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THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

AT last the authorities have thought it desirable to call the attention of the Board of Benevolence to the condition of the Fund it has to distribute, and which, during the last ten years, shows an excess of expenditure over receipts amounting in the aggregate to £12,686, or upwards of 12 per cent on the total sum disbursed, which, during the same period, was £105,017. We cannot understand why the unsatisfactory state of affairs which has existed all through these ten years has been allowed to continue so long without official comment. Certainly it cannot be said that no notice has been taken of the matter from outside; there has been no lack of criticism on the subject—but then we must remember, as current events are amply proving, the “powers that be” in the Masonic world do not approve of criticism, and are either incapable of recognising it, or wilfully misrepresent it when they are forced to face it. But at last we suppose the matter has got so bad that something in the way of reform is regarded as necessary, and as a preliminary step a statement of income and expenditure during the past ten years has been prepared and presented to the Board, and through it to the Craft at large.*

Before making any comment on the present state of affairs it may be well to go back a few years and consider the subject as it then presented itself. At the March Communication of 1880 Grand Lodge was asked to devise a means of checking the accumulation of invested funds by the Board—which then had more money to deal with, including upwards of £50,000 of investments, than was considered advisable, especially as the £50,000 of investments was looked upon as ample to meet all possible contingencies. It was accordingly suggested that one-third of each year’s “surplus” income should be appropriated to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for the purpose of forming funds for apprenticing the children who had been brought up in those schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life. It will be noticed that this suggestion did not dispose of the whole of the expected surplus of the future, two-thirds only had been appropriated for the objects named; it was intended the other one-third portion should be added to the already accumulated fund. As we have said before, this proposition may be regarded as the outcome of the operations of the Royal Masonic Pupils’ Assistance Fund, and it received the same opposition as was shown to those who worked to establish that Fund, with the result that it was ultimately withdrawn by its proposer, Bro. J. M. Clabon.

At the time of which we are speaking (March 1880)

feeling was very strong on the subject, and there were a few who openly declared they would show that the income of the Board was not sufficient to meet the calls made upon it. A surplus should not be the trouble of the future, they declared, and, whether it is they have acted up to their threats, or from some other reason, it is very certain that from that time an annual excess of expenditure has been the rule, with the result that £12,000 of invested capital has been sold out; moreover, the Board was in debt, on the 31st Dec. last, to the extent of £1886. In brief, the surplus of upwards of £50,000 which in 1880 created alarm on account of its magnitude, has been reduced to something over £36,000 in the space of nine years.

If this falling off is the result of organised opposition to the proposals made in 1880 by Bro. John M. Clabon—and there are many among us who regard it in such a light—it is a disgrace and a scandal to the English Craft, but at the same time we are afraid such a solution of the problem would only be in accordance with other proceedings which have unfortunately attracted attention within the limits of Freemasonry. What other explanation is possible in face of the facts which are before us? For years the income of the Board of Benevolence was ample for all its requirements; indeed it was sufficient to show a surplus year after year, until upwards of £50,000 had been accumulated. At this time a proposal was made—in answer to actions by what are known as “Blue Masons,” brethren below the dais of Grand Lodge—to expend a portion of future surpluses in a manner which these aforesaid “Blue Masons” advocated. This was opposed, and immediately the surpluses disappeared, and deficiencies took their place, with the result we have already referred to.

We suppose now that the subject has been formally brought forward some steps will be taken to mend matters, but it is difficult to say how or where the alteration will have to be made. We do not believe the Craft will agree to an increase of the quarterages paid by each subscribing Mason—that method of meeting the difficulty was suggested in 1882, and was rejected; the interest on invested funds cannot be increased, neither can the other items of income. The natural inference therefore is, the expenditure must be reduced, although such a course would be repugnant to the feelings of a large number of brethren. Still, it is absurd to go on year after year giving away more than can be afforded, or more than the position of the Craft justifies. The Board of Benevolence must limit the work it has to perform, and must learn to know that its liberality must be governed by the sum at its disposal. No doubt, as some argue, there is a modicum of truth in saying that a grant of £100 may be of the greatest service to a man in distress while £80 would be useless; but, on the other hand, half a loaf must be better than no bread, and if an applicant is made to understand

* We give a copy of this statement elsewhere in our present issue.

that £75 or £80 is all the Craft can afford to give, such a grant will soon come to be regarded as of as much service as the £100 would have been, and so on in proportion. But whether this is really the case or not, it does not alter the main fact, which is that some alteration must be made, and that, too, at once, or in a few years the Craft will not have the means of distributing these sums of £100, or even of £75 or £80, which are suggested as an alternative. We imagine, however, that the leaders of the Craft have not gone so far as they have now done without a determination to take further action, and we accordingly await with some anxiety the course of events in this particular.

The following statement, made out in the Grand Secretary's office, shows the position of the Fund of Benevolence :—

YEAR.	INCOME. Produced by Quarterages, 4s and 2s from Home Lodges, Interest on In- vested Funds, Fees of Honour, &c.	EXPENDITURE. In monthly grants and per- manent pay- ments of £1600 a year to the R.M.B. Institu- tion.	ANNUAL DEFICIENCY.	Stock sold out to meet defi- ciencies from £50,016 Consols, credit from ac- cumulation, 31st December 1878.
	£	£	£	£
1879	8917	9018	101	...
1880	9270	10021	751	...
1881	9901	10603	1643	...
1882	9160	10219	1059	3000
1883	9178	9345	167	...
1884	9185	10052	867	1000
1885	9077	10933	1856	2000
1886	9189	11333	2144	3000
1887	9343	11225	1882	...
1888	10051	12268	2217	3000
10	£92,331	£105,017	£12,686	£12,000

CASH ACCOUNT.			
Dr.			Cr.
Amount of Deficiencies, 1878 to 1888 ...	£12,836	Stock Sold ...	£12,000
Investment in 1879 to make up £50,016 Consols ...	1,260	Due Board of Gen. Purposes, Cash advanced 31st Dec. 88	1,896
	£13,896		£13,896
Stock remaining in Consols, 31st December 1888 ... £38,016			
SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.			

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE first Quarterly Court of the year was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 25th ult. Bro. W. Roebuck P.G. Sword Bearer in the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Smithett, A. E. Barrett-Kidder, Rev. R. Morris, LL.D., James Motion, J. S. Cumberland, C. H. Webb, Andrew Motion, Thomas Smith, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Massey, W. Alpass, W. H. Saunders, W. Punnell, J. Bodenham, George Motion, John Glass, F. Gannaway, J. L. Dale, G. P. Britten, T. A. Motion, Joseph Boulton, H. Homewood, Alfred Thos. Layton, William Masters, and Frederick Binckes (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. W. H. Saunders (Life Governor) brought forward the motion standing in his name, that "Law No. 53 be suspended during next April election for the purpose of admitting Harold Gray as a candidate at such election." Bro. Saunders stated that this lad will, at the April election, be over age, and consequently above the limit for admission to the School; he laid before the Court what he considered the hardships of the case, the boy having been unsuccessful at several previous elections. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master) seconded the motion. Bro. C. H. Webb opposed; as the law stood the boy could not be admitted. It was no use having laws if every now and then they were to be set aside. Bro. Binckes pointed out that, according to Rule 34, a motion could be made for altering or abrogating any of the laws; but there was no provision for motions for suspending a law with reference to the question of grievance or hardship. Many, many boys had been declared off the lists of candidates who were only three or four days in excess of the prescribed age. Bro. George Motion supported Bro. Saunders; he considered there were exceptional circumstances in the present case. The Chairman did not think he could put the motion,—according to Rule No. 34, which did not provide

for the suspension of a law. He therefore, should decide against it. This ruling of the Chairman did not seem to find favour with Brother Saunders and some of his friends, consequently some discussion arose, but Brother John Bodenham, on the general question of order, asked whether the law, if suspended, would come into operation at once. The Chairman said yes. Bro. J. S. Cumberland wished to explain to the brethren that Law 34, which provided for the giving notice of motion for alteration or abrogation of a law, referred to a permanent alteration or abrogation, not for a temporary suspension; and after some further remarks Bro. Cumberland introduced the motion on the paper standing to his name :—

"That the Laws of the Institution be referred for revision and correction to a Committee, whose recommendations shall be submitted to the Quarterly General Court on 26th April next, or to a Special General Court, to be convened in accordance with Law No. 31."

As, however, the report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Boys' School had not yet been made, he (Brother Cumberland) felt himself in a difficulty. The report might suggest alterations which would again come before the Committee. On the abstract question of when it was necessary to alter the rules they might, perhaps, be agreed, but, coming to details, there were certain things which would be much better if made clearer, and more in harmony with the general working of the Institution; that was the reason he gave his notice of motion, but he would now defer it till the report of the Investigating Committee was presented when he was sure the brethren would be only too ready to come forward and consider the matter. The motion was then withdrawn. In answer to a question, when the report of the Commissioners would be ready? the Chairman said he had not the slightest idea. The brethren then adopted the following recommendation of the General Committee :—

"That 17 Boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, 26th April 1889, from an approved List of 72 Candidates, subject to the decision of the Court on two cases in addition, deferred for final consideration."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ON Saturday last, the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Sister Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., Past Grand Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Institution, presiding, supported by Bros. Frank Richardson, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, Charles J. Perceval, H. W. Hunt, E. Letchworth, G. W. Verry, George Mickley, Alfred C. Spaul, J. S. Cumberland, J. Clever, H. Massey, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). After reading and confirmation of the minutes of last Quarterly Court, it was moved

1. To amend Law 55 as follows: "That a Girl shall not be eligible for election unless the father has been a subscribing member to some Lodge for seven years, but should death, or permanent incapacity, occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck or other calamity have occurred within seven years of his initiation, this rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member to some Lodge."
2. "That any candidate whose petition may be approved by the General Committee before this amendment of Law 55 may be confirmed, shall not be affected thereby."

Bro. C. J. Perceval said that with regard to the motion, he made it *pro formâ*, because the Boys' School Committee had carried a similar one. He thought the rules governing the Schools should be as far as possible similar. The Boys' School intended shortly to have a revision of the entire laws, and he hoped this Institution would do the same. The present rule in the book might be a little more explicit, but when he brought that rule forward it was because the other rule acted very unfairly. A child whose father had subscribed one or two months only ought not to be placed in the same position as a child whose father had subscribed twenty years. Bro. A. C. Spaul did not agree altogether with the remarks of Bro. Perceval, whose idea was that the Girls' School Rules should conform to those of the Boys', and the Boys' to those of the Girls'. He agreed, however, with him that it was extremely desirable that the rules should, therefore, be revised. He would second the motion. Bro. Cumberland said that on Friday he simply withdrew his motion. When an event they all looked forward to had taken place, he should propose a revision of the rules, and

that both Boys' and Girls' rules should be alike. Bro. Webb remarked he did not think they were wrong in ventilating the question, in order that they might see if there were any points to be considered when the laws were revised. The point as to the two or three years' subscriptions had been mooted, and although deferred it would arise hereafter. He advised Bro. Perceval to withdraw his motion for the present. This Bro. Perceval then consented to do. The next business was a recommendation from the General Committee that 50 eligible candidates remaining from the last October election, with 24 whose petitions have since been approved, be placed upon the list of candidates for the April election, and that seventeen vacancies, caused by girls leaving the Institution, be declared. Bro. E. Letchworth P.G.D. said the Court would be gratified to learn that the alterations and additions to the Junior School, thanks to Bro. Hunt, the architect, had been completed, and the Committee were now in a position to receive into that School an additional number of girls. At a recent House Committee, on the 24th January, it was resolved to recommend that 20 additional vacancies, making 37 in all, be declared at the April election, thereby raising the *elected* number of girls on the Institution to 257. It was further resolved that, in the event of the above recommendation being adopted, the 20 candidates highest on the poll at the election in April be admitted at the House Committee meeting next following the election, and the remaining 17 at the usual time. He begged to give notice of motion on the recommendation of the House Committee:

"That 20 additional vacancies for the April election, making 37 in all, be declared, thereby raising the number of the *elected* girls on the Institution to 257."

And at the same time he begged to move that the fifty eligible candidates remaining at last election, together with twenty-four others, whose petitions had been since approved, be placed on the list for the April election, and that seventeen vacancies, caused by girls leaving, be declared. The result would be that thirty-seven out of seventy-four would be elected, just half the number of candidates. Bro. Letchworth continuing,—thought the Court would permit him to say a few words in reference to a matter about which observations had been made out of doors, and on which it was desirable a proper understanding should exist; it was with reference to the financial position of the Institution in consequence of the Centenary Festival. He learned from Bro. Hedges that the amount declared at the Festival was £50,500, but by additions since made it had reached the total sum of £51,500. Now, of this sum, speaking in round figures, about £1000 was realised in the year 1887 in anticipation, in order that the subscribers might have the benefit of the votes at the election. The receipts of the centenary year were £44,660, and since the year 1888 had turned—during the present month—Bro. Hedges had received about £600 more. The balance, something like £3000, was association money, which, as the brethren were aware, could only be realised as the donors were successful in obtaining their balances from the associations, and as these usually ran over several years the payment of this sum was extended over that time. This left £2500 of what one might call collectable money, all of which had been applied for in the usual way, but it was payable at the convenience of the donors. He thought this a successful state of things, and he was glad to make these observations for the information of the brethren. Bro. Frank Richardson seconded Bro. Letchworth's motion, which was carried. The Chairman, in reply to a question, said that votes were not issued in virtue of promised donations. Bro. Webb thought out of the large amount realized by the Festival last year there ought to be £10,000 placed as a permanent investment, to meet contingencies for a further extra outlay. The Chairman explained that the greater part of the amount was invested on deposit; under the especial circumstances it could not be permanently invested, because they did not know the expenses of the alterations. The proceedings closed in the usual way.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally and the Ointment rubbed externally are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overgorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints, by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

Obituary.

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BRO. GEORGE LAZONBY.

MANY of our readers will learn with regret of the death of Bro. George Lazonby, of Stockton; this took place at his residence on Sunday, where the deceased had been prostrate for about a month from an attack of pneumonia. It was, however, generally surmised he was recovering, and the news of his death has caused a shock to his most intimate friends. Bro. Lazonby was widely known in the North Riding and throughout Durham as an excellent Freemason. Not only in the Craft, but also in the Arch and Mark Lodges had he held high honours, and but this year is he Director of Ceremonies for the Province. Though holding no public offices, he was highly and widely esteemed in Stockton.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT ALEXANDRIA.

THE remains of the late Mr. Gabriel M'Allan, who for many years carried on a most successful joinery business at Red House, Loch Lomond side, were interred in the Alexandria Cemetery on Tuesday, 29th ult. Deceased having been an enthusiastic Freemason, the brethren of the Bonhill Lodge and Alexandria Chapter and the Bonhill Instrumental Band turned out in large numbers. Bro. W. E. Gilmour R.W.M. officiated at the Lodge and at the grave. The burial service was read by the Chaplain, Bro. James Mushet.

On the 24th ult. the brethren of the York Agricola Lodge of Freemasons held their first annual soiree in the Masonic Hall, Castlegate. The ball-room was very handsomely decorated, and the ante-rooms were also exceedingly well arranged. The music was supplied by Mears' band. In the course of the evening the programme was varied by several songs on the part of the brethren.

The committee of the fund of the extended scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence (for the purpose of granting annuities to members of the Craft, their widows and children) held its first half yearly meeting on the 24th ult. One annuity of £20, one of £15, and twelve annuities of £10 each were granted.

We extract the following from the *Hythe Echo* :—

More than a hundred Freemasons attended the winter meeting of our local Lodge "L'Amitié" on Saturday, after which an adjournment was made to the Hotel du Nord for the annual banquet. It was there resolved that the brethren should be exhorted to vote for M. Jacques, the candidate who is opposing Boulanger at the Seine Election. French Freemasonry—unlike English—is essentially political.

The fourth annual Masonic Ball of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901 (in aid of the Masonic Charities), will take place on Thursday, 28th inst., in the Peckham Public Hall, Rye-lane, Peckham. The Committee and Stewards, in making the announcement, hope to receive the hearty co-operation of members of the Craft and their friends. A dispensation has been obtained from the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., allowing Craft clothing and Masonic jewels to be worn on the occasion. As it is proposed to limit the subscribers, an early application for tickets is requested, which should be made to the Stewards or Secretaries on or before Saturday, 23rd February. Double tickets, to admit lady and gentleman, or two ladies 15s; single 10s. These tickets include light refreshments during the evening, and supper. Dancing to commence at 9 p.m. The Secretaries referred to are Bros. T. Gay (C.S. 1901), 88 Oglander-road, East Dulwich, and W. Griggs (1901), Elm House, Hanover-street, Peckham.

Cassell's Magazine for February is fully up to the mark. Many interesting and valuable hints are thrown out, as usual, while the Rev. S. Baring Gould describes the ravages of the falsely so-called "Elixir of Youth," and "A Sufferer" writes pathetically on "Stammering and Stuttering." Mr. Holland gives an illustrated description of a beautiful Welsh valley which is doomed to destruction to secure a new water supply for the city of Liverpool. The duties and powers of the new County Councils are explained in a paper entitled "The new County Parliaments of England;" and specialists tell us of the Gardening, the Dress, and the Inventions of this season. Mr. Frank Barrett and Miss Armitage continue their Serial Stories, and the number also contains a story from the "Chronicles of Cardew Manor," and another complete tale. A Family Doctor advises on the treatment of those most seasonable ailments, "Colds;" and in the "National School of Housewifery" Miss Heritage writes on "Home-made Bread."

TO THE DEAF.—A Person cured of Deafness and noises in the head of 23 years' standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it FREE to any Person who applies to Nicholson, 21 Bedford-sq., London, W.C.

PRESENT MASONIC LIFE.

An Address by Bro. John A. Ehrhardt, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 21st June 1888.

IN these times of searching and delving among the archives of Masonry and the musty records of the past, in clearing away the rubbish that obstructs our view, and in our plodding endeavours to gather further light as to the origin of Masonry, and after demonstrating its antiquity, and writing its history, describing its symbolisms, acknowledging its wisdom, strength and beauty, would it not be well to turn our attention for a moment from the scenes of the past, and learn a lesson of the present, and solve if we can the problem of our present Masonic life?

We all revere Masonry for the greatness of things done in the past, knowing as we do the glorious works accomplished for man and humanity through all ages, knowing that in our own life, Masonry has helped and cheered us through many trials, and sheltered us from many storms, given us hope and courage in times of despondency, carried us safely over many a sea of trouble, and after being tossed about on the raging billows that beset us on every hand, landed us safely in many a peaceful harbour.

But what of the present? In what way can we qualify ourselves as Masons so to live and act that when we have passed away it can be said of us, "they served their day and generation," and not only that, but that we used the talent God endowed us with, and were duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified to perform in an acceptable manner the varied duties of life?

We will not endeavour in the brief time allotted us to cover the extensive field of Masonic duties or Masonic obligations, but will simply call your attention to what we deem absolutely essential to a solution of this problem.

It is found in the cultivation of the four cardinal virtues: temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice.

Temperance. In speaking of the cultivation of this Masonic virtue we desire to get away from the narrow, contracted definition that in these degenerate days seems to circumscribe and belittle this virtue. We make of it a hobby upon which we mount and imagine ourselves a full troop of cavalry. We endeavour to ride roughshod over every other virtue; and when we think we have vanquished our imaginary foe, and our conflict with the windmill is ended, we dismount from our charger to view the results of the battle, we behold the scene just as it was before the conflict, and our banner is still trailing in the dust.

Temperance, as taught by Masonry, is not simply abstinence from strong drink, but temperance in thought, words and actions. By temperance we not only circumscribe our desire for intoxicants, or abstain from putting the bottle to our brother's lips and making him drunken also, but we are taught to be temperate in words, to govern our tongue, and instead of going in the highways and byways and mounting upon the housetops and proclaiming our brother's shortcomings, we go to him and whisper good counsel in his ear, and in the most tender manner remind him of his fault and endeavour to aid his reformation. Words passionately or intemperately spoken may do us as well as our brother more injury, may cause more grief and sorrow, and bring more reproach upon Masonry than beastly intoxication.

How intemperate it seems, "nay, not seems but is," for a brother who, after passing the threshold of our Lodge, professing his trust in God, attaining the sublime degree of Masonry, who has bowed at the sacred name of Deity and been taught to adore his great Creator, when out of the Lodge room and in contact with the profane "out-Herods Herod" in taking God's name in vain, and with the next breath declaring that Masonry is a good enough religion for him, showing conclusively that he has a very faint conception of the religion of Masonry, even if Masonry was or ever had claimed to be a religious institution, but admitting that Masonry is a religious institution or rather that there is a religion in Masonry, what is it? It must from the very nature of things be founded upon "the rule and guide to our faith," and that great light sums up the whole duty of man to be "to love God and keep his commands." Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, is one of the commandments that should be indelibly written upon the heart of every Mason, so that we would mention His name only with the reverence that is due from a creature to his creator. A cultivation of

this virtue will aid us materially to keep a tongue of good report, and to maintain secrecy, and the trials and troubles, the divisions and dissensions that come upon us in our Masonic lives, by reason of the intemperate use of the tongue, will find no admission into our Fraternity, and they will be to us as a dream of the past, and when we have become temperate in thought and word, the necessary sequence will follow that we will be temperate in action, and the question of how much or how little a Mason can drink and be temperate will solve itself, and we will find in any event that it is a passion subdued and slain, and it was this thought that brought out the expression that "God must touch our hearts and our consciences must amend of themselves by the force of our reason and not by the decay of our appetites." And in whatever way we view the subject, let us not forget the temptation of our brethren, and not measure their acts by our temptation, or rather by our freedom from temptation.

And let us endeavour to cultivate the virtue of temperance in thought, word and action, and thereby rise and walk on a higher plane of Masonic life and attain a nobler stature of Masonic manhood.

Fortitude is not the opposite of cowardice for, if it was simply physical courage, then woe be to us who have not the physical constitution to display a remarkable amount of physical courage, and were we to look at it simply in this light, we make of it an animal rather than a human quality.

Fortitude, as taught in Masonry, is found in the weak physically as well as the strong, and is that trait of character that enables us to bear the trials and sufferings of life, both mental and physical, without complaint and without reproach.

Sixty years ago, when all the powers of both church and state were marshalled in solid phalanx, making a bitter, determined, and unjust war on our beloved Order, the members of the Craft displayed the beauties of true Masonic fortitude. When assailed on every hand by unjust and untruthful accusations and confronted by bitter and determined persecution, they maintained their dignified silence, and rather than recede from a solitary Masonic principle they rested their feet upon the eternal truths taught by Masonry, and with Masonic fortitude waited for the future ages to find out the inconsistency and bigotry of Masonic opposition.

Even at the present day it requires more than courage, yea, it requires fortitude, when out in the world, and we hear Masonry assailed or held up in comparison with some new or cheaper institution, to remain silent, for fortitude is not found in action but in repose.

It requires courage for a soldier to go into battle, but it requires fortitude for him to be present on the field of carnage and remain inactive. The most trying position in which a body of soldiers can be placed is not upon the skirmish line, or in the advancing column, but on the reserve, to cover the retreat, knowing as they do, that if the fates of the day shall determine the results of the battle against them, they must stand with fortitude and offer themselves a sacrifice for the safety of their comrades.

Emerson says that his hero "is the man who, taking both reputation and life in his hand, will with urbanity dare the gibbet and the mob by the absolute truth of his speech and the rectitude of his behaviour." Courage becomes fortitude when the will is surrendered, and the more absolute the surrender of our will the more perfectly will be displayed in our lives and conduct the beauties of this the second Masonic virtue.

Prudence aids us to choose between good and evil, and were it not that we are susceptible to the baneful influences that surround on every hand, it might not be so important to cultivate this Masonic virtue. We meet the temptations of life, and we stumble and fall into temptation. We take a step in the dark, and after groping our way and finally coming into the light, we look upon the result of our journey, and then, for the first time, determine whether we have done right or wrong. Viewing our fall we find that our pride has often diverted us from the common path, and makes us embrace novelties and "rather choose (without prudentially considering the result) to be the head of a troop lost and wandering in the paths of error, than to be a disciple in the school of truth, suffering ourselves to be led and guided by the hand of another in the right and beaten road."

Were we to give this much neglected Masonic virtue the time and thought that its importance demands, and profi

by its teachings, it would shield us from many storms, and relieve us from many regrets, and at the end of our daily journey we can look back on our pathway and our labours of the day with satisfaction, and the sun of approval would rise to shine upon our works.

We spend the first half of our man's estate by holding our bodies in subjection by our intellect, for all the powers of a young man's mind are called into requisition in his early manhood to keep himself within due bounds with all mankind, but in after years, the rule is reversed and it is the body that becomes the tutor of the mind and guides it to reformation, and governs it more rudely and imperiously than the mind ever governs the body.

So that whether we are just beginning the active duties of life or standing beneath the sun at its meridian height and beholding the glory and beauty of the day, or have reached the third step delineated upon our carpet, it is necessary that we cultivate this virtue of prudence so as to guard our minds and bodies from the vices of life and avoid the temptations we daily meet, and keep continually employed with life's duties and obligations.

"I see a youth whom God has crowned with power and cursed with poverty,
With bravest heart he struggles with his lot through toilsome years,
Kept to his daily task by daily want of bread.
And kept to virtue by his daily task,
He stands at last a master of himself,
And in that grace a master of his kind."

Justice is that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render to every man his just due without distinction.

While this virtue is the very cement and support of civil society, it is of like necessity one of the supports of our Institution. To be just to ourselves, our brethren and our Order should be our constant study.

In the ages past how much crime was committed, how many rights trampled upon, how many injuries inflicted in the name of justice! but in the years of civilisation and Christianity the virtue of justice has become the shield of all true men and women.

"O! dreadful justice!
What a fright and terror
Wast thou of old?
When sin and error did show and shape thy looks to me,
And through their glass discolour thee,
He that did but look up was proud and bold.

"The scale of thy balance seemed to gape,
Like two great pits.
The beam and scape
Did like some tottering engine show
Thy hand above did burn and glow.
Daunting the stoutest hearts, the loudest wits.

"But now that Christ's pure veil presents the sight,
I see no fear.
Thy hand is white,
Thy scale like buckets which attend
And interchangeably descend,
Lifting to heaven this well of tears.

"For where before thou didst still call on me,
Now I still touch
And harp on thee.
God's promises had made thee mine;
Why should I justice now decline?
Against me there is none, but for me much."

We should cultivate this virtue so as to be just to the imperishable part of ourselves, by improving our minds in true Masonic knowledge, using the days and hours of our lives in study, thereby living up to the full measure of our intellectual usefulness. Just to our bodies by avoiding dissipation and excess, living out our allotted days in health, thereby enabling us to do the greatest amount of possible good. Just to our neighbour by observing the golden rule, and just to our God by a godly life and conduct.

While we believe the perfect ideal of Masonic character is never attained by even the highest type of morality, yet a steady purpose of mind in us to improve ourselves, making our daily lives in part an exemplification of these Masonic virtues, will enable us to better appreciate the grandeur of true Masonic manhood.

So giving more attention to foundation stones, that our superstructure of Speculative Masonry may rest upon a rock, sure and steadfast, cultivating these virtues day by day, using none but perfect ashlar in our Masonic edifice. These Masonic virtues are not perfected in an hour or a day, for the cycle of life finds them incomplete.

"Heaven is not reached at a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise,

From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

"I count this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from the common clod
To a purer air and a broader view.

"We rise by the things that are under our feet,
By what we have mastered of good and gain,
By the pride deposed and the passion slain,
And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet."

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

THE Festival of St. John was held at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, on Wednesday, 16th ult., when Brigadier-General Adair, the retiring Officer, installed as his successor in the chair Bro. G. Saunders junior. The newly-installed Master appointed the Officers following:—Bros. Aveling S.W. P.P.G. Chap., Strawbridge J.W., Wake S.D., Chaffin J.D., Hammett Secretary, Showers Treasurer, Rev. H. S. Hume Chaplain, Hartnell D.C., Lewis I.G., Baker Organist, Barrett, Potter, Roberts, and Loveday Stewards, Tidbury Tyler, Jones Assist. Tyler.

FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 270.

THE annual festival was celebrated at the Town Hall, Berkeley, on Tuesday, the 15th ult. This is the oldest Lodge in the Province, and was founded on the 25th July 1789. The ceremony of installation was performed by the P.G.M. of Gloucestershire, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, assisted by R. V. Vassar-Smith D.P.G.M., Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and P.M.'s of the Berkeley Lodge, when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Fitzhardinge was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and he invested the following Officers:—Bros. Wheatley I.P.M., Cox S.W., Smith J.W., the Rev. A. Boud Chaplain, Thomas Secretary, Price S.D., Harding J.D., Hadley D.C., Pearce I.G., Morse and Gregory Stewards, and J. Morrett Tyler. After the ceremony the banquet took place at the Berkeley Arms Hotel. Lord Fitzhardinge presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. C. Cox. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren spent a most convivial and enjoyable evening.

LION LODGE, No. 312.

ON the 21st ult. the members met at the Masonic Hall, John-street, Whitby, for the annual installation of the W.M. The choice of the Lodge having fallen unanimously this year upon Bro. R. W. Whitby, the ceremony of his installation was proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. J. Stevenson, who performed the duty very impressively. The following were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Stewart I.P.M., Stevenson Chaplain, Lawson Treasurer, Atkinson S.W., Thornton J.W., Oliver S.D., Smithson J.D., Edwards I.G., Burton Newbold Secretary, Rennison Organist, Walker D.C., Trueman O.G., Watson and Robson Stewards. In the evening the annual banquet took place at the Crown Hotel, and was of a sumptuous description.

WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE annual meeting took place on the 18th January, at the Masonic Hall, Devizes. The outgoing W.M., Bro. W. M. Tucker, opened the Lodge, and after the usual preliminaries installed his successor, the S.W., Bro. Henry Joseph Johnson, according to ancient custom. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Tucker I.P.M., Sloper S.W., Rev. W. Humphreys J.W. and acting Chaplain, Nott P.M. Treas. (by deputy), Hopkins P.M. Secretary, Crees S.D., Martin J.D., Howse P.M. D.C., Bush P.M. Organist, Billingham I.G., Reynolds Steward, and Barnes Tyler. The usual addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Master and P.M.'s Howse and T. C. Hopkins respectively. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. E. B. Mercer P.M. 41, G. J. Farrington P.M. 1271, J. Pocock W.M. 632, G. T. Blakeley S.W. 586, A. Wallington J.W. 1271. General regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. W. Nott P.M., on account of ill-health, and the Secretary was desired to convey to him the hearty wishes of the brethren for his speedy recovery. After Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the customary banquet at the Bear Hotel, towards which Bro. Watson Taylor had as usual sent a supply of venison.

STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

THE members, on the 16th ult., presented Mrs. Mason, wife of Bro. Dr. W. Inglis Mason, with a very beautiful gold bracelet set with 18 brilliants in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Mason during his year of Mastership, and of his great liberality and kindness. The presentation was made at Dr. Mason's residence, by the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, and was accompanied by the following address, beautifully illuminated:—

"To Mrs. William Inglis Mason,—We, the Brethren of the Stour Valley Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1224, wishing to express our appreciation of the many services rendered by our Bro. William Inglis Mason during his year of office, and in recognition of the kind interest evinced by him at all times in the welfare of the Lodge, ask you to accept the bracelet accompanying this as a small token of

such regard. Trusting that the Great Architect of the Universe may spare you for many years to share with him the blessings of this life. Signed on behalf of the Lodge, Charles J. Martyn, Senior P.M. D.P.G.M. Suffolk."

The following members of the Lodge were present:—Bros. Hills, Wheeler, Pratt, Grimwood, Walford, Carlton, the Rev. David Hughes, Grant, and others, as well as Mrs. Pratt, Miss H. Mason, and other members of the doctor's family.

OLICANA LODGE, No. 1522.

THE annual festival was celebrated at Ilkley, on Tuesday, 15th ult., when Bro. A. Balfour was installed W.M. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. G. Lupton, Bro. J. Gaunt presenting the W.M. elect. Subsequently the newly-elected W.M. invested the following Officers: Bros. Kaye I.P.M., Bates S.W., Brotherton J.W., James Chaplain, Gaunt Charity Representative, Critchley Treasurer, Kershaw Secretary, Bennett S.D., Evers J.D., Critchley Organist, Crow I.G., Sykes O.G., and Wedgwood Almoner.

DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

SELDOM has the regular monthly meeting of any Lodge been of a more interesting character than was the case with 1609 on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. There are present in the city a large number of Craftsmen, engaged in the Carl Rosa Company, at the Royal Court Theatre, and in the various pantomimes that are in progress; and this knowledge had the effect of making the number of those present at the usual monthly meeting of the Dramatic Lodge largely in excess of the ordinary attendance. Bro. Henry Round W.M. was supported at the opening of the Lodge by Bros. Cantor I.P.M., Sanderson P.M., Savage P.M., Sandbrook P.M., Mackenzie P.M., Allen S.W., Fineberg J.W., Shrapnell P.M. and Treas., Heard Sec., Mein J.D., Eaton Battly I.G., Hughes S., Stewart J.S., Pulford A.S., Workman Organist, Heginbotham A. Organist, and Ball Tyler. After the work of the Lodge had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the dining-hall for suitable refreshment, and an enjoyable programme was subsequently provided by Bros. Max Eugene, Payne Clarke, E. Edwards, S. Kirkham, J. Cantor, Eaton Battly, T. C. Fargher, and others.

HOTSPUR LODGE, No. 1626.

ON Thursday, 24th ult., the annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, when Bro. J. H. Brown jun. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. G. H. Stansfield, the retiring W.M. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Stansfield I.P.M., Bell S.W., Daglish J.W., Green Chaplain, Symonds Treas., Martin Sec., Challoner S.D., Cackett J.D., Cray J.S., Ferry Organist, Forster S.S., Curry Tyler. The brethren, after all work had been faithfully performed, sat down to dinner at the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street West (Miss T. T. Robson's), when the usual Loyal and patriotic toasts were eloquently given and heartily responded to.

COLERIDGE LODGE, No. 1750.

THE annual meeting of the members was held on Thursday, the 10th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Public Hall, Clevedon, when Bro. M. H. Clark S.W. was formally installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else D.P.G.M. of Somerset. The newly-installed Master invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Dawes I.P.M., Rivers S.W., Captain Rose J.W., Major-General Montague, C.B., S.D., Wickenden J.D., Hayman I.G., Barnes Treasurer, Jupp Secretary, Somerton Organist, Stevens Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to Regent House, where upwards of 40 sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Wickenden.

LODGE OF OBEDIENCE, No. 1753.

AT the ordinary meeting, held at the White Hart Hotel, Okehampton, on 28th ult., there were present Bros. Newcombe W.M., Sloman S.W., Reddaway J.W., Burd Treasurer, Fulcher P.M. Secretary, Wonnacott S.D., Pierce I.G., Manual Organist, Coombes Tyler, P.M.'s Yeo, Gregory, McMurray and Harris. After the usual business the brethren took this opportunity of presenting their Worshipful Brother William Burd with a handsome marble clock, on the occasion of his recent marriage, and in recognition of the valued services he has rendered the Lodge. The presentation was made by Bro. J. Newcombe W.M., and was feelingly acknowledged by the recipient, Bro. Burd.

FIDELES LODGE, No. 1809.

THE last of the annual meetings in connection with the Masonic body in the island of Guernsey was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., in the Temple, Le Marchant-street, the occasion being the installation of Bro. W. Entwistle as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. T. M. Bichard P.M. 243 was the Installing Master, Bro. J. W. Palmer acting as Director of Ceremonies. In this important duty Bro. Bichard was assisted by a board of 26 Installed Masters and about 50 members of the Craft. The work was conducted in strict accordance with ancient custom, after which the newly-installed Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Stranger S.W., Connellan, J.W., Le Ray Treasurer, Bichard Secretary, H. Bichard Assistant Secretary, Brady S.D., Garland J.W., Bird I.G., Biddescombe Tyler, Ogier D.C., D. E. Ogier Steward. The Auditors' report showed the Lodge, though the youngest, to be in a flourishing condition. After the business the brethren, on the invitation of the W.M., adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most *récherché* repast had been provided by Mrs. Edwards.

St. Aubyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 954.—A meeting of the members was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport, on Wednesday, 23rd ult., when the portion of the ritual selected for

the occasion was ably rendered by the Officers of the Lodge, assisted by Bro. Allingham, the Preceptor. At the close of business the members retired to the refreshment room, where a substantial repast had been provided by Bro. Bosworthick. Bro. Dagdale presided, supported by Past Masters C. Watson, Crossby and Joliffe 954. The Visitors included Bros. Whitford 230, Drew, Perkins and Roberts. Apologies were received from Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, Devon, Lord, and Cawsey, who were prevented by previous Masonic engagements from attending.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th January, at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. Present:—Bros. C. W. C. Webb Preceptor, Brewer W.M., Lea Smith S.W., Toulmein J.W., Mapleton Secretary, Hall S.D., E. A. De Paiva J.D., Webb I.G., also Bros. Quick, Hobbs, Marshall, Jupe, Fraser, E. L. Axford, and J. T. Axford. After due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Marshall took the W.M.'s chair; the Lodge was resumed to the 2nd degree and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. Bro. Webb acting as candidate. Bro. Jupe was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After routine work Lodge was closed.

IRELAND.

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BELFAST CITY TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 481.

THE first annual reunion of this promising Lodge was held on the 25th ult., in the Central Hall, Rosemary Street, Belfast. The room was chastely decorated for the occasion, the walls being draped with crimson cloth, relieved at intervals with trophies of flags, the spaces bearing such mottoes as "Welcome to our noble Leader," "Union is strength." This Lodge, it may be mentioned, is but a few months in existence, and yet in that time it has acquired a fair membership. Bro. J. C. Rainey, now P.M., was the first occupant of the chair, and under his direction and guidance the Lodge flourished. Bro. Edward Gregg has now been elected to that position, and under his control the career of prosperity will no doubt be continued. The proceedings commenced with tea, which was admirably served by the ladies (a large number of whom were present), ably assisted by the Officers of the Lodge, who acted as Stewards. Subsequently, Bro. Gregg assumed the chair, and after announcing apologies from Bro. Major Thompson D.P.G.M., and Bro. Meares Prov. Grand Lodge of Down, and others, gave the Queen and the Craft, and the Three Grand Masters, which were received in true Masonic fashion. Bro. Fraser, in responding to "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Down," congratulated 481 on the progress it had made since inaugurated—progress almost amazing to those associated with the Brotherhood. Bro. Rainey, in proposing the Newly-installed Officers, said that Bro. Gregg deserved great credit for the formation of that Lodge, for if it had not been for him it would not now have had an existence. He had spent much time in its organisation, and if it increased in membership in the future as it had done in the past, they would next year require a much larger hall for their meeting. With such progress they would observe his labours had not been in vain. The Officers had ably assisted Bro. Gregg in promoting the interests of the Lodge. The W.M., in responding, stated that, all things considered, they had gone on well since their formation as a Lodge on the other side of the river. They could not separate themselves from the brethren there, and he hoped they would not sever their connection with them. With such an account to render, after only three months' existence, he expected the report that day twelvemonth would be still more encouraging. Bros. W. J. Montgomery J.W., McCullough S.D., Campbell J.D., Ewart I.G., Allen Assistant Sec., and Martin Chaplain, briefly acknowledged the compliment. The other toasts proposed were:—Our Past Master, Our poor and distressed brethren, the Visiting Brethren, the Ladies, and the Stewards. During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. Campbell, Mahood, Stanley, Henchie, Roberts, Porter, McGahey, and Montgomery, all of which were heartily received. The catering was entrusted to Bro. Ritchie, of York Street, and was carried out in such a manner as to leave no ground for complaint. The meeting, which was in every respect a credit to the young Lodge, was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL COMMITTEE.

THE annual meeting of the members of this committee was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 25th ult., Bro. R. Foote Chairman. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren. The minutes of the House Committee for the past quarter having been read by Bro. J. T. Callow Secretary, the balance sheet for the year was presented by the Treasurer (Bro. Tyson), from which it appeared that the rents received from Lodges meeting in the building amounted to £469, from Chapters £93 9s 6d, and the income from other sources was £209. After all necessary payments there remained a balance in hand of £225 11s 1d. The statement of accounts was passed unanimously. Bro. A. D. Hesketh was unanimously elected Chairman for the coming year, Bro. T. H. W. Walker Vice-chairman, Bro. J. H. Tyson was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. T. Callow was again chosen Secretary, for the twelfth time. Bros. Gow, Neale, Coxon, and Leake were elected Auditors. The following brethren were elected members of the House Committee:—Bros. Foote, Beesley, Pemberton, Cotter, Smith, Molloy, Hallwood, Bailey, Broadbridge, G. Morgan, E. Morgan, Coxon, Jarman, Martin, Jackson, Bradley, Neale, Leake, Salter, Latham, and Soldat. The usual vote of thanks terminated the proceedings.

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ON WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH OF FEBRUARY 1889,

UPON WHICH OCCASION
The Right Hon. the EARL of EUSTON,
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has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

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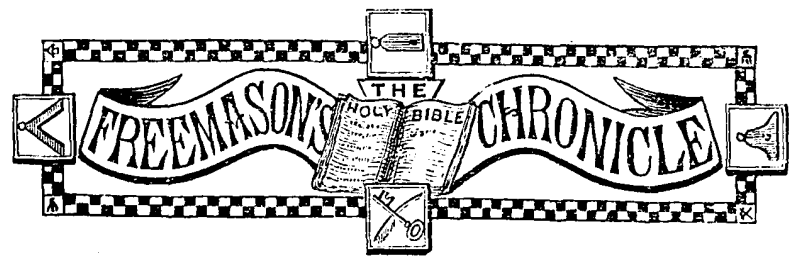
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ROYAL ARCH.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London,

on Wednesday, the 6th of February next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th October 1888, to the 15th of January 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter -	255	11	11	Donation to Girls' School -	105	0	0
„ Unappropriated Account -	191	1	7	Purchase of £300 2½ per Cent. Consols and commission -	291	0	0
Subsequent Receipts	365	12	1	Disbursements during the quarter -	281	18	7
	812	5	7	Balance, Unappropriated Account -	189	9	1
Amount overdrawn on Grand Chapter Account -	55	2	1				
	£867	7	8		£867	7	8

which balance, less £55 2s 1d, overdrawn on Grand Chapter Account, is in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions Horatio Ward as Z., Edward Cooper Fenoulhet as H., Henry Corbet Jones as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, Herne Bay, to be called "The St. George's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, in the county of Kent.

2nd. From Companions Richard Wealthy Forge as Z., Charles Stevens as H., Richard Richardson Collick as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 1793, Teddington, to be called "The Sir Charles Bright Chapter," and to meet at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, in the county of Middlesex.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have received a petition from the Principals and members of the De Mowbray Chapter, No. 1130, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original having been accidentally destroyed by fire.

The Committee recommend that a Charter of Confirmation be granted for the above Chapter.

The Committee have also received memorials, with copies of minutes, on the removal of the undermentioned Chapters:—

The Kingston Chapter, No. 1010, Hull, for permission to remove from the Masonic Hall, Worship-street, to the Masonic Hall, Kingston-square, Hull.

The Brisdon Chapter, No. 613, Southport, for permission to move from the Freemasons' Hall, Eastbank-street, to the Masonic Hall, Lord-street, Southport.

The Chapter of Concord, No. 223, Plymouth, for permission to remove from 193 Union-street, to the Freemasons' Hall, No. 1 Princess-square, Plymouth.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have further to report that the Enoch Chapter, No. 11, London, through neglect of the law as contained in Article 73 of the Royal Arch Regulations, has recently exalted a brother at a less period than twelve calendar months—namely, five months—from the date of his becoming a Master Mason.

The Committee have inflicted a fine of £1 1s on the Chapter, have admonished it to be more observant of the law in future, and have ordered the candidate in question to be re-obligated before a Grand Chapter certificate is issued for him.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th January 1889.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

THE annual installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, 22nd ult. The Companions present included the following members:—Comps. F. Hilton acting M.E.Z., Addington H., Tuck J., Capt. C. W. Williams P.Z. S.E., Major W. E. Williams P.Z. Treas., C. H. Stone S.N., Benedetti A.S., T. Grammont P.Z., W. Cowley P.Z., Bumstead P.Z., C. Meierhoff, C. Fleck, W. F. Crook, G. H. Foes, Dr. H. Makham, Charlie Woods, Fry, C. N. M. North, and Rowe acting Janitor. The visitors were Comps. F. Walters P.Z. P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middlesex, J. J. Pitt 169, Capt. R. J. Vincent M.E.Z. 1777, V. T. Murché A.S. 1329, W. Kipps P.Z. 79, E. J. Burns A.S. 1071, R. J. Voisey P.Z. S.E. 1329, G. A. Taylor P.Z. 22, 217, and R. C. Davis 1329. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, after which a ballot was taken, and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. W. Towers W.M. 15, who was exalted in the usually excellent manner for which the Star Chapter is famed. Comp. F. Hilton then installed Comp. Addington as M.E.Z., and Comp. Tuck as H., while Comp. Grammont installed Comp. Crook as J. As Comp. Addington had temporarily lost his voice, the Officers were invested by Comp. F. Hilton. These

were Comps. Major Williams Treas. (for the 10th time), Capt. C. Woolmer Williams S.E., Benedetti S.N., C. T. Fleck P.S., C. Meierhoff 1st A.S., and C. Woods 2nd A.S. After the business was concluded the Chapter was closed. At the banquet which followed, the M.E.Z. proposed the Queen and R.A. Masonry, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales G.Z., and the G. Pro Z., G.H., G.J., and rest of the G. Officers present and past, all of which were enthusiastically received. Comp. Hilton gave "The M.E.Z., H., and J." Comp. Addington was so well known that he could add little in his praise to those who were acquainted with his enthusiasm in Craft Masonry. He was always ready to help in the cause of Charity, and being ever willing to work for the good of the Order was an ornament to the First Chair. Comp. Tuck had come that day, in spite of much suffering, so as not to disappoint the members. Comp. Crook had been compelled to wait till this year for his Craft qualification, but if he did the work of J. as well as he had done that of P.S., some years ago, the younger members would be delighted with him. Comps. Addington, Grummant, and Crook suitably responded, expressing their pleasure at working for the Chapter. The M.E.Z. next gave the Exalteé. Comp. Towers possessed every good quality that should endear him to the hearts of the Companions. He trusted he should be spared to see him installed as First Principal. Comp. Towers responded. It had been a great honour to be exalted in that Chapter. The R.A. ritual was very beautiful, and his must be a poor and unappreciative mind who was not impressed with it. He hoped to become a worthy and useful member. Comp. Grummant next proposed the Visitors, enumerating the good work they had done for the Order. Comp. Capt. Vincent M.E.Z. 1777 thanked the Companions for the way in which the toast had been received. It was a treat to hear the Installation Ceremonies performed in the way they had been that evening. Comp. F. Hilton was certainly a most ardent Mason, and his labours to impart the R.A. ritual were already bearing fruit. Comp. Walters P.Z. P.P. 1st A.S. Middlesex was glad to be present. This was his 33rd year of R.A. Masonry, and he hoped to be spared for 33 more years to enjoy it. Comp. Taylor P.Z. 22, 217, doubted if he had ever seen R.A. work so well performed. The wording differed very slightly from what he was used to, but he questioned if it was possible to have it rendered more impressively. The Installing Officers were fully efficient. Comps. Kipps P.Z. 79 and Voisey P.Z. S.E. 1329, spoke in the same strain, the latter observing that it would be a work of supererogation for him to praise the excellent working, or the well-known hospitality of the Star Chapter. The M.E.Z. proposed the Treasurer, S.E., and other Officers. It was seldom that a Chapter was gifted with such Officers as the Treasurer and S.E. It was certain that better could not be found. They both took a pride in the Chapter. Comp. Major Williams, who was the first M.E.Z. of the Chapter, and has been its only Treasurer, had so often responded to this toast that he could add nothing to what he had said in the past. He hoped always to see the Chapter flourish, and he believed that the praise that was so often reiterated by their visitors must certainly be true. He should always try to do anything that lay in his power to further the interests of the Chapter. Comp. Capt. Williams said his interests were identical with those of his father, their worthy Treasurer. He had been a founder, and hoped to be S.E. as long as his father was Treasurer. Comps. Benedetti, Fleck, Meierhoff, and Woods also responded. It is a notable fact that the three Sojourners were exalted on the same evening. The M.E.Z. followed with the toast of the P.Z.'s. Comp. Cowley was always ready to work for the Chapter; he was a genial Companion, brother, and gentleman. Comp. Grummant was a most efficient worker; and in Comp. F. Hilton, the Preceptor of the Star Chapter of Instruction, they had a Companion of whom South London must be proud. Comp. Cowley expressed his pleasure at being present, although weak, as he had been four months under the doctor's hands. Comp. Hilton considered the R.A. ritual to be most impressive. It could not fail to appeal to the feelings of every one. It was full of beautiful religious sentiments. He was proud of the Chapter of Instruction, for although it was not yet a year old it had 50 members, had never had a blank night, and was without exception working most satisfactorily. Comp. Grummant, however, deserved great praise for the way he had seconded his efforts to make the Chapter a success. Comp. Grummant said that since his exaltation he had not missed one meeting. He had found the greatest harmony and the best of good feeling prevalent in the Chapter during that period. The way in which Comp. Meierhoff A.S. had done the P.S. work that evening had surprised him greatly, and showed what excellent officers were coming on. The M.E.Z. proposed a special toast in honour of Comp. Bumstead, the pioneer of Preceptors for the R.A. in South London. Comp. Bumstead felt highly gratified at the unexpected honour that had been conferred upon him, and was deeply sensible of the cordial way in which his name had been received. He hoped shortly to pay his first visit to the Star Chapter of Instruction. The Janitor's toast brought a very happy evening to a conclusion. A capital selection of music, performed under the direction of Bro. R. De Lacy, Vicar Choral of St. Paul's Cathedral, added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Comp. Bumstead also gave a laughable recitation.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday, 25th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. Hilton P.Z. 1275 Preceptor, Grummant P.Z. 1275 M.E.Z., Moore H. 169 H. Whitby M.E.Z. 1329 J., Stone S.E., Addington M.E.Z. 1275 S.N., Stone P.S., Woods A.S. 1275 A.S., Cope, Wingham, and Capt. R. J. Vincent H. elect 1329 M.E.Z. 1777. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, with Companion Cope as candidate. Companion Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and the Officers were appointed in rotation. A board of Installed Principals was then formed and Companion Whitby rehearsed the ceremony of installation of M.E.Z., while Comp. Captain Vincent rehearsed that of the Installation of Joshua.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF BRISTOL.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bristol was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Bristol, on the 25th ult., the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. A. F. Powell, in the chair. Letters were read from the Earl of Limerick, and from Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, announcing that as his political and other engagements in London prevented his visiting Bristol as he would wish the Earl of Limerick had resigned the office of Prov. Grand Master, and that the Right Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales had appointed Bro. W. A. F. Powell as his successor. The announcement, which came as a complete surprise upon the brethren assembled, was received by them with a delight which was manifested in enthusiastic applause, again and again renewed. The Provincial Grand Master designate has held the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master under three administrations, and for the long period of 35 years, and that an opportunity should arise, and should be taken advantage of, to thus recognise his prolonged and valuable services, exactly coincided with the unbreathed aspirations of the Province. It was a proof of his devotion to duty that, after nine weeks' confinement to a sick room, through a serious accident, the first time he left the house was to preside over last night's meeting. His personal disinclination to accept the new responsibility was completely overborne by the gratification which found repeated expression in the course of the proceedings. The installation will probably take place on 1st March.

MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF THE DANUM LODGE, No. 398.

A large gathering of Mark Master Masons took place at Doncaster on the 29th ult., to witness the consecration of this Lodge, and the installation of the first W.M. The consecration ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. C. L. Mason, Provincial G.M.M. of West Yorkshire, assisted by several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers; and the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. The warrant from H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master nominated the following brethren to be the first Officers:—Bros. W. Delaney W.M., Rev. I. Blake S.W., and H. T. Bellerby the J.W. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by Bros. the Earl of Easton Grand S.W., C. F. Matier, Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., C. A. Driver, R. Berridge, B. R. Bryant, W. Cooke, and many other Provincial Grand Officers and representatives of West Yorkshire Lodges; also by Bro. J. Sutcliffe Provincial G.M.M. Lincolnshire, and several Lincolnshire brethren. After the W.M. had invested his officers and closed the Lodge, the majority of the brethren adjourned to Brown's Rooms, High Street, where an excellent banquet was served, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THE annual meeting was held on the 15th ult., at Hayle, when the W.M. elect, Bro. George Williams, was installed W.M. by Bro. W. K. Baker. The W.M. appointed as his Officers—Brothers Burrow I.P.M., Thomas S.W., Richard Rowe, J.W., Read M.O., J. H. Rowe S.O., Veal J.O., Baker Chaplain, Osborne Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Boase S.D., Rowe J.D., Jackson Reg. of Marks, Adams Organist, Taylor I.G., and Bray Tyler. There was a good attendance of brethren, and after the Lodge they adjourned to the dining room, where a banquet was served.

BALL IN LEICESTER.

THE annual ball under the auspices of the five Leicester Lodges of Freemasons (the St. John's, No. 279, Commercial, No. 1391, John of Gaunt, No. 523, Albert Edward, No. 1560, and Golden Fleece, No. 2081), the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held, by permission of Sir Henry Halford, in the County Assembly Rooms, last Tuesday evening. The company, a representative gathering, numbered between 180 and 190 persons of the town and neighbourhood. The brethren were arrayed in their Masonic insignia. Bro. Henry Nicholson conducted the quadrille band, which supplied the latest dance music. The arrangements were under the management of the following committee of gentlemen:—Messrs. E. Holmes, W. H. Lead, J. Herbert Marshall, W. H. Swingler, T. G. Charlesworth, F. J. Baines, G. Newsome, J. B. Waring, R. B. Starkey, S. Knight, T. S. Ashwell, J. T. March, T. Carter, J. D. Harris, Dr. C. A. Moore, F. Winterton, J. L. West, E. P. Steeds, G. Jessop, J. Kidney, and J. G. Parr. The hon. secs. to the Committee were Messrs J. H. Marshall and J. B. Waring, and to the efforts of these gentlemen the success of the ball was in no small measure due—both working most assiduously. Dancing was timed to commence at nine o'clock, and shortly before that hour the visitors began to arrive. The programme opened with a polka, and Wednesday morning was well advanced ere the company dispersed. Mr. George Jessop proved a most efficient M.C., his efforts being ably seconded by an energetic body of stewards. The catering was entrusted to Mr. Derrick, of the Masonic Hall, who fully sustained his reputation.—*Leicester Post*.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Lyceum.—Every conscientious Shakespearian student must have heard with deep concern of the illness that necessitated Mr. Henry Irving's temporary absence from the Lyceum. However, all must have rejoiced that an equally devoted lover of the immortal bard was at hand, in the person of Mr. Hermann Vezin, to fill the void thus unhappily created. We sincerely regret absence from town and heavy duties elsewhere prevented our witnessing Mr. Vezin's performance of Macbeth, but unquestionably, taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case, this gentleman during his temporary occupation of the stage would work somewhat on Mr. Irving's lines. No revival—Shakespearian or otherwise—has ever created so much controversy as this, the latest effort of Mr. Irving, and now all impartial critics must be in a position to sum up—at least to their individual satisfaction—the merits of the performance. For our own part, we decidedly recognised the interpretation of Mr. Irving as a matured presentment of the Macbeth he gave us some twelve years since, when it was almost universally conceded that his rendering was not a successful one. Mr Irving gives us in a general way a bold and vigorous soldier, but when the supernatural element surrounds him, he is conscience stricken and helpless as a child. As for Miss Terry, she does with Lady Macbeth almost everything that could have been expected of her, but—the “harsh” and “strident” impersonations we have for years been accustomed to notwithstanding—she fails to present us with the ideal we fear we shall always look for. In the “barbaric days” from whence the story takes its rise, we scarcely look for the billing and cooing that some of the critics land so highly. Her dual scenes are made the most of unquestionably, but she does not possess the physique—we say it in no unfriendly spirit—the character demands at the hands of any lady who may essay the part. As regards those who assist the principals, every opportunity is given them; Mr. Irving never fails to give his associates full licence, and on the occasion under notice they one and all avail themselves of their opportunity. In conclusion we may add we should like Mr. Irving to consider an old reading which has always found favour with us. We refer to the following passage, Act i scene 7:—

Macb. Pr'ythee, peace;
I dare do all that may become a man.

Here Macbeth—according to the interpretation we refer to—should stop, and the next line should be taken up by his wife, who sarcastically retorts:—

Lady M. Who dares “no” more is none.

Lady Macbeth should then continue, “What beast, &c.” To our mind this alteration—suggested to us some thirty years since, and even then not a new idea—would decidedly strengthen Miss Terry's rendering of the character.

Vaudeville.—Mr. Robert Buchanan has contributed a most diverting piece of humour to dramatic literature by his fantastic comedy “That Doctor Cupid,” (why the pronoun?) which having proved satisfactory at a morning performance was speedily promoted to the evening programme. The motive of the piece is not new, but may be reckoned as such, seeing that it is 120 years since Foote's famous farce, “The Devil on Two Sticks,” was produced. Cupid, having been bottle up by a celebrated astrologer some three hundred years previous to the opening of the story, falls into the possession of Harry Racket, a Cambridge undergraduate of the Dashing-ton School, who is in despair at being disinherited by his uncle, and thereby obliged to surrender his sweetheart, Kate Constant. After reading the Latin inscription, to the effect that “love conquers the world, but science conquers love,” and being ignorant of the contents of the bottle, he dashes it to the ground, when presently is seen a little, weakened, rheumatic fellow, in Elizabethan dress, who announces himself as Cupid, and offers to become Harry's slave if he will set him at liberty as soon as he restores his sweetheart. They then proceed to Bath, where Cupid, disguised as Harry's tutor, sets all the women in love with his master—which causes considerable complications—but finally brings the lovers together, re-establishes Harry in his uncle's favour, and claims his reward. Mr. Thorne's admirers will readily imagine what amusement he evokes with this eccentric character, which he plays with extraordinary vigour and ability; his very costume is a study, and roars of laughter follow his appearance on the stage. Mr. Gillmore makes a manly young Harry, Mr. Fred Thorne is seen to advantage as the irascible gouty old baronet, and Mr. Cyril Maude, a young actor who is steadily making his mark, gives an admirable rendering of a love-sick, stuttering beau. Miss Winifred Emery presents a perfect picture of the gushing girl of the last century novels, and Miss D. Drummond makes the most of the baronet's scheming housekeeper. Of the minor characters, Messrs. Wheatman, S. Buist, Pagden and Grove, with Misses M. Lea and Robertson, deserve notice. The quaint early nineteenth century costumes and the pretty scenery lend their aid towards the success of the piece.

Messrs. J. H. Darnley and G. Manville Fenn's new farcical comedy will be produced at the Strand next Wednesday evening. The arrangements are under the immediate supervision of Mr. Charles Wyndham, who has procured an excellent caste.

The remarkable success that has attended the Matinées of “The Merry Wives of Windsor” has led Mr. Beerbohm Tree to place it in the evening bill, and this he will do next Saturday evening, the 4th instant. The caste will be the same as that which did so well at the Matinées.

Ice Carnival.—We are able to state that the list of stall-holders of the Carnival, to be held in March, at the Royal Albert Hall, for the West End Hospital, is now filled up. The Austrian stalls will be under

the direction of Lady Francis Seymour; Canada will be held by Lady Beaumont; the Countess of Romney takes England, and the Marchioness of Waterford Denmark; Holland and Germany by Hon. Lady Macdonald and the Countess de Morella respectively; Ireland will be held by Viscountess Coke; and Italy by the Marchioness of Carmarthen. Other stalls will be taken by Lady Heron Maxwell and Lady Spencer Clifford, and among the ladies assisting will be the Duchess of Leinster, Lady Wm. Lennox, Lady Decies, Lady Lamington, and many others. The arena of the Albert Hall will be entirely enclosed by winter scenery of all countries, and each of the stalls set in characteristic surroundings. The falls of Niagara will be a chief feature, and will occupy one end of the vista, beneath which visitors will be able to pass as at the original ones. The ascent of the Matterhorn, with guides, ropes, and alpenstocks, will also be a great attraction, and winter games and sports peculiar to each country will be arranged.

Saturday, the 9th instant, has been appointed for the private view of the Spring Exhibition (the seventeenth), of the Nineteenth Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the Exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 11th instant.

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EXCESSIVE ENTHUSIASM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fully endorse your sentiments, as given in the article on “Excessive Enthusiasm” in your issue of to-day's date. As Masons we should be just before we are generous, and I am pleased to note a great caution in our Lodge as to the applicants we recommend to the Board of Benevolence. Unless a man has been a good Mason for some years, and his misfortune is not brought about by his own conduct, we should not think of recommending him. If our own funds permit we should assist as far as we feel justified, but no more.

I am surprised to learn that there is a reluctance on the part of the Managers of the funds to give information when asked to do so. They should give the fullest and freest explanation to any questions that may be raised, or we should insist on knowing why. I hope this matter will not be allowed to drop, as it is of the greatest importance that our Order should be kept pure, and every facility given to show that it is pure.

Yours faithfully,

F. E.

26th January 1889.

CRITICISM ON THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret that pressure of business will not allow my replying this week to the remarks in your contemporary on the criticism of myself and others as to the present management of the Masonic Institutions. I am sorry the writer referred to has thought it desirable to descend to vulgar abuse—that is no answer to such criticism as I have offered, whatever others may think to the contrary. Your contemporary seems to be ignorant of the difference which exists between honest criticism and dishonourable attacks, while I, for one, question his veracity in saying his remarks are not “inspired.” If what he says is true, I wonder he has the impudence to deal as he does with other people's business and opinions.

For the information of yourself and others I may say I have no connection with a writer who has elsewhere signed himself, as I did in my previous letter to you,

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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, 2nd FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinner Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 9
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1468—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 46—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 60—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 88—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-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)
 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 25—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 648—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)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1555—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
 1660—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham. S. (Inst.)
 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
 2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
 339—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 4478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 4829—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
 607—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 822—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 691—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
 350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.).
 166—Union, Criterion, W.
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)

765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 890—Dulhouse, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.
 R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 255—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 847—Portescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
 1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1634—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, St. James Street, Walsby
 1750—Coleridge, S. Adringham House, Cleveland.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 2133—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
 R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
 R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
 R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, W. Ham.
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Onevery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brompton, at 8. (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 225—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 535—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barbican, E.C. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Popple's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst. &c.)
 902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 515 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Inn, Old Kent Road, S.W.
 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, City East, at 8. (Inst.)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, General's Lane, at 8
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 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)
 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. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury

M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
288—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Dowryshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
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)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Wandon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montiflore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Betnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (In)
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rise, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9—Moriab, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 3. (Inst.)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrials, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester

446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Toes, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stockton-on-Tees.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Billingham, North East
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Cockerham
1089—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
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1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
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1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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33—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 3. (Inst.)
177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
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1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
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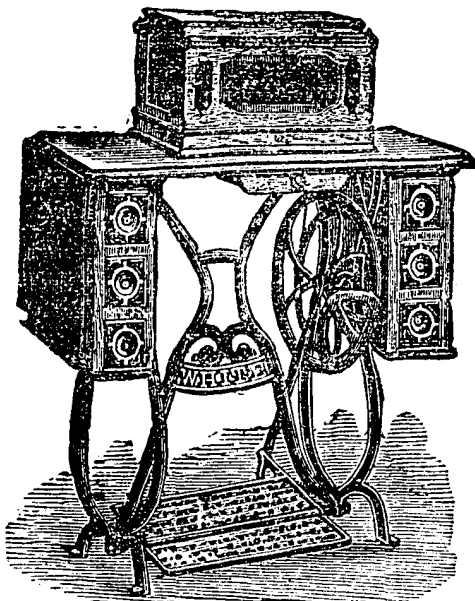
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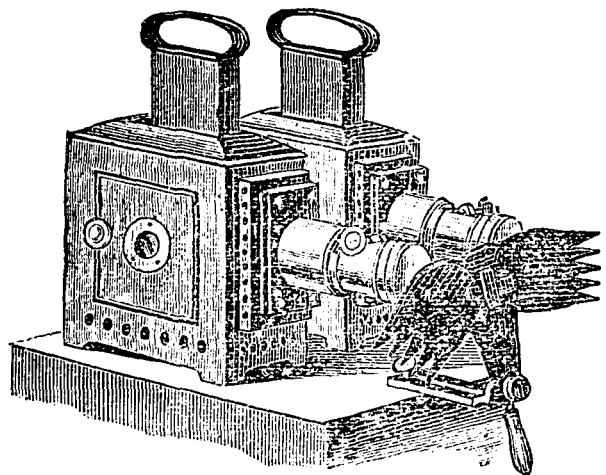
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