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FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

IT must have been somewhat of a rude surprise to those who regard the Masonic Order as universal, and as existing in all parts of the world as it is known in England, to read the comments which have appeared during the last few days, in many of the leading papers, under the above heading. From them it has been possible to learn that French Freemasonry is very different to the system practised in this country, and very different to anything we should like to see introduced into our midst; but at the same time the comments in question teach little that was not already known to those who have watched the progress of Masonic events abroad during the last few years. To most of those who give a thought to the subject it will seem surprising that so much change could have taken place in so short a time as has occurred during the last few years in connection with French Freemasonry, and the present position of the Craft in that country may well be held up as a warning to those Craftsmen, in England and other parts of the world, who seek to "improve" or "amend" the existing state of affairs, but who do not take into consideration the ultimate effect of their proposals.

When, a few years back, alterations were suggested in the fundamental principles of French Freemasonry—and which, on being adopted caused the Grand Lodge of England to break off its friendly relations with the Grand Orient of France—there were few who regarded the change as of so serious a character as it has since proved itself, or who considered the discontinuance of an expressed belief in a Supreme Being on the part of every candidate for the secrets of French Freemasonry as likely to lead to a radical change in the whole constitution of the Craft in that country. Perhaps this is not the only cause which has led to the present state of affairs, but most unquestionably it has much to do with it. When the Grand Orient decided it was no longer necessary to enforce an expression of belief in a Deity from every candidate previous to his initiation, many of the better class of French Freemasons withdrew from active membership of the Order, and in not a few cases the whole condition of Lodges was changed; men were admitted who would previously have been rejected, and minor alterations were made which, but for the example set by ruling authorities, would never have been even suggested—they would have been regarded as utterly impossible, in view of the previously professed changeless character of Freemasonry.

We think there is little fear of the same fate attending English Freemasonry as has befallen that of France, but it is quite as well to look around and profit by experience to be gained elsewhere. In England we are not so excitable over political matters as our neighbours, and we are able to keep party feeling distinct, both from our daily avocations and our

private affairs. The French people, on the contrary, have the credit of making everything subservient to party and politics, and this characteristic has unfortunately extended to Freemasonry, with the result that the present condition of the Order in France is about as much unlike what we regard as true Freemasonry as anything bearing the name could possibly be. The Order in France has resolved itself into a party organisation pure and simple, and does not even enjoy the benefits of the checks which are imposed by public action on associations which are free and open to all. In short, it has become the most dangerous and the most lawless of all associations—a combination for political purposes, meeting in secret, and binding its members with the utmost severity to keep from the outside world all knowledge of what is going on in its midst. Recent events have shown what it is possible for such an organisation to attempt in times of peace and quietness; we dread to think what might be attained, under its cloak, if one of the scenes of excitement or even revolution to which our neighbours are no strangers should occur. Doubtless the combination which now exists under the guise of Freemasonry would then be made use of to the uttermost, and as a result the name of the Masonic Order might be so associated with crime and disaster as to rest for ever after under a most undesirable stigma.

As we have said, the present position of French Freemasonry may be held up as an example to the English Craft, who thereby may be warned of the evil consequences of allowing innovation in the principles of the Order, and taught to guard against anything likely to lead them on a similar fatal course to what has been pursued by their French brethren. It strikes us one of the main points to guard against is the admission of unworthy candidates; men who join the Order in the hope of serving their own ends, rather than of advancing the welfare of the masses, and who make no scruple of using the reputation of the Masonic Order to advance personal interests. We must bear in mind that the initiates of to-day will be the rulers of the future, and the rise or downfall of Masonry after the next few years may, in consequence, be said to depend on the class of men admitted now. If worthy men, and worthy men alone are received, we need have little fear as to the future, but if, in the scramble after new members, which unfortunately exists to an alarming extent, little or no care is exercised in ascertaining the views or the motives of candidates, there is much to cause alarm in the outlook. But how are we to ascertain whether or not the men we receive to-day are likely to prove thorns in the side of Freemasonry in years to come? This is a very delicate question, and one almost impossible of solution. It cannot, indeed, be solved at all; but a moment's consideration of the results of a single false step may impress us with the determination to use additional care, and this may lead to the prevention of a mistake which, once committed, may be incapable

of being remedied. What Freemasonry requires is, men who, on entering its portals, throw aside all considerations of self; men whose aim in life is to be happy and communicate happiness to others; and, above all, men who, on finding themselves members of such a time-honoured and influential institution as English Freemasonry, make it their especial business to add to the lustre already secured by the Order, by maintaining and upholding its teachings and principles. If English Freemasonry is fortunate enough to admit only such men, its future will far excel its present or any past position, and as years roll on the name of the Craft will come to be regarded with even greater veneration than it at present enjoys. If, on the contrary, the Masons of to-day are careless or unconcerned as to the views and objects of their candidates, a few years may see the English Order degraded as it has been in France, where its present position is described by the correspondent of one of the London daily papers in the following words:—“French Lodges are now ostentatiously divided into Opportunist, Radical, Boulangist, Socialist, and Revolutionary. Nothing probably could be conceived more alien from the spirit of the great and world-renowned humanitarian Craft than such a string of political signboards.”

