another person, who has been very troublesome. As I shall be out of town on St. John's Day, I must beg leave to act by deputy."

The above letter is signed "Blesinton," hence, I doubt whether at least it is a correct copy; but assuming that it is O.K., I would infer from it that his lordship was a soft-hearted man who could not refuse a favour. It is therefore possible that his lordship was induced, more or less reluctantly, to yield to Dermott's solicitation, which he soon after regretted. Anyhow, he seems to have been ashamed of his new connections, for he never went near them, and was anxious to cast himself loose from Dermott and Co. That such was the case may be inferred from the following extract from a letter of Bro. Hesseltine, Grand Secretary of England, dated 1769.

"How far (says Bro. Hesseltine) the Ancients have raised themselves in the esteem of the public may be gathered from the number of persons of eminence who have headed them, being at most but three, viz., Lord Blessington, some Lord Kelley, and a present Mr. Matthews, whose names they have made use of, but with what authority I shall not pretend to say. This much I can say, that the late Mr. Revis, who had been an Officer of our Grand Lodge for upwards of thirty years, declared about the year 60 (1760) that Lord Blessington, being informed of such circumstance, forbade the use of his name any longer, under pain of prosecution."

Now, in the first place, Hesseltine had good reason to despise Dermott, and second, as Hesseltine's character stood high, and as I have never heard anything against him, I feel justified in believing him when he emphatically said "This much I know." I have, therefore, no doubt that Revis said so, and that he told the truth; it is, therefore, not impossible that our soft-hearted brother Lord Blessington, was induced by misrepresentation to consent to Dermott's proposition, that he discovered his mistake soon after, and was ashamed to have anything to do with the concern, and, therefore, forbade Dermott to continue to use his Lordship's name, under a threat of legal prosecution. But as Dermott had to have a nobleman for his Grand Master, he therefore misspelled the title, and called his Grand Master *Blesinton* instead of Blessington. I know that my reasoning will be pronounced by some as *far-fetched*. I cannot, however, otherwise account for Dermott's misspelling Lord Blessington's title.*

Finally, I was initiated in a Lodge which holds a charter from the *Ancients*. I have no motive for unjustly disparaging the *Ancients*. I do not imagine myself infallible, for I disbelieve now a great deal which I formerly believed; and, on the other hand, I was satisfied that Bro. Sadler was truthful, sincere, a zealous searcher, and that he had "at his finger's ends" all the sources of information upon the questions he discussed. I, therefore, thought that perhaps after all Bro. Sadler might be right, and in order to avoid strengthening or reviving my old biased opinions, I refrained from consulting the writings of Bros. Gould and Hughan upon the question at issue until after I mailed my two previous papers to London. Since then I have reperused the said writings, and I now feel more satisfied than ever that my esteemed friend Bro. Sadler has totally failed in his good natured effort of transforming Dermott and his seventy or more associates of 1751 and 1752 into Masonic saints of the highest standard.

BOSTON, U.S., 18th October 1888.

* In the Irish Constitution of 1751 the G.M. of 1738 and 9 is called "William Stewart Viscount Montjoy." As the said nobleman's title was afterwards changed, Dermott dedicated his 1756 *Ahiman Rezon* to "William, Earl of Blessington." But in the Deputation to Nova Scotia, in 1757, the Grand Master is named "William Stuart, Earl of Blesinton." Now, is it not strange that so clever and well-informed a man as Dermott undoubtedly was, who spelt every name and every Grand Master's title correctly, should have persistently blundered again and again when writing the title of the first nobleman who consented to be called "Grand Master" of his new London Grand Lodge? We know that in a paragraph above referred to, in order to avoid legal trouble, Dermott called the person who succeeded Sir Christopher Wren to the office of Surveyor General, "Mr. William B—ns—n," and also "B—ns—n," and why could he not for the same reason have changed Blessington into "Blesinton?"

FREEMASONRY UNDER AN INTER-DICT.

IT may do us good to remind ourselves to-day, when we hear so much of change in most things in and around us, that Freemasonry still lies, through no fault of its own, under the ban of the Church of Rome, and all Freemasons are declared to be, ipso facto, excommunicate, if Roman Catholics, debarred from the services and sacraments of the Church; if non-Roman Catholics, and even "in invincible ignorance," "booked," as Sam Weller says, "for something uncomfortable." This internecine struggle between the Church of Rome and Freemasonry, utterly needless, useless, and irreligious, which began in 1738, and has been going on ever since, is still as keen and vivid as ever, and without the slightest shadow of excuse or the smallest show of reason, especially in Anglo-Saxon communities; while Freemasons are regarded by Roman Catholics as dangerous revolutionists and incorrigible heretics, inimical to law and order, the source and cause of all the present tumultuous disorders which agitate society and the world. Were Freemasons wishful to retaliate or use hard words, they might fairly point to that one great secret Roman Catholic Society to which some of the most dangerous maxims which ever corrupted the consciences or perverted the sympathies of men may be not unfairly attributed; which has proclaimed at different times and in changing scenes, the most destructive and the most obnoxious theories; and out of those whose bosom sprang the most baneful secret society the world has ever

seer, "the Illuminati," the model and parent of many other of those criminal combinations which so hinder the progress and disturb the peace of mankind at the present time.

In May 1738, Clement XII. issued the well-known Bull, "In Eminenti Apostatalus Specula," condemning all Freemasons everywhere, on various grounds, some untrue, some absurd, without hearing or appeal. And this condemnation remains the law of the Roman Catholic Church to this day, though curiously enough this bull was never published in France or Germany.

In 1739, 14th January, Cardinal Ferrao, from Rome, forbade, on pain of death, all priests or persons everywhere to join the society of Freemasons.

On the 18th February 1739, the Inquisition condemned, in a published sentence, the "Relation Apologique," said to be written by Ramsay, and ordered the book to be burnt.

In 1742, H. F. Xavier De Belsance, de Castlemoron, Bishop of Marseilles, issued a "Mandement" to the faithful, forbidding them to associate with the Freemasons.

In 1748, the Chapter of the Sorbonne, at Paris, consulted and decided against the Freemasons, which decision the Lieutenant of Police published.

In June 1751, Benedict XIV. issued another well-known bull, "Providas Romanorum Pontificum," &c., repeating the Bull of Clement, and adding a few warm touches of his own.

In July 1751, the Archbishop of Avignon, Joseph de Guyon, called attention to this Bull, in a "Mandement."

During the last century Freemasons were condemned by Scottish Presbyterian Synods, almost in Roman Catholic language, by Calvinists, at Berne, and in Holland, at one time in Naples, and after the Emperor Joseph's death were suppressed in Austria and Lombardy.

In this century the Roman Curia revived the condemnation of 1738-51, in 1814, in 1821-22, and again more than once in the Pontificate of Pius IX.

The Archbishop of Malta, the Archbishop of Mechlin, an Archbishop in New South Wales, and in India, Cardinal Manning, and Irish Bishops and Archbishops, have all alike declared Freemasonry an illegal and injurious society, and Freemasons to be alike irreligious and immoral.

And all this without the slightest shadow of justification, the slightest pretence of reality, the slightest claim to truth.

No more loyal, no more enthusiastically loyal body exists anywhere than the vast aggregation of Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, and whether under a Monarchy or in a Republic, whether in India, New Zealand, Canada, or New South Wales, whether in Great Britain or the United States, they are always foremost in upholding peace and order, in paying due obedience to the civil magistrate, in giving unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and to God the things which are God's.

As a large section of the human race, their intelligence is very great, their respectability very marked, and with very few exceptions they are an example for good to all around them. Therefore the explanation of this paradox must be sought elsewhere.

Freemasonry, to the average Roman Catholic mind, and much more to the rulers of that astute body, represents three great principles with which Rome is ever at war. One is the principle of toleration; another the principle of the sanctity of the human conscience; the third is the inalienable and sacred right of private judgment.

—New Zealand Mail.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES TO OUR SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the proposer of the resolution, "That fathers of candidates should have made themselves Life Governors of the Institutions into which their children are seeking admission" within the seven years' limit—which, at the suggestion of many brethren I withdrew, not because I thought I was wrong in my object, but from a belief that the brethren did not sufficiently understand the reason of my bringing the resolution forward—I hope at some future day to see it carried. Bro. Gladwell opposed; he thinks it a too cheap and easy a method of obtaining the right of qualifying as a candidate. Bro. Binckes, because it would be turning our Order into a Benefit Society. As to the first objection, I think I shall be able to prove that the qualifying right is far too cheap and easy as at present in use with us, even with the seven years' subscribing membership, which I trust will not only be carried, but voted upon after the next Quarterly Court. For my purpose, I will take the fly sheets of the proxy papers issued for the last election; there I find that out of 24 Boys who were elected one parent was Life Governor of the three Institutions, one Life Governor of the Boys, one Life Governor of the Benevolent; one had contributed to the Boys and Benevolent; two had given something to the Benevolent, and three had occasionally given to the Boys, leaving fifteen with no record to their names. Of the nine successful Girls, one parent was Life Governor of all three, one Life Subscriber to the Benevolent—one gave occasionally to the Benevolent—while to the remaining six there is no record. Nine Boys and four Girls were under the seven years' limit, and one of the latter only nine months. Of course there may

be some whose names have been absorbed in the Provincial lists, and consequently not recorded individually, yet I am of opinion that when out of a list of thirty-three only twelve are recorded as doing anything, and out of twelve only three had made themselves Life Governors of the Institutions into which their children had been received. Some means should be devised of stimulating Craftsmen to further exertions in the future, but if in the opinion of the brethren my scheme (which would have added 210 guineas to the Boys and 60 guineas to the Girls' Institutions) is too easy, let the standard be raised to Vice-Presidentship within the seven years' limit. Seven years' subscription to a Lodge or Lodges does not necessarily constitute a benefit to any one of the Institutions; as there are several who never give anything. Now as to objection No. 2—"making a benefit society of our Order." I beg to differ from my good friend Bro. Binckes. The members of the Craft are admitted on the solemn assurance that they do not join with any mercenary or unworthy motive; but that we should have Institutions wherewith to aid and assist those members who have had the misfortune to be reduced to poverty, more or less severe, is merely the outcome of that Grand Principal of Freemasonry "Charity." In those other grand Orders viz., Odd Fellows, Foresters, &c., &c., which are benefit societies pure and simple, the members join on the distinct understanding that they shall receive aid and assistance in case of accident, sickness or death, and that appears to me to be the great and essential difference (in principle if not in practice) between us.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES J. PERCEVAL.

8 Thurloe Place, S.W.
3rd November 1888.

CLASS LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the article on Class Lodges, in your last issue, you say, "Surely if they were capable of being easily disproved some stringent measures should have been adopted to contradict them." With this I do not agree, for, as a friend lately said to me, "You can't stop to whip every cur that barks at you;" nevertheless, in the present case a contradiction may be of importance.

It seems to me that no intelligent mind can read your article without being thereby convinced in favour of so-called Class Lodges. I must, however, leave that discussion to those who have more leisure than I at present have.

The Temperance Lodge in question cannot be considered a Class Lodge; had it been such, the "scandal," as you term it, would never have arisen. I have yet to learn that it is part of Masonry to compel any Lodge to have alcohol or indeed anything else on its dinner table. And yet this is the only point in question. A small clique (at least so it appears to be) of a few, who are not generally regarded as "moderate drinkers," wishes to compel the large majority of the Lodge, which comprises teetotalers and non-teetotalers, to have alcohol on the Lodge dinner table against their wish. It is that clique that is the blackballing party, and not the abstainers.

There is, as far as I know, no temperance party in the Lodge, and I have scarcely missed a meeting since the consecration.

The quotation states "a senior member of the Lodge has been displaced already" from office. The one evidently referred to wrote a letter to the then W.M., stating his inability to attend the Lodge, and therefore withdrew his candidature. His letter is now in my hands, as also one from the then W.M., objecting to his being re-appointed, both of which I am prepared to produce in due season.

You assert that "It has long been known to us that this 'Temperance' Lodge has been conducted on most un-Masonic principles." I am no young Mason, and consider I have the right to request that you point out the "un-Masonic principles" in question. The only un-Masonic conduct I am aware of has been on the part of the "small clique," which comprises about six members.

If our brethren want to see "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," let them pay a visit to the only temperance "Class" Lodge that can be really called such, viz., the King Solomon Lodge of Mark Masters.

Yours faithfully,

W.M. 2029.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Londesborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 1681, held at the Berkeley Arms, John-street, May Fair, on Wednesday, 14th November 1888, at seven o'clock precisely. Bros. Wood S.W. 1681 W.M., Kew P.M. 179 S.W., Eveuden P.M. 749 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Smith, Blyth, Price, Robinson, Goldfinch, Kirk, and Wood. Second Lecture—Bros. Lewis, Brindley, Evenden, Kew, and Sedgwick. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Rayner, Bullen, and Cursons. Bro. Wood Preceptor. Bro. Sedgwick Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Abscesses, Erysipelas, Piles.—Unvarying success attends all who treat these diseases according to the simple printed directions wrapped round each pot and box. They are invaluable to the young and timid, whose bashfulness sometimes endangers life. Though apparently local, diseases of this nature are essentially blood diseases, but a little attention, moderate perseverance, and trifling expense will enable the most diffident to conduct any case to a happy issue without exposing secret infirmities to any one. The Ointment checks the local inflammation and alleviates the throbbing pains. These directions also clearly point out when and how Holloway's Pills are to be taken, that their purifying and regulating powers may assist by adjusting and strengthening the constitution.

MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

MASONRY in the "Mark" continues to flourish in Lancashire equally in proportion as in the Craft. Of this there can be no better proof than the fact that the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Provincial Grand Mark Master, has consecrated two new Lodges within a little over a fortnight, the one in Liverpool, and the other at Chorlton-cum-Hardy, a pleasant suburb of Manchester. The ceremony last referred to was performed on the 31st October, by his lordship, assisted by a number of influential Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. The brethren assembled at 2'45, in the Masonic Hall, a handsome and commodious stone building, which stands on its grounds in High-lane, Chorlton. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, arrived at the hall about three o'clock, and a procession of Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, was formed, and entered the Lodge room, being received with the usual honours. The consecration ceremony was opened with prayer, offered up by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and the singing of an anthem. The founders of the new Lodge were next ranged in order, and addressed by the Provincial Grand Master on the nature of the gathering. The Provincial Grand Secretary explained the wishes of the founders, and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the formation of the Lodge. The petition and warrant were read by Brother Chadwick, and the Provincial Grand Master having ascertained from the brethren of the new Lodge that they approved of the Officers mentioned in the warrant, called upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain to deliver an oration. This was followed by an anthem and the first part of the consecration prayer, and the brethren turning to the east, the Provincial Grand Master delivered the beautiful invocation. The pedestal was then uncovered, and the cornucopia, corn, and vessels containing wine, oil, and salt, were carried four times round the Lodge. Corn was cast in the east as an emblem of plenty, the consecrating Officer poured out wine as a token of joy and gladness, and oil as a symbol of peace and harmony, and salt was finally strewn as an omen of fidelity. The censer was borne three times around the Lodge by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, who later delivered the second portion of the consecration prayer, and the Provincial Grand Master subsequently dedicated the Lodge. Brother J. D. Murray installed Brother Henry Marshall as the first Worshipful Master, and the latter invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro. Lambert S.W., Batty J.W., Heywood M.O., Webster S.O., Goodacre J.O., Dr. A. E. Pownall Treasurer, Mottershead Registrar, Crompton Secretary, Locke S.D., Wells J.D., Travers Organist, Shirley I.G., Wakefield, Hall, Nall, Pownall Stewards, Chesshyre Tyler. The ceremony having concluded, votes of thanks were accorded to Brother the Earl of Lathom as consecrating officer, and Brother Murray as installing officer. His Lordship and Bro. Murray and Barrow were proposed as hon. members, and later on fifteen candidates were advanced. This was all the business, and the brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom.

CONSECRATION OF THE DE TABLEY LODGE.

A NEW Lodge of Mark Master Masons was consecrated at Frodsham, on the 29th ultimo, by the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope Past Grand Chaplain of England. The newly consecrated Lodge is called the De Tabley, in memory of the late Lord de Tabley Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire. The ceremony took place at the Town Hall, the acting Provincial Grand Mark Master being supported by Brother Willis as Director of Ceremonies, and by the Rev. J. N. Tanner as Grand Chaplain. Brother W. H. Danby, the first Master of the Lodge, was duly installed by Brother S. W. Ramsden, assisted by Brother R. C. Edwards P.M. 196, and he appointed his Officers.

A Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened, and the business of the Province was transacted. The acting Provincial Grand Master proceeded to invest the Provincial Officers for the current year, as under:—

Bro. Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton	-	Senior Warden
J. F. Edisbury	-	Junior Warden
G. H. Danby	-	Master Overseer
William Cartwright	-	Senior Overseer
W. G. Cronau	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. J. W. N. Tanner	-	Chaplain
Frederick K. Stevenson	-	Treasurer
H. E. Heywood	-	Registrar of Marks
Richard Newhouse-	-	Secretary
Albert Peterkin	-	Senior Deacon
W. Kohn	-	Junior Deacon
James Holland	-	Inspector of Works
Alfred Atkinson	-	Director of Ceremonies
John Williamson	-	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
Enoch Evans	-	Sword Bearer
Thomas Cowley	-	Standard Bearer
Herbert Ellis	-	Organist
W. C. Flemming	-	Pursuivant
Stephen Smith	-	Tyler
H. E. Heywood	-	} Stewards
John Ashton	-	
James Reynolds	-	
Henry Harrison	-	
Jos. K. Digges	-	

At the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren dined in the Frodsham School-room, under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton occupying the vice chair.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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BRENTWOOD LODGE, No. 377.

AN emergency meeting took place at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, on the 26th ult. Bros. Brown and Burgess were advanced. There were present:—Bros. Cooper W.M., Geode S.W., Ramsey J.W., Page S.D., Wallis, Meggy, Wills, and Hobson. Visitors:—Brothers Lewin, Brown and Burgess.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 959.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday evening, the 5th instant, when Bro. John White was for the second time installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. There was a very large attendance. Before vacating the chair Bro. Trew announced that Bro. Townsend had presented to the Lodge a handsome loving cup. He proposed that the cup be accepted, and that the thanks of the Lodge be recorded on the minutes. This was seconded, and carried unanimously. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Bro. Brown. The Officers for the year were invested as under:—Bros. Pick S.W., Bennett J.W., Cuckow Treasurer, Townsend Secretary, Hardwick S.D., Jolly J.D., Kemp I.G., Foakes-Jackson Chaplain, Brown Dir. of Cors., Leathers and Gaul Stewards, Gould Tyler. The installation banquet was served in first class style by Bro. Hardwick, of the Queen-street Restaurant. The menu and toast list were embellished with Shakespearean quotations, many of which were very happily chosen. The Worshipful Master proposed the Queen, the Immediate Past Master (Bro. Trew) gave the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Bro. Brown proposed the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. Townsend, who was introduced by the Worshipful Master as the oldest Provincial Grand Officer in the Province, gave the health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Henniker). Bro. Hanson proposed the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn) and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, for whom Bros. Townsend and Sherman responded. Bro. Trew proposed the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and said the way in which Bro. White conducted the business of the Lodge when he occupied the chair in a previous year reflected the highest credit upon him, and he predicted that the coming year would be one of great prosperity for the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast was received, and said he was rather sorry that it had been necessary for a Past Master to go into the chair. He thought it would have been much better for a younger member who had worked through the various offices to have been selected, but some difficulty was caused by the fact that the Lodge had lost one of its Senior Officers by death, and another had left the country. In obedience to the wish of the Past Masters, backed up by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, he consented to accept the honour a second time, and he hoped he should be able to discharge the duties of the office in a manner which would give satisfaction to the whole of the brethren. The Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, proposed the Installing Master. Bro. Brown, in response, alluded to the progress the Lodge had made since he filled the chair, and said at the present time the Prince of Wales Lodge would compare favourably with any of the other Lodges in the town. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Immediate Past Master, and spoke of the high estimation in which Bro. Trew was held, not only in the Prince of Wales Lodge, but throughout the Craft. He had passed through the chair in a manner which could not be but satisfactory to the brethren, which was creditable to the Lodge, and reflected the highest honour upon himself. Bro. Trew, on rising to respond, was received with prolonged applause. He thanked the brethren for the courtesy which had been extended to him during his year of office, and said the work he had undertaken had been a labour of love; he thanked them for the liberal manner in which they had supported him on the occasion of his Stewardship at the Girls' Centenary Festival, and expressed the hope that at the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution he should have the honour of representing the Prince of Wales Lodge with a very liberal contribution. Bro. Raphael proposed the Visitors, for whom Bros. Carley, Scrivener, Bales and Boulton responded. Bro. Bennett proposed the Masonic Charities, for which Bro. Tracy responded in eloquent terms. The other toasts were the Officers of the Lodge, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. Pick, and the Tyler's toast. The toasts were interspersed with capital songs by various brethren. Bro. Cook presided at the pianoforte.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 1135.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, High Street, Ilfracombe, on Wednesday, 17th ult. The brethren present included Bros. St. Paul P.M. W.M., supported by W. Rees I.P.M., Grover S.W., Brade J.W., Catford P.M. Treas., Ivimy P.M., Steward Sec., Western S.D., Day J.D., Best D.C., Gardner Organist, Guilding I.G., Slade-King Steward, Blackford Tyler, Barnett P.G. Registrar, Clemow P.M., Adams, Braund, Clarke, Colwill, French, Lloyd-Jones, Slee, Toller, and Walters. The Visiting Brethren included:—Bros. Stanley-Haynes P.M. 1204, Roberts W.M. 251, Bosson, Morrison, Joint, Brooks, Dennis, Harper, and Pearce. The Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to ballot for Mr. G. Summerville, who being unanimously elected was initiated by the W.M. Other business being transacted the Lodge was closed in due form, and the members again met under the hospitable roof of Bro. Clemow, Royal Clarence Hotel. The cloth being removed, several toasts were honoured, the brethren separating at eleven, after a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY LODGE, No. 1271.

THE installation meeting took place on the 15th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Bradford-on-Avon, Bro. C. W. Bryant being installed into the Master's chair by Bro. Sir G. Goldney, Bart., V.W. D.P.G.M., Bros. Sparks, Farrington, and Barton assisting in the ceremony. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Little I.P.M., Brereton S.W., Wallington J.W., the Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler P.M. Chaplain, Col. Magrath P.M. Treas., Found Sec., Scammell S.D., Gaby J.D., Barton P.M. D.C., Wassell Org., Stansfield-Brunn I.G., Wilkins and Taylor Stewards, Moore Tyler. After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Swan Hotel.

ALL SAINTS' LODGE, No. 1716.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the offices of the Poplar Board of Works, on Thursday, the 18th ult. The Lodge was opened and Bros. Whiteley and Mountford were raised; and Bros. Borley and Lee were passed to the degree of F.C. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Coleman, who installed Bro. Wilshaw into the chair of King Solomon; he was ably assisted by Bro. Clarke. Bro. Wilshaw invested Bro. Pittam with the collar of I.P.M., Bros. Harland S.W., Knowles J.W., Rudell P.M. Sec., Kirk S.D., Raymond J.D., Walker I.G., Moore W.S., Townend D.C., Grant Organist. The usual addresses were delivered by Bro. Coleman. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a *récherché* banquet was admirably served.

JOSHUA NUNN LODGE, No. 2154.

ON Tuesday, 30th ult., there was a very large gathering of Freemasons at Halstead, to witness the installation of Bro. Mark Gentry S.D. 1672 as W.M. of this Lodge, and the interest in the proceedings was much enhanced by the fact that Lord Brooke, the R.W. P.G.M. had promised to be present. His Lordship reached Halstead from Easton Lodge, Dunmow, between two and three o'clock, and having been escorted to the Lodge room, with the customary honours, witnessed the initiation of two new members, the ceremony being faultlessly performed by Bro. Vero W. Taylor W.M. At its conclusion Bro. Taylor proceeded to instal his successor (Bro. Mark Gentry) in a manner that called forth the commendations of all present. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested, as follows:—Bros. Taylor I.P.M., Cavill S.W., Kellett J.W., Taylor Treasurer, Inman Secretary, Copus S.D., Hills J.D., Hunt I.G., Pendle Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony Lord Brooke, who was loudly applauded, said it gave him very great pleasure to be present at the installation meeting of this very young Lodge, though those feelings were somewhat mingled with sadness when he recollected that at the formation of the Lodge he was asked by the very worthy brother after whom it was named to come and perform the Consecration ceremony, and it had ever been a matter of regret that at the last moment he was prevented from coming. The Lodge had suffered considerable drawback by the death of Bro. Joshua Nunn, so soon after the launching of the Lodge; but in the hands of those who had been carrying on the work of the Lodge, and those who were following on, he (Lord Brooke) had no doubt but that it would prosper and become a most useful one in the Province. In conclusion, Lord Brooke congratulated Bro. Vero Taylor upon the excellent way in which he had conducted the ceremonies of the day, and wished Bro. Mark Gentry a happy and successful year of office. The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, thanked Lord Brooke for his kind words, and also for his courtesy in visiting their little Lodge. They had, as his Lordship had remarked, felt very much the loss of Bro. Joshua Nunn, and out of respect for his memory did not admit any new members for twelve months. But brethren were now joining them, and new candidates coming forward, so that he had no doubt in time theirs would be one of not the least successful Lodges in his Lordship's Province. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented a valuable P.M.'s jewel to the retiring W.M., Bro. Vero Taylor, who, in acknowledging it, said it would be valued by him more highly than any other Masonic jewel he possessed. The W.M. then asked the members of the Lodge to accept a Lodge banner as a memento of his taking the Chair. The gift was acknowledged by the I.P.M., who said if it had not been for the liberality of Bro. Gentry in giving them this handsome banner, they would not have had one for some time to come. The W.M. was then re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee; and the Lodge having been closed, between 50 and 60 brethren sat down to dinner in the Town Hall, a splendid repast being well served by the host of the George Hotel. In the course of the after-dinner speeches, Lord Brooke again expressed his pleasure at being present on so auspicious an occasion, and hoped the Lodge would prosper.

JERSEY LODGE, No. 2163.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Southall, on Monday evening, 5th instant, Bro. Seward W.M. presiding. The report of the Audit Committee and the Treasurer's statement of accounts for the past year was read and adopted, on the motion of Bro. Tidmarsh S.D., who paid a tribute of praise to Bro. A. J. Anson Treasurer for the admirable manner in which the accounts had been presented. The resignation of Bro. H. Kasner P.M. was received and accepted with much regret. Bro. W. C. Hall W.M. elect was then presented for installation, and after answering the usual questions was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Seward, assisted by Bro. Castell P.M. 902. The Worshipful Master then invested the following Officers:—Bros. Seward Prov. G.S.B. I.P.M. and Treasurer, S. Meech S.W., W. T. Gray J.W., G. Harper Secretary, E. C. Britton Chaplain, T. W. Jamieson S.D., E. J. Herbert J.D., J. Templeman I.G., W. A. Cocks Dir. of Cers., G. A. Williams and W. F. Sanger Stewards, J. W. Curtis Organist, J. Lane Tyler. The Lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to the usual banquet, provided by Bro. Freemantle

in his usual admirable style. At the conclusion of the repast the customary Masonic toasts were given and responded to with the heartiness characteristic of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Castell, Salter and Smith. During the evening the Worshipful Master announced that a P.M.'s jewel had been ordered for presentation to Bro. Seward, but that from some mistake on the part of the maker it had not been sent. A selection of glees was given by Bros. Smith, Curtis, Meech and Tidmarsh, and songs by the same brethren and Bro. Passmore helped to pass one of the most pleasant evenings the Lodge has experienced.

EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE, No. 2201.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, 27th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the popular W.M. Bro. Gerard Ford, Deputy Provincial Grand Master P.G.D., the Lodge was opened by Bro. Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph P. Prov. S.G.W., who was supported by his Officers. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of many distinguished visitors. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., was conducted in an impressive manner by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England, and, on the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Clowes S.W., Rev. E. R. Currie J.W., Hallett Treasurer, Freeman Secretary, Capt. Cook S.D., Price J.D., King Organist, Warre D.C., Hudson I.G., Pidcock and Hawken Stewards, and Hughes Tyler. Bro. H. E. Price was appointed to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charities' Committee. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S. was requested, on behalf of the Lodge, to present the retiring W.M., Bro. Gerard Ford Deputy Prov. Grand Master, with a P.M.'s jewel in appreciation of his excellent services to the Lodge during the past year. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was presented with a Founder's jewel as a recognition of his invaluable services to the Lodge. The Lodge being formally closed, the large company adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, served up in admirable style by Bro. Matton, of King's Road, Brighton.

HORSA LODGE, No. 2208.

THE annual festival took place at the Masonic Hall, Bournemouth, on the 19th ult., when there was a large number of visiting brethren present, including Bro. Mortimer Heath P.G.C. and several Past Masters. The ceremony of installing Bro. Cross as the Worshipful Master was efficiently conducted by Bro. Williams P.M. 686, 1308. The following Officers were afterwards invested:—Bros. Jenkins I.P.M., Moore S.W., Waters J.W., Williams Chaplain, Worth Treas., Atkinson Secretary, Brazier S.D., Scott J.D., Budden Dir. of Cers., Townsend Organist, Cross I.G., Harvey and Bettsworth Stewards, Beamish Tyler. A banquet took place in the Bijou Hall, which was tastefully decorated.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—The annual banquet was held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, 30th October, when a large party assembled. Bro. Bruton, No. 157, occupied the chair, and Bro. Vogt I.G. No. 55 the Vice-Chair. There were present Bros. Preceptor Fox P.M. 201, Baker Secretary 869, Bond W.M. 860, Shedlock 534, Fry 609, Richardson 1507, Coleman W.M. 11, Piper W.S. 177, Unite W.M. 55, Brasher W.M. 1623, Glass W.M. 860, Gladwell P.M. 172, Porry J.W. 1382, Main Treasurer 1531 and S.D. 157, Hollis S.W. 1531, Nevill P.M. 1531, Lincoln S.D. 534, H. W. Alford P.M. 228, Browne-Kidder P.M. 12, Harvey 1348, Parsons I.P.M. 1637, Aldridge 1475, Jenkins 860, Robinson 55, Hobymer, Marsden S.D. 73, Walker P.M. 733, Ditby S.W. 180, S. Roebuck 733, Kay P.M. 742, Jackson J.D. 2191, Collings Org. 1950, Dipstale 858, Dr. Kirby W.M. elect 2006, Wheeler S.D. 2030, Clemow 1987, &c. A most excellent and liberal bill of fare was provided by the host, Bro. Bond. The Chairman in proposing the toasts made two or three neat speeches and some very apt and happy allusions—especially when proposing what he thought might be termed that of the evening—the health of Bro. Preceptor Fox, who had proved himself not only a most capable, but a most ardent instructor; on several occasions he had visited the Lodge when in ill-health, and contrary to the strict orders of his medical adviser. Songs and recitations were admirably rendered, by Bros. Robinson, Dipstale, Main, Parsons, Wheeler, Aldridge, Jenkins, Ditby, and Fry. Bro. Collings Organist accompanied in a masterly manner. A most enjoyable evening was passed, and the proceedings were brought to a termination at 11:30 p.m.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—At a meeting recently held at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, Cannon Street, E.C., the following brethren were elected the Committee for the ensuing year:—Bros. Langton J.D. 1 P.M. 1673 Treasurer, Burne P.M. 162, Fraser P.M. 174 W.M. 2096, Hobbs P.M. 2096 and 1790 P.S.J.W. Surrey, Marshall P.M. 69, Gordon Smith P.M. 2011 Grand Steward, Webb P.M. 1397, Langton No. 1 P.M. 1673 and P.P.G.J.W. Surrey, Mapleton S.D. 256.

It has been decided to proceed with the work of colouring and gilding the reredos of Gloucester Cathedral, the cost will be partly defrayed by the Freemasons.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This 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.

WEST LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

RELIEF for the distressed is one of the principal characteristics of Freemasonry, and in no other portion in the kingdom—with the solitary exception of the home of the Grand Lodge itself, the metropolis—does the blessed work of charity receive a greater impulse than from the Masonic brethren of West Lancashire. The infinite amount of good that the Masonic Educational Institution of this Province is enabled to perform by reason of the hearty support it receives is made abundantly manifest by the issue of its annual report. A ball is held every January, in the Town Hall, in aid of its funds, and apart from that it can boast of a governing body of influential members of the Craft, whose untiring efforts in its behalf are invariably crowned with success. But there are two other Institutions of excellent aims, that are supported by local Masons, Institutions to whose smaller growth and limited scope of operations, when compared with the educational establishment referred to, are apt to place them for enough in the back-ground to endanger them being overlooked. And the Hamer and Alpass Benevolent Institutions have no slight claims upon the Fraternity. The one was founded about fifteen years ago for aged and distressed Freemasons, and the other, still a bantling, was formed for relieving widows of Freemasons. It received its name from the late Brother H. S. Alpass, who for a very long period was the respected Provincial Grand Secretary of West Lancashire, and whose valuable services, no less his unfailing kindness and courtesy, endeared him to all sections of the Masonic community. The last annual report of the Hamer Fund chronicles a considerable decrease in the support usually extended to it, the total receipts being only £274, compared with £619 in the previous year. The subscriptions and donations amounted to £181, against £534 in 1887, and, to add to this misfortune, the expenses of the charity had been far greater of late owing to there being a larger number of annuitants on the foundation. Much of the decrease reported is due to the fact that the accounts have been closed earlier this year than formerly, in compliance with the new by-laws. On the other hand, the Alpass fund has not much to complain of. Its income for the past year was £840. Increasing demands upon its resources, however, render a proportionately enlarged income absolutely necessary. The idea of a special and joint effort being made on behalf of the two funds occurred to Bro. H. H. Smith, Hon. Secretary for the Hamer, five or six weeks ago. He communicated his desire to Bro. Ellis Bramall jun., who unhesitatingly offered to give his beautiful Shakespeare theatre for any matinee performance that might be suggested. An executive was quickly formed, consisting of Bros. Councillor J. Houlding Chairman, Dr. J. Kellet Smith Vice-Chairman, A. J. J. Bamford Treasurer, H. F. Neale and Joseph West Secretaries, Ellis Bramall jun. and G. W. Harris Directors of Ceremonies. A strong Committee was appointed in addition, including Bros. G. Broadbridge, T. H. W. Walker, Lionel Macnab Secretary of the West Lancashire Educational Institution, J. T. Callow Treasurer of the same body, H. H. Smith Secretary of the Hamer Fund, George Morgan Treasurer of the same, J. H. Barrow and R. Foote Secretaries of the Alpass Fund, R. Wylie Treasurer of the same Institution. The Liverpool Opera Society offered to give their services, and the minor details were then taken in hand. No description of weather could have been more unfavourable to a theatrical entertainment than the incessant rain and close atmosphere on Saturday last; and yet, despite all this, the Shakespeare was crowded in every part. So large was the booking that nearly all the seats in the best parts of the house were reserved before the opening of the doors. The Opera Company, with its chorus of 60 voices, could not have performed their favourite opera "Maritana" before a more appreciative audience. Brother the Earl of Lathom Prov. Grand Master, with Lady Maud B. Wilbraham, Lady Edith B. Wilbraham, Miss Farquhar, and Miss Hand occupied one of the private boxes; and in the stalls were Bros. Sir David Radcliffe, Sir James Poole, and J. Howard (Mayor of Bootle), and David McIver. Bro. the Mayor of Liverpool (who placed his carriage at the service of the Earl of Lathom and party in driving from and returning to the railway station) sent a letter to Bro. Houlding, at the eleventh hour, regretting that he would be unavoidably prevented from attending. Prior to the rising of the curtain a Masonic overture, specially composed for the occasion by Bro. H. Round, was played by the orchestra with admirable effect. The cast was made up as follows:—The King of Spain, Mr. T. S. Smith; Don José, Mr. O. J. Rowlands; Don César, Mr. W. Griffiths; the Marquis, Mr. T. H. Potter; Lazarillo, Miss Millie Simon; Captain of the Guard, Mr. John Lane; Alcade, Mr. E. Sanders; the Marchioness, Mrs. McMaster; Maritana, Miss Florence Dick. Hitherto the Opera Society has only given recitals from Wallace's beautiful masterpiece, and Saturday was the first time that principals and chorus appeared in full stage costume. The dresses, as well as the really capital mounting of the piece, it need scarcely be added, greatly enhanced the performance, which, taken as a whole, was conscientiously and creditably rendered. It could not be for one moment supposed, in a city where "Maritana" is so often rendered by first-class talent, that all the leading artistes were up to requirement. But in the cause of charity the audience were not disposed to be exacting, and applause was evoked and encores bestowed just as freely as if the company had been a professional one. The choruses were particularly worthy of admiration. Mr. J. O. Shepherd, by permission of Mr. Carl Rosa, acted as conductor, and Mr. A. Moreh and Mr. D. O. Parry officiated respectively as stage manager and chorus master. Messrs. Finberg and Lees, Bros. Sweetman (Peruquier), G. G. Walmsley (printer), A. Bucknall (gas and lime-light contractor), Mr. James Carr (costumier), Mr. C. J. O'Connor (refreshment contractor), Bro. G. W. Harris (general manager of the theatre), Mr. Fred. Wright (musical director) and the working staff of the theatre rendered assistance to the committee in making the entertainment a success.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Gaiety.—On Tuesday, the 30th ult., "Faust up to Fate," written by Messrs. G. R. Sims and Henry Petitt was produced, with great success. Although the piece has been curtailed to a two-act burlesque it occupied about three hours, the maximum time most admirers of burlesque care for. It is a new version of Faust and Margaret, in which Faust's laboratory is eliminated. The burlesque opens in the grounds of the Italian Exhibition, at South Kensington, where the aged philosopher, moved by an enlivened crowd, declares he would give his soul to be a youth again, whereupon Mephistopheles descends from the clouds, à la Baldwin, and the commutation is quickly achieved. Margaret soon appears, officiating as a barmaid, and Faust assails her with endearments, with result that she acquaints him with her address and leaves him. A throng of revellers now appear, who, being annoyed by the fiend, turn their swords upon him, but are transmuted to inanimate objects. Then follows a very amusing scene between Mephistopheles and Valentine, wherein the old Roman game of tossing for pennies is introduced. In the scene of the garden Margaret dreams of her lover, and upon Siebel springing beside her, with his rapturous exclamation, "I love you, miss; I'll love you till I die," her idealism instantly vanishes, when she adopts the Billingsgate vernacular in the retort, "O, take a run," instancing with remarkable effect her powers of diversification. Valentine, becoming cognisant of Faust's attention to his sister, makes her a ward in Chancery, before proceeding to the wars, and this gives the opportunity of introducing the Lord Chancellor. Faust, of course, secretly marries Margaret, but through fear of the consequences entailed by such contempt of the Court of Chancery, he dare not reveal the fact. Valentine, on his return from the campaign, distributes medals to the soldiers, who are represented by groups of pretty and gorgeously attired damsels, divided into different sections. He further induces merriment by his song "The soldier born." The duel between Faust and Valentine now takes place, and this is followed by the representation of Margaret's cell, and the final scene, in the Olympia Gardens, where a new Irish song, dealing with Hibernian pugnacity, is sung with manifest spirit by Mr. Louven, the time in the choral refrain being marked by the beating of shillelaghs on the ground and on the occiputs of the singers. This called forth vigorous applause and was thrice encored. Miss Florence St. John played Margaret with her usual talent, and sung admirably throughout; still, it is to be regretted that she had not more songs allotted her. Miss Fanny Robina was a capable Faust, and evinced both grace and neatness in her dancing; while she especially distinguished herself in the song "I've roamed the world over." Mr. E. J. Louven—always an indefatigable worker—enlivened the audience by his personation of Mephistopheles; some of his puns were exceedingly smart, and were greatly applauded. Mr. Geo. Stone gives us a comic Valentine, while Miss Mary Jones represents Martha. Old Faust was played by Mr. Harry Parker, who declared that it was he who signed the bond, much to the comfort of Faust and Margaret. The scenery, by Messrs. Ryan, Telbin, and Banks, and the music by Herr Meyer Lutz, left nothing to be desired. After a few alterations have been made, "Faust up to Fate" will ensure the patronage it so well deserves.

Collins's.—The friends and admirers of Bro. Herbert Sprake mustered in full force on Tuesday evening to compliment him on the twenty-sixth anniversary assembly. Year after year has this celebration taken place, and we may truthfully say that the meetings are looked forward to by many as an opportunity for cementing old acquaintanceships. Bro. Sprake has established himself a general favourite amongst Islingtonians, and by his careful management has made the Hall he presides over one of the favourite resorts of the North of London. On Tuesday proceedings commenced early, and went merrily along until close on midnight. Forty-two artistes in all lent their aid, whilst many more were ready to do a "turn" should opportunity arise. We have much pleasure in appending a list of those who appeared:—Sisters Archer, Will Joyce, Sisters Graham, Arthur Coruey, Sisters Batchelor, Kitty Clayton, Sisters Richmond, Poole's Minstrels, D. Hetherington, George Mordaunt, T. P. Haynes and Rose Lewis, Little Flossie, Sisters Holloway, Sam Saunders, Florrie Lawrence, Tom Squite, Alice Leamar, Joe Lawrence, Edith Manley, Arthur Tinsler, Florrie Robina, Dutch Daly, Sisters Lloyd, Mohawk Minstrels (glee party), Johnny Danvers, Walter Howard, Maud Hazel, the Tandem, Alfred Rivers, Lottie Dectmar, Maxam and Cawthorne, May Selby, Harry Bester, the Brantfords, Marie Lloyd, Harry Anderson, Peggy Pryle, Brewster Combination, Harry Randall, Fred. Hamilton, Steve Cooke. During the evening Bro. Sprake returned thanks, in a few well chosen remarks, for the support accorded him in the past, and promised that all he could do in the future to keep up the prestige of his establishment should be cheerfully attempted.

Another success was attained by the Avenue management on Wednesday, when "Nadzy" was produced. The reception of the piece was most cordial, while all concerned were highly complimented. We shall give a full notice next week.

On Thursday, owing to the scenery not being ready, Miss Grace Hawthorne decided to postpone the production of "Hands across the Sea" until to-night (Saturday).

Bro. G. S. Graham announces his twenty-fourth annual grand concert, which will take place on Monday next, the 12th instant, at the Parochial Hall, Oldridge-road, Balham-hill, Balham. Bro. Graham will be assisted by the following artistes:—Madame Reichenmann, Madame Worrell, Miss Maude Hayter, Miss Maria Norton (pianist), and Miss Emily Mollhuish (pupil of Miss Norton); Bro. Arthur Thomas, Mr. Herbert Sims Reeves, Bros. Eustace Jay, Henry Prenton, and McCall Chambers. At the pianoforte Mr. Jas. Halle, Miss Coivina Waite (solo violin), Mr. Ferdinand Danker F.C.O. (solo pianist), Mr. Warley Chest (solo lute). Doors open at 7.0. Commence at 8 precisely. Tickets 1s, 2s and 3s may be had of B. J. G. S. Graham, Hazledean, Countford-road, Balham.

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Arrangements have been made by which Dr. PAYNE and the present staff of Masters will continue in the service of the Company, and there are at present some fifty boarders at the school. The advantage of the purchase to Share-

holders is manifest, as the Company is saved the necessity of starting a school, by acquiring this long established one, thus earning a dividend from the commencement.

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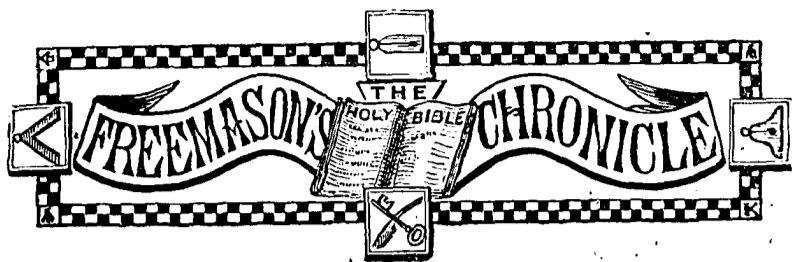
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FREEMASONRY IN LEICESTER.

BEING on a visit to Leicester, and having an evening to spare, it occurred to me that a visit to one of the Masonic Lodges would be a profitable mode of spending the time. Consulting my Calendar, I found that a meeting of the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, was to be held that evening. Consequently, about seven I wended my way to Halford Street, where the Masonic Hall is situated. After a little difficulty I found a most unpretentious looking building, as viewed from the outside, with nothing to indicate its particular character. Entering and proceeding up a couple of flights of stone stairs, I discovered a room in which several of the brethren were preparing themselves for the duties of the Lodge. On asking for the Secretary, Bro. Brice came forward, and to him I introduced myself. He gave me a cordial greeting, and forthwith introduced me to the W.M., Bro. Charlesworth. While expressing my desire to be present at the meeting, I assured the W.M. I did not wish to intrude. His reply was sufficient to satisfy any scruples, and to make me feel perfectly at home. Being a perfect stranger to every one present it was of course necessary that some one should "try and prove me," and at the request of the W.M. this duty was performed by Bro. Waring S.W. Both this brother and the W.M. apologised for the necessity of this ordeal, but I assured them that no apology was required, that it was a source of pleasure to find them acting strictly to their Masonic duties. Entering the Lodge room, I found a number of the brethren assembled, and on the W.M. taking his seat the Lodge was duly opened. An inspection of the notice paper—neatly printed in blue, with Masonic emblems in silver and grey—showed me that there was no ceremonial work to be performed, but one of the members, Bro. A. Laurence, the Organist of the Lodge, was asked to give an exposition of the Lecture on the first Tracing Board, which he did very creditably. The correspondence included a letter from Bro. Kelly, P.M. and Past Provincial Grand Master, intimating that he had much pleasure in presenting to the Lodge, in fulfilment of a promise made some time ago, the portrait of their late Bro. Reeve. This portrait consisted of a photograph beautifully coloured in oil and elegantly framed. The inscription, which was inscribed on vellum, was as follows:—

"Portrait of Bro. W. Napier Reeve, F.S.A., J.P., Deputy Treasurer and Clerk of the Peace for the County of Leicester. He was the first of six candidates for initiation in the John of Gaunt Lodge on its opening day, 26th March 1846, and afterwards served as Secretary and Junior Warden of the Lodge. He was also a Founder of the Lodge of Instruction (now the Union Lodge), and in 1857 was appointed A.G.D.C. in Provincial Grand Lodge. He was also a Royal Arch and Mark Master Mason. He died, universally esteemed and regretted. 21st April 1888."

In his letter Brother Kelly suggested that the portrait should be hung in the space above the chair of the Junior Warden, and a resolution was passed adopting this suggestion. The Lodge was then closed. It would have afforded me much more pleasure to have seen some actual working, but, nevertheless, without setting myself up as a critic in Masonry, I can state that what I saw was done well, and there was evidence throughout the meeting of heartiness and sincerity in everything, which impressed me strongly. As I was about to leave the Lodge room the Worshipful Master gave me an invitation to stop to supper. This I accepted, and was ushered into the banqueting-room. The meal certainly was most enjoyable and it was served in a highly efficient manner. Then came the Masonic toasts, which were of the usual character, but given by the W.M. with a brevity as neat as it was commendable. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., Brother Newsome Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, in words which were few but hearty, and the toast was received in a manner equally satisfactory. Brother Thorp P.M. P.P.G.S.W. gave the toast of the Visitors, and in doing so referred to the value of keeping up a friendly intercourse between different Lodges. He mentioned that one of their Visitors was from the Metropolis, and attended as a representative of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, a journal which had done good work for Masonry, of which he could speak well. My reply was given in the usual words: hearty thanks for their hospitality to the Worshipful Master and Brethren generally, and grateful appreciation of Brother Thorp's remarks as to the CHRONICLE. During the evening musical selections were given by Bros. Brice, Knight, Brocklebank, Birch, Marriott and Barrow, the last named presiding at the piano most efficiently. Before leaving I expressed a wish to see the pictures and contents of the Lodge-room, some of which are of an interesting character. Bro. Thorp kindly offered to meet me the next day, and explain everything in his power. Accordingly I paid a second visit to the hall, where I was joined by Bro. Thorp and subsequently by Bro. Waring S.W. Under their guidance I made an inspection of the hall. The Lodge-room, one of the largest I have ever seen, has its walls covered with pictures, including several large oil paintings of prominent Freemasons. The first of these is that of Sir Frederick Gustavus Fowke, Bart., who was Deputy Provincial Grand Master from 1833 to 1856. Then comes one of Earl Howe P.G.M., presented by a brother in 1860; another of Brother Kelly—whose name is mentioned in the early part of this sketch—who was

Provincial Grand Master in 1884. The photographs include one of the Prince of Wales, in Masonic clothing; another of Brother Clement Stretton Provincial Grand Senior Warden, Mayor of Leicester in 1878 and 1879, and Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge in 1871 and 1873; also a photograph copy of the address which was presented to the Prince of Wales on his visit in May 1882. In another part of the Hall are copies of Craft and Rose Croix certificates, issued by the True Friends of Order Lodge, in 1810. This Lodge was composed entirely of French prisoners of war, who founded it at Ashby de la Zouch, in the year mentioned. Accompanying the copy is a translation and also a printed extract from Bro. Kelly's sketch of the History of Freemasonry in Leicestershire, giving a most interesting account of the doings of one of the members of the above mentioned Lodge. Louis Jean, the certificate holder, who it appears married a Leicester lady, and took her back with him to France, where he afterwards died. His widow and daughter thereupon returned to Leicester, where they resided for some years in rather poor circumstances, until discovered by a Freemason, who interested himself satisfactorily on their behalf. Further on is a photo of Mosaic pavement, found in a Masonic Temple at Pompeii; a medallion worked on horn, containing a representation of all the Masonic emblems,—this is said to be 450 years old; six engravings, executed about the middle of the 18th century, illustrating the Prestonian ideas of Masonry; a pen and ink sketch of the Duke of Sussex, which is in the form of a portrait, but the lines forming it consist of writing, which gives a complete account of his pedigree; an old portrait of Cardinal Wolsey, who was supposed to have been a Freemason; also one of the Earl of Moira, as Grand Master. Over the chair of the W.M. is an interesting memento in the shape of a trumpet banner, left by Major (then Cornet) Pack on leaving for the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. From the Lodge room we proceeded down a wide staircase to the banqueting room, stopping a moment to look at the portrait of Bro. Hammett, a former W.M. of one of the Leicester Lodges, for whom, he being totally blind, a special dispensation had to be obtained. From the record of this Brother's term of office, which has been handed down, it appears, to have been most successful, and fully justifies the exceptional favour conferred by the G. Master of that time. In the Lodge room are several interesting portraits on the walls, among them may be mentioned one of the celebrated Masonic writer, Dr. Oliver; a photograph of Masonic windows in St. John's Church, Clerkenwell; another of Alexander Howard, of Beyrout, who was initiated in 1870. This was framed in wood from the Mount of Olives, the corners being ornamented with gavels made from the same kind of Olive wood. Our next move was to the Library, in the preparation room. This contains about 600 volumes, a description of which would require a special article. Opinions differ as to the value of Masonic information gathered from books, but there can be no difference of opinion with regard to the value of a number of these books and the information to be gained from them. Here again I was fortunate in having the services of Brother Thorp, who has spent many a spare half hour in the perusal of books in this library. The collection includes a number of French works on the History of Freemasonry, and a quantity of English volumes of a similar nature. There are bound volumes of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE from 1875, and *The Freemason* as far back as the year 1869. These have been presented by Bros. Partridge and Toller conjointly, and afford a valuable record of Masonic events during the period mentioned. There are also volumes of the *Masonic Magazine*, the *Freemasons' Magazine*, and the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*. Other interesting items which I had time to glance at were a bound volume of Lodge summonses compiled, by Brother Partridge; the minute book of the Rancliffe Lodge, No. 608, which was dissolved in 1846; and a Book of Constitutions dated 1784. The minute books of all the Leicester Lodges are carefully stored here for reference, and form a useful record of Masonic work in Leicester extending over nearly a century.

Before leaving I did not neglect to very heartily thank my guides, Bros. Thorp and Waring, and was then by the latter introduced to Bro. Partridge, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, one of the oldest, most prominent, and industrious Masons in the Province. A record of his Masonic career—which occupies three pages of small type, accompanied by a good portrait—is published in the "Masonic Directory and Calendar for the Province," for the current year. The Calendar referred to was first issued by Bro. Partridge, then Provincial Grand Secretary, in 1877, and a most useful little volume it is. Those brethren who read the remarks of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex at a recent meeting, will understand the utility of such publications. Each Lodge in the Province contributes pro rata to the cost of production, according to the number of members, and there is not the slightest doubt that they get good value for their money. In this, as in all other points which came under my notice, one could but be impressed with the earnestness of the Leicester brethren, with the evidenced fact that by them the highest and noblest principles of the Craft are not only studied, but put into practice. The memory of my visit will not soon be forgotten, and I hope shortly to have an opportunity of renewing an acquaintanceship to me so profitable and pleasant.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 279.

IT must have been intensely gratifying to our dear and highly respected Bro. William Kelly P.M., Past Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, to see, on Wednesday last, the brilliant and representative body of Freemasons who assembled at the Masonic Hall, Leicester, to join him in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his initiation into Freemasonry, and to congratulate him on the interesting fact that he had attained his Jubilee as a subscribing member to this Lodge, which—like many another on the roll of United Grand Lodge—has had its ups and downs, its term of prosperity and its share of vicissitudes. We have many instances on record of men who have been associated with the Order, more or less, for fifty years, but we know of no

other instance where a Craftsman can say he has been a subscribing member of an individual Lodge for an uninterrupted period of Half a Century. Still, those who can boast the acquaintanceship of Bro. Kelly know he is no perfunctory devotee, but a persistent and devoted advocate of the best and truest principles of the Craft, and when we tell these that he is the one man who has so distinguished himself, they will agree with us no one could be more worthy to boast such an achievement. The members of the Lodge assembled at five o'clock, when there were present the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother S. S. Partridge, W. Kelly P.M. W.M., C. H. Stretton Senior P.M., W. F. Williams S.W., E. Holmes J.W., R. Michie P.M. Treasurer, H. Pickering Secretary, J. Bennion S.D., W. D. Grant J.D., W. H. Scott P.P.G.O. Lincolnshire Organist, J. Tanser Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were R. Brown P.M. 444, T. Cox P.M., T. A. Wykes P.M., R. C. Faithfull Prov. Grand Chaplain, Miles Walker P.G.D.C., G. W. Speth P.M. 88, W. Langley P.M. 50, W. B. Smith P.M. 523, T. J. Charlesworth W.M. 523, J. B. Fowler W.M. 1560, W. J. Wallace, G. Oliver, J.P., 1007, J. D. Harris P.M. 1560, W. T. Rowlett P.M. 52, W. Millican P.M. 523, J. Young P.M. 523, J. T. Thorp P.M. 523, H. J. Marriott 2028, C. H. Wood P.P.G.C., Knight I.P.M., Page 1391 J. H. Murphy 171 (I.C.), J. H. Hodges 523, W. J. Freer P.M. 1560, J. B. Waring S.W. 523, T. Wallington P.M. 50, W. Tidswell P.M. 1560, T. Sheppard P.M. 523, R. S. Toller P.M. 1560, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, F. Binckes Past Grand Sword Bearer, A. H. Barrow J.W. 523, &c. The Lodge having been formally opened by the W.M. the minutes of the last regular Lodge, also those of an Emergency Meeting held 29th October 1888, were read and unanimously confirmed. At the request of the W.M. Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood read the paper he (Bro. Kelly) had prepared, entitled "Fifty Year's Masonic Reminiscences." Bro. Wood was listened to with rapt attention during the forty minutes it took to read the paper, and Bro. Kelly was complimented on the care he had displayed in its preparation. It was afterwards agreed to print the address, consequently we have decided not to give even an outline of it at present. Bro. Kelly was made the recipient of an elegantly illuminated address from his Prov. Grand Lodge, while the members of St. John's Lodge had subscribed for a massive silver loving cup, of most tasteful design. This cup bears the following inscription:—

Presented to the Right Worshipful Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S., Past Prov. G.M. Leicester and Rutland, W.M. for the fourth time of St. John's Lodge, Leicester, No. 279, by the Brethren of that Lodge, this being the fiftieth anniversary of his initiation therein, as a small token of affectionate regard and esteem for the Father of the Lodge.

7th November 1888.

Several letters expressing sympathy with the object of the meeting, and conveying good wishes were announced, and Lodge was closed. Bro. Kelly then invited the brethren to partake of a banquet, which was bountifully provided and excellently well served. A few toasts were given, the health of Bro. Kelly being proposed by Bro. Thomas Wright (Mayor of Leicester), in a speech of great ability, which elicited hearty applause from those present. In reply Bro. Kelly thanked his Worship the Mayor, and the brethren generally for the hearty reception they gave the toast. He then related several incidents that had come to his recollection since he had prepared the paper so eloquently delivered by Bro. Wood. He trusted he might be spared for a few more years, and that he might have future opportunities of meeting the brethren. Shortly afterwards the brethren separated. The proceedings were interspersed with some capital singing.

Obituary.

BRO. W. R. HARDCASTLE.

The remains of this worthy brother, who was Postmaster of the Skipton district, were interred in Waltonwray's Cemetery on Sunday, 28th ult. As the deceased was a member of the Craven Lodge of Freemasons, No. 810, a late churchwarden of Skipton Christ Church, and a member of other societies in the town, there was a very large attendance. A large number of tradesmen headed the procession to the Cemetery, these being followed by the Freemasons.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

THIS Association held its first social evening of the season, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, 2nd instant. There were some 160 members and friends present. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., presided during the first part of the programme, Mr. C. Howard Uwins taking the chair after the interval. The latter gentleman, who organized and was responsible for the entertainment, is to be congratulated upon having scored a success. The various items were all so well rendered we cannot individualize; still we think special mention should be made of Mr. A. Withers for his rendering of Big Ben; of Mr. F. Hughes for his fine recitation; of Mr. Langford Palmer, for his extremely humorous and clever songs, all of which earned loud applause. We trust brethren will avail themselves of the kind invitation given them by our "Old Boys," and will drop in at Anderton's on the occasion of one or other of these pleasant and interesting social evenings.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE annual Grand Lodge of this Province was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Green Dragon Hotel, Portland-square, Workington. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, Past Grand Deacon of England, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province, presided. There was a large muster of members from the twenty Lodges in the two counties. It was intimated to the brethren that a new Lodge, to be named the Eden, No. 2285 on the roll of Grand Lodge, had to be consecrated and dedicated to Masonry; and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren at length on the motive of the meeting, and called upon the petitioners for the new Lodge to be arranged in Masonic order, while Brother G. J. McKay Provincial Grand Secretary read the petition, and also the new warrant, which had been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master; name and number on the Grand roll to be as previously stated, the first W.M. designate to be Bro. James Thompson P.M. 962, John Jenkinson S.W. designate, J. Fletcher J.W. designate, J. C. Thompson P.M. 962 P.P.G. Registrar to act as I.P.M. in the absence of the W.M.; Bro. J. Eden Secretary. The brethren when called upon were unanimously approved of in Masonic form. The Officers named in the new warrant were invested, and Bro. Kenworthy delivered the customary address. The Acting Grand Master and his Grand Officers then retired for a short time, and the new Lodge prepared to receive them on their return. Subsequently, the P.G.D.C. reported them, and they were admitted and saluted. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, with Bro. F. R. Sewell P.P.G.S.W. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Officers for the year were appointed and invested, as follows:—

Bro. Dr. Gore Ring P.M. 1073	... Senior Warden
William Carlyle P.M. 1400	... Junior Warden
Rev. H. D. Rawnsley 1013	... Chaplain
R. J. Nelson P.M. 129	... Treasurer
H. Moser P.M. 129	... Registrar
George J. McKay P.M. 129	... Secretary
Dr. Lace P.M. 1660	... Senior Deacon
Dr. George Calderwood P.M. 1267	... Junior Deacon
Joseph Eden P.M. 962	... Superintendent of Works
George Dalrymple P.M. 872	... Dir. of Ceremonies
W. D. P. Field W.M. 872	... Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Charles E. Paget	... Sword Bearer
J. J. Wilson P.M. 1267	... } Standard Bearers
J. Jenkinson	... } Standard Bearers
H. D. Cook Organist 119	... Organist
Thomas Allinson W.M. 119	... Pursuivant
H. Ward P.M. 1989	... Assistant Pursuivant
W. Middleton	... Assistant Secretary
Allinson	... } Stewards
Orniston	... } Stewards
Dr. M'Kerrow	... } Stewards
F. A. Cooper	... } Stewards
R. A. Mitchell	... } Stewards
James Fletcher	... } Tyler
William Whitehead	... } Tyler

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The annual banquet of the Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141, will take place at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., on Wednesday, 28th inst., Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.M. in the chair. Tickets (5s each) to be obtained of Bro. Cloots, at the Restaurant, or of the Secretary, Bro. C. Hunt, 29 Chapel Street, Belgrave Square, S.W.

MARRIAGE.

SNELL-REES.—On Saturday, 3rd November 1888, at St. Paul's, Avenue Road, by the Rev. A. G. Gayer, M.A., LEONARD THOMAS, son of H. SAXON SNELL, F.R.L.B.A., of Bromley, Kent, to ROSA ISABEL, fourth daughter of JOHN REES, of Stafford House, Finchley Road, South Hampstead.

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of Royal Arch Masons of this Province was held at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on the 5th inst. Comp. Viscount Ebrington P.G. Superintendent, sat on the throne, and there was present a numerous assemblage. The Prov. Grand Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £42 18s. There was no report presented by the Bye-laws Revision Committee, but it was decided to send copies of the proposed new bye-laws to every Chapter in the Province, for their approval or otherwise, and to be returned by 25th March next to the P.G. Chapter. Comp. W. Taylor P.Z. 328, was unanimously elected as Treasurer for the year ensuing. Comps. Lane and Dodge were appointed Auditors. The following sums were voted to the representative Charities:—£15 15s to the Royal Benevolent Fund for Widows, £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £7 10s to the Devon Educational Fund, and £5 5s to the Fortescue Fund. The Prov. G. Superintendent appointed the following Comps. as his Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comps W. Goddard Rogers	-	-	H
J. S. Kesterman 303	-	-	J.
Major G. Davie	-	-	Scribe E.
J. Harding 444	-	-	Scribe N.
W. Taylor 328	-	-	Treasurer
E. Wilson 954	-	-	Registrar
R. Paul Morrison 251	-	-	Principal Sojourner
A. T. Blamey	-	-	1st Sojourner
J. J. Evans 303	-	-	2nd Sojourner
Lewis Bearne 1138	-	-	Sword Bearer
R. F. Kingdon 106	-	-	Standard Bearer
W. A. Gregory 1284	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
T. Michelmore 710	-	-	Asst. Director of Cers.
T. W. Morgan 328	-	-	Organist
H. Shuter	-	-	Janitor

The Companions of St. John's Chapter, 328, entertained their Visitors in an excellent manner in the refreshment room of the Lodge. Prior to the meeting of the P.G. Chapter a meeting of the Committee of the Devon Educational Fund was held, at the Queen's Hotel. Bro. F. B. Westlake, 70, presided, and there were present:—Bros. J. B. Gover, J. R. Lord, John Stocker, H. Stocker, E. A. Davies, W. Taylor, D. Cross, J. W. Cornish, W. E. Warren, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, and J. Gidley. It was decided, on the proposition of Bro. J. Stocker, seconded by Bro. J. W. Cornish, that no candidates be elected on the fund until April next. Bro. D. Cross proposed that the Committee recommend the subscribers of the fund at their next general meeting to give £5 5s to a child who has just left the Institution. Bro. Lord seconded, and it was agreed to. It was further resolved that the trustees of the fund be requested to attend a general meeting of the Institution at Exeter in January next.

FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 3.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Friday, the 2nd instant, at 5'30, when there were present:—Comps. A. B. Pearce M.E.Z., J. Heming H., C. Greenwood J., A. W. Weeks Treas., W. J. Collens S.E., W. E. Williams S.N., W. Radcliffe P.S., J. B. Stevens D.C.; S. H. Kinsey, H. Lardner, A. H. Lascome, W. Mapleton, W. Hart, T. C. Walls, A. Withers, G. J. Bell, W. Bailey, W. Hale-Hilton, W. W. Morgan, &c. After the Chapter had been formally opened by the Principals the remaining Companions were admitted and the minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. George John Bell, J.D. 1557, who was proposed as a candidate for exaltation by Comp. Walls, seconded by Companion Lardner; for Brother Joseph Withers, 211, proposed by Comp. A. Withers and seconded by Comp. Radcliffe. Both candidates were elected and afterwards exalted. Comp. W. Hale-Hilton, 1623, on the proposition of Companions Walls and Lardner, was elected a joining member, and after other business the Chapter was closed. A banquet was then partaken of, the M.E.Z. presiding. On the removal of the cloth the customary Royal Arch toasts were given, the Loyal ones receiving full honour. Comp. Weeks proposed the health of Comp. Pearce. Were he able to recall all the sterling qualities of their M.E.Z. he did not think he could raise him higher than he stood in the esteem and regard of the members of their Chapter, who all felt assured so long as he was with them they would not be without a sincere and conscientious member in the Fidelity Chapter. Comp. Pearce, in reply, said that when the time came, and he found himself called upon to undertake the duties of Principal of the Chapter, he had felt a little diffident; but he had received such kind cooperation and assistance that his term had passed most pleasantly. He trusted he might long enjoy the friendship and esteem of his Companions. In speaking of the exaltees and their joining member, the M.E.Z. would treat it as a triple toast. It was gratifying to know that Comp. Joseph Withers had been proposed by his brother, Comp. Alfred Withers, a respected member of their Chapter. To Comp. Hilton also they extended a cordial welcome; this Companion had shown his appreciation of Fidelity Chapter by his introducing Comp. Bell, who had recently returned from the hallowed ground of Jerusalem. The toast was given in enthu-

siastic reception, and was briefly acknowledged by each of the Companions enumerated. In speaking of the Past Principals the M.E.Z. regretted there were not more present, but they had a goodly representative in Comp. Weeks, who in years gone by had been consistently aided by Comps. Macdougle and Amos. Comp. Weeks gracefully acknowledged the compliment, and then came the toast of the Haggai and Joshua, both efficient Officers. Companion Joshua was the son of a deeply lamented Craftsman, the late Charles Greenwood, who had always taken interest in Fidelity Chapter; he (the M.E.Z.) was pleased to see the son following in the footsteps of so worthy a father. In reply Comp. Haggai felt flattered at what had been said of him; he would do all in his power to retain their good opinion. Comp. Greenwood felt gratified at the kindly tribute paid to his father's memory. He knew he would have been pleased to see one of his sons in a fair way to take a high position in the Fidelity Chapter. For the Visitors Comps. Bailey and Morgan replied to the toast given in their honour, and then the remaining Officers were complimented, a special tribute being accorded Comp. Radcliffe for the assistance he had given by acting as Principal Sojourner. Replies having been given, the Janitor gave the parting toast.

EXPULSION OF A SCOTCH FREEMASON.

THE quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., in Edinburgh. The Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., occupied the throne. Charters to several new Lodges were granted. A minute expressive of sorrow at the death of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past Grand Master, was unanimously adopted. On the minutes of the Grand Committee being considered, the Grand Master referred to a matter that caused much regret—an irregularity that had occurred in Lodge Celtic, Edinburgh and Leith in May last. According to the minutes of the Grand Committee, it appears that at a funeral Lodge held by the Celtic Lodge, in the Masonic Hall, on 8th May, in memory of the late Bro. Alexander Hay, two ladies were admitted to the organ loft, "where they saw and heard, through the partially-open glazed door," some portion of the proceedings. The Grand Committee also reported that the ladies in question were so admitted by Brother William Edwards, Acting Past Master of the Lodge. By a majority of 15 to 8 the Grand Committee adopted a recommendation that Bro. Edwards "be expelled from the Order of Freemasonry under the Grand Lodge of Scotland." The Grand Master, while expressing sympathy with Bro. Edwards in all the circumstances of the case, moved approval of this recommendation. Bro. Elliott, of Wolflee, seconded. Bro. David Murray stated that no secret whatever of Freemasonry had been divulged. The ladies in question were the daughters of the late brother to whose memory these services were being held, and naturally desired to see something of that which was being done in honour of their deceased father. The proceedings of the Grand Committee were wholly irregular and harsh, and their recommendation was invalid and inept. He moved accordingly. The Grand Master's motion was supported by Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., the Rev. Dr. Story, and Bro. Duncan, each of whom, however, expressed sympathy with Bro. Edwards; but (said Sir Charles) the matter must be looked at from a Masonic point of view, and the Grand Lodge must guard with the greatest care the inviolable secrets of Freemasonry. A long discussion followed. A further amendment was submitted by Bro. Apthorpe, to the effect that the whole matter be remitted to a special committee. In the division this last amendment was put against the motion of the Grand Master. The latter was carried by 157 to 124 votes. Bro. Murray's amendment was then put against the motion by the Grand Master. The latter was carried by 172 to 92, and became the decision of the Grand Lodge. With regard to another branch of the matter, in which it was proposed by the Grand Committee to admonish two brethren for having taken part in what was described as unconstitutional action by Lodge Celtic, in disposing of this case, one of the brethren, who was present, denied that he had done anything irregular, but if he had he regretted it. This was regarded as perfectly satisfactory, and the matter dropped. Lord Saltoun was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeen City Province.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1375—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hockney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kow Bridge
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
 R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
 222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
 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 Arms, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Falmouth, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In)
 1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1683—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (In)
 1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vostry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
 1801—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kow Bridge
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Pannure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 K.T. 140—Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 61—Probita, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Harworth
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightingssea
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 539—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 655—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 737—Stanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 833—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 919—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1039—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
 1174—Wentworth, Sun Hotel, Chatham
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 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1542—Legionum, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 1618—Har dyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
 R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield

- R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
 R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dowsbury
 R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
 R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

- 46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 235—Nino Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 880—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1837—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rookford
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Broomfield, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Hannony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instr.)
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Westonsbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
 897—Loyalty, Fleeco Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, California-road, Batley
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saucy, Greenhall Street, Warrington
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1515—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Horne Bay, Kent
 2146—Sarbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Sarbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
 R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Chesham, Lancashire.
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 WEDNESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.
 Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 7—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Walswich
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction);
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth
 147—Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Pannure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardsley Road, E.
 812—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.)
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
 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)
 R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1305—St. Marybone, Langham Hotel, W.
 R.A. 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn
 M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
 R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Choctham Street, Rochdale
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lowises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
 2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
 R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
 R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
 R.A. 293—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston

THURSDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

- 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1159—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bothnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc.)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clorkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1728—Temple Bar Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creston, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shopperds Bush. (Inst)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.

- 1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
 R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anorley
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
 R.A. 834—Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith
 R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Farnley
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dowsbury
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslington
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 341—Wellington, Cinque Poins Hotel, Rye
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Moipeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Herming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
 R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 253—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
 R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
 R.A. 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
 M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
- FRIDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.**
- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure U. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 82c—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)
 K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Street, W.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Grosvenor, Salisbury
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmchurch
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
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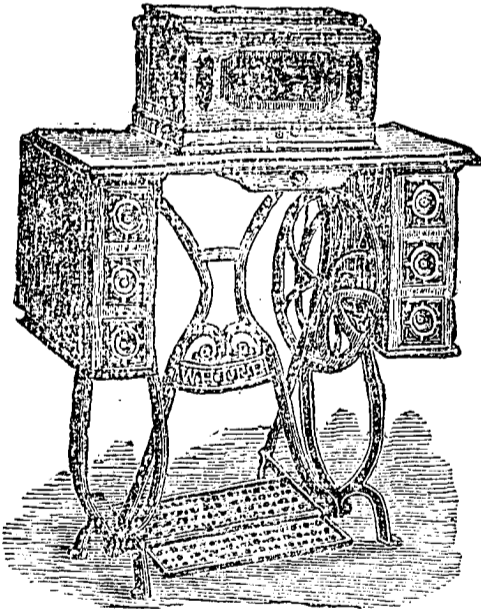
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