In conclusion, we can but express a word of regret that such evil times should have fallen upon Freemasonry in France. We are convinced there are yet many members of the Craft in that country who would give much to have the Order restored to its proper position, and would rejoice at any steps being taken to rid it of its present political tendencies. With such desires urging them to action it is probable a change may ere long be attempted, and if attempted there is a hope of its resulting satisfactorily. It is a great pity that Freemasonry should be used as it is being used in France, as it leads to the impression that the Order is founded on a wrong basis; for, it may be urged, what is possible and is actually going on in one country is equally possible and probable in others. Under such circumstances, then, would it not be wise for the Grand Bodies of the world to combine, and address a communication to the Grand Orient of France on the subject, asking that body to see if steps could not be taken to restore the Craft in France to its original purity. If something of this nature were done we feel that the Craft outside France would not be regarded as quite so guilty as it must now appear in the eyes of an ordinary observer, and we even go so far as to express a belief that a protest might lead to ultimate improvement. As it is, the proceedings of some of those who call themselves French Freemasons are a scandal to the world at large, and a reproach to the fair name and reputation of the Masonic Order.

VOTING THOUGHTS.

IN Pennsylvania, and other jurisdictions, the Craft are now in the midst of the Masonic elections. The present, in consequence, is a period of special interest to Freemasons. It apparently enlarges the boundaries of the Craft, and multiplies the number of Masons by awakening to action many brethren who were before merely sleeping partners in the Fraternity. The average attendance on election night is probably double that on ordinary occasions. The additional one hundred per cent. is composed of those who are more or less burdened with years; of those who after bearing the heat and burden of the day are now resting from their labours; of the life-members, so many of whom have not only nothing to pay, but nothing to say in and nothing to do with the Lodge; and of the careless and inattentive brethren who require to be drummed up by ambitious candidates for office, in order to be induced to come up to the Lodge. Often, on election night, introductions are in order, so many strange brethren appear. Sometimes even the Tyler fails to re-

cognise the “member,” but the brother who expects to receive his vote easily recognises him, and smooths his way into the Lodge. It is not a motley scene, but it is one which excites attention, since it is distinguished by many elements of peculiar interest to Freemasons.

A Masonic election is governed by no ordinary rules or regulations, but is a law unto itself. Political methods are not permissible. Advertising, circularising, personal solicitation, and all similar forms of electioneering, are forbidden. If a brother should adopt them he would defeat himself. There is amply sufficient sense of propriety in the Craft to relegate to the rear any one who seeks to lower Freemasonry to the level of the profane by practising their sinister methods. Now and then, when professional or would-be politicians in the Craft dally with these methods, they speedily find that they “do not pay,” and by force of circumstances abandon them.

From the earliest period of which any record remains, it is apparent that the law of Masonry has been that merit is the only fraternal ground for advancement, either to degree or to office. In the “Lansdowne MS.” (British Museum), of about A.D. 1600, entitled “Free Masons’ Orders and Constitutions,” it is provided, that the Masons “should ordaine the most wise and cunninge man to be Master of the King or Lord’s worke, that was among them, and neither for love, riches nor favour, to sett another that had little cunninge to be Master of that worke, whereby the Lord should bee ill served and the science ill-defamed.” So in Anderson’s “Charges of a Freemason,” of A.D. 1723, compiled for and approved by the Grand Lodge of England, it is asserted that:—

“All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the Lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the Royal Craft despised; therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for merit.”

This language deserves to be written in letters of gold in all of our Lodges and to be engraved on the memory of every Freemason.

But the difficulty with all laws and rules of conduct lies in their administration. How shall the regulation that “all preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only,” be applied? The individual conscience and judgment of the Freemason is the court having primary jurisdiction in this matter; every brother is a ruler and a judge. Hence a weighty responsibility rests with every voter in the Fraternity. He is not to vote for a personal friend who has no merit, nor even for any brother of inferior merit. If he rightly apprehends his duty, he will vote only for that brother who in the highest degree possesses the qualifications which an able administration of the office demands. He will select him who possesses moral, intellectual, administrative and social abilities, and perhaps in the order named. He must be a cultured man, of sound judgment; an accomplished Freemason; one who stands well in the community, and is respected and loved; one who can confer honour on Masonry, and not merely receive honour from it; and last, but not least, one who is not diligently seeking the office for himself. The self-seeker should be left severely alone. In Lodge and Chapter, in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, let these rules of conduct prevail, and only the best brethren will be selected to adorn Masonic station, and only the best results will follow the Masonic elections. The various bodies will be governed with justice and equity; prosperity will attend them, the interest of Freemasons in Masonry will be increased, and the Craft will maintain its prestige of being not only ancient but also honourable. The world judges us largely by our office bearers, and since the profane must apply to us before we can approve them, it is important that the very best classes of the profane should be seekers after Masonic light. If our leaders and rulers are those who are eminent for their virtues, their abilities, and their achievements, the world will respect us, and the best citizens of the world will be knocking at our portals for admission. Freemasonry courts no man, but it does admire virtue, honour, intelligence and ability, and wherever men distinguished for these characteristics petition for initiation and membership, our doors are thrown wide open to receive them. Brethren, whether you wield the ballot for the approval or rejection of a candidate for Masonry, or a candidate for Masonic office, remember that “real worth and personal merit” are the only qualifications for either reception into the Fraternity, or advancement to any of its stations of honour.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Strand.—On Wednesday evening a farcical comedy, entitled "The Balloon," was produced at this theatre. It is not a new piece. Some three months ago it was produced at a morning performance, and we are not surprised that a play which contains so many amusing situations and much clever dialogue has found its way into the evening bill. It is, perhaps, hardly fair to analyse very thoroughly the plot of a farcical comedy. Dr. Glynn, a medical practitioner at Dover, on the eve of his wedding day, by those curious coincidences which occur more frequently on than off the stage, is confronted on the one hand by Mrs. Rippendale, a scheming widow, with whom he had, four years before, carried on a flirtation at Rome, and to whom he had written letters of a decidedly compromising character, and on the other by Mr. Aubrey Fitzjohn, the scoundrel uncle, whose niece he is about to marry, who knows of the said flirtation and makes use of his knowledge to fill pockets which rapidly empty. A further complication is introduced in the shape of a Captain Cameron, cousin of the young lady to whom Dr. Glynn has lost his heart. Captain Cameron proposes to pilot his balloon from Dover to Calais, and calls on the Doctor with a letter, which is to be given to a Miss Vere, address unknown, with whom he has fallen in love on Dover beach. This young lady suddenly turns up in a state of wild excitement, owing to the illness of her pet dog Fifi. Captain Cameron, mistaken for the Doctor, promptly poisons the dog with strychnia, and earns the undying hate of Miss Vere. Dr. Glynn discovers the bottle of strychnia on his table, and comes to the conclusion that he has poisoned the aunt of his lady love, second wife of the aforesaid uncle, for whom he had just dispensed some medicine. Here we have the materials for all kinds of complications, and the authors, Messrs. J. H. Darnley and G. Manville Fenn, make such good use of their opportunities that the audience continually ripples with laughter. How Dr. Glynn escapes in the Captain's balloon, and how in the end all turns out in the usual happy way, we must leave those who see the play to discover. Suffice it to say, the play is genuinely funny, and, what is infinitely better in these days, amuses the audience without recourse to a single doubtful or suggestive line or situation. But there is nothing which depends more than farcical comedy on the manner of treatment for its success, and at present "The Balloon" receives only partial justice at the hands of its exponents. Mr. George Giddens, who took the part of Dr. Glynn, was evidently nervous, and in consequence failed to impress the audience with the reality of his despair. Mr. Alfred Malthy underacted the character of Mr. Aubrey Fitzjohn, but will remedy the fault when he can dispense with the assistance of the prompter. Mr. Forbes Dawson was a thoroughly satisfactory exponent in the part of Captain Cameron. Miss Ellaline Terriss, as Grace Wentworth, gave further evidence of the doctrine of histrionic heredity, and acted in a bright, natural, and unaffected manner. Miss Rose Saker was the scheming widow, Mrs. Rippendale, and the audience, under the circumstances, must have almost forgiven Dr. Glynn his Roman flirtation. Miss Gabrielle Goldney, as Miss Vere, the excitable young lady with an abnormal fondness for her dog, thoroughly entered into the spirit of the piece, and was the only member of the company who must be excepted from the general criticism that the play was at times almost dull when, if the actors had done their whole duty, it would have been bustling and exciting. Miss Emily Miller as Mrs. Theresa Fitzjohn, Mr. George Raime as Dr. Boyton, Mr. S. Whitaker as David, the doctor's boy—a very old boy by the way—and Mr. Wilton Heriot as Todd, did their work satisfactorily. If Mr. Charles Wyndham, under whose personal superintendence the play is being produced, can infuse more of his mercurial lightness of touch into the acting, the play, instead of dragging in the first act, and only taking hold of the audience late in the second act, will interest from start to finish, and "The Balloon" will go up nightly for a long time to come before full and amused audiences.

Miss Kate Rorke has the honour to announce a special matinée, to take place at the Gaiety, on Tuesday next, when will be presented an original play, in three acts, entitled "A Fool's Paradise," by Sydney Grundy. By kind permission of Mr. Henry Irving, Mr. John Hare, and Mrs. Oscar Reinger, the following will constitute the cast:—Messrs. T. N. Wenman, E. W. Gardiner, R. Saunders, and H. B. Conway; the Misses Gertrude Kingston, Mary Collette, and Kate Rorke.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Roebuck P.G.S.B., Trustee and Vice-Patron. There were also present Bros. S. Richardson, Jos. Harling, E. M. Money, T. Griffiths, W. W. Morgan, J. S. Cumberland, W. Maple, A. E. Gladwell, H. Venn, James Moon, C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., G. P. Gillard, G. R. Langley, H. Hooper, and Fred. Binckes P.G.S.B. (Secretary.) The minutes having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the report of the Audit Committee was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Three petitions were considered; one was accepted and the name ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for election in October next, while one was deferred, and the third rejected. An application towards outfit was entertained, with a grant of six guineas. The proceedings terminated with the usual vote to the Chairman.

SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190.

NOT amid the backwoods of America, nor among the tents of the Mahdi in Equatorial Africa, but in their native habitat, in Freemasons' Hall, the "Savages" who have come under the civilising influences of the Ancient Order of Freemasonry assembled, on the 5th inst., to instal Bro. Thomas Catling into the chair of their Lodge for the ensuing year. The Savage Club Masonic Lodge has only been in existence about two years, and already numbers nearly seventy brethren. First among its honorary members the Prince of Wales was enrolled, presenting, as a souvenir of his interest in its welfare, the gavel used by the Queen in laying the foundation stone of the Imperial Institute. It was announced that Prince Albert Victor was also desirous of becoming an honorary member, and expressed the hope that he would be able to dine with the Lodge during the spring or summer. His Royal Highness's election was duly enrolled in the records, Bro. Edward Terry acted as Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in a finished and impressive manner. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Sir John Somers Vine I.P.M., W. E. Chapman S.W., T. Burnside J.W., W. J. Ebbetts S.D., W. J. Fisher J.D., J. Northcott I.G., Edward Terry Treasurer, John Paige Secretary, J. D. Beveridge D.C., W. S. Penley Organist, P. Soman, E. Rosenthal, Dr. M. Coffin, and H. Nicholls Stewards, and G. F. Swan Tyler. Bro. Sir John Somers Vine and Bro. T. Burnside were unavoidably absent abroad, and a telegram, dated Singapore, was read from the first-named, congratulating the Lodge and thanking it for the Past Master's jewel it had been kind enough to award him for his Mastership during the past year. The brethren afterwards dined together in Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the new Master. Among the guests were Bros. Sir Henry Isaacs, Sir John Mockton, Colonel Hare, John L. Toole, Major Harvey Stuart, Tito Mateo, Ganz, and many others connected with science, art, literature, music, and the drama. Success to the Savage Club Lodge was proposed by Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R., and the worshipful Master replied, his health being afterwards proposed in genial terms by Sir Francis Truscott. During the evening an excellent programme of music and recitation, under the direction of Bro. Charles Townley, was gone through, amongst the contributors being Bros. Toole, Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, Ganz, Ben Davies, James Fernandez, John Radcliffe, Edward Terry, Herbert G. Thornlike, Odell, Brandon Thomas, Theodore Drew, and others. The band of the Grenadier Guards, under the direction of Bro. Dan Godfrey, played a selection of music. Bro. Herbert Johnson specially designed an artistic menu for the occasion.

Stuart Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632.—A preliminary meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, E.C., on the 31st ult. Bro. Spiegel P.M. was in the chair, and he was supported by a numerous attendance. Arrangements were made for the Consecration ceremony to be rehearsed, and for the formal constitution of the Lodge of Instruction. The next meeting was fixed for Thursday, 7th instant. The bye-laws and other business was to be considered. Bro. Spiegel P.M. was elected Preceptor.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. Bros. J. Jukes W.M., A. Toulmein S.W., E. Ansted J.W., C. W. Mapleton Secretary, H. M. Hobbs Preceptor, C. W. C. Webb S.D., E. A. De Paiva J.D., J. S. Fraser I.G.; Bros. Kibble, Brewer, Gardner, Axford, Marshall, Burne, and Causton. Visitors—Bros. Graves and Morgan 69. After formalities had been complied with, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Axford candidate. Bro. Marshall now took the W.M.'s chair, Bro. Kibble the S.W.'s, and Bro. Causton that of J.W., when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Ansted acting as candidate. Bro. Toulmein was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Jukes, that being the first time he had occupied the W.M.'s chair in the Lodge. Bro. Graves was elected a member. The Lodge was then closed.

We are grieved to have, this week, to record the decease of Bro. William Biggs P.M., Past Prov. S.G.W. Wilts, and Past Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks. Bro. Biggs died at Southall, where he had for some few years past resided, on the 1st instant, at the ripe age of 74. In his day Bro. Biggs was one of the most genial and popular members of our Order; his record, however, has been already fully set forth in our columns, and those who wish for details of his Masonic work should procure a copy of our "Masonic Portraits," second series; there full particulars are given,—under the heading "An Installing Master." Bro. Biggs was buried on Wednesday, at St. John's Church, Southall.

The third annual ball of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, will take place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James'. The Committee and Stewards, in making the announcement, hope to receive the hearty co-operation of members of the Craft and their friends. Early application for tickets should be made, either to Bro. H. Lazarus, Hon. Sec., Manchester Avenue, E.C., or Bro. Jacques Wynman, 74 Newman-street, W. Tickets (to admit lady or gentleman) 12s 6d each, include light refreshments and supper. Bro. Wynman has undertaken the functions of M.C. for the occasion, so in this particular the arrangements will be all that could be desired.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF ECONOMY, No. 76.

THE installation of Bro. Ernest H. Sharland, the W.M. elect, took place at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, on Thursday, 31st ult., in the presence of a large number of brethren, including the following Provincial Grand Officers present and past:—Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., J. E. Le Fenve, Colonel Yeatman Biggs, Dr. H. G. Dyer 132, Rev. T. Fitzhardinge Moreton M.A., 257, J. Patstone 359, J. Marks P.J.G.D., H. N. Jenkins 2208, E. Wise 1461, J. Webber 132, T. Stopher, J. Harris, W. Gamon, W. H. Jacob P.P.G.S. of Works Hants and I. of W., W. Stopher P.M., J. Dew 694, A. J. Blackman 359, W. Jenner 359, L. Steele 359, G. Lazenby 1331, F. Bascombe 1883, S. Frampton 1883, G. H. Swansborough 2016, Richardson 2016, and Hart 2216. The ceremony was capitally rendered by Bro. Harris, the Immediate Past Master. The Worshipful Master then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. J. Harris I.P.M., W. S. Brockley S.W., H. Searle J.W., W. H. Jacob Treasurer, W. Gamon Secretary, B. B. Colson S.D., W. R. Matthews J.D., J. Marks D.C., W. Stopher A.D.C., H. Searle Organist, J. Grant I.G., E. Ward and E. Hinxman Stewards, C. Sims Tyler. The usual honours were paid to the Provincial Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, who in reply expressed the pleasure it afforded them and others to be present at the installation of the Worshipful Master of the ancient Lodge of Economy, and to see it so well rendered. A vote of thanks was also proposed to the I.P.M. for his past year's services, also for acting as Installing Master, to which he suitably responded. The brethren then sat down to a banquet, well served by Bro. Clowser, at which the Worshipful Master was well supported and honoured, there were also the usual Loyal and Craft toasts. The Provincial Grand Master, in replying, said he had been connected with this Lodge for nearly forty years, and he was very surprised, but none the less pleased, to notice the youthfulness of the Officers who had been invested, as he learned that the combined ages of the Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Senior and Junior Deacons did not amount to 140 years, and he hoped that with such an influx of young members the Lodge foreshadowed a prosperous future. The Worshipful Master and the Immediate Past Master both received hearty honour and good wishes, and there is every prospect for a very successful year for Bro. Sharland. Several letters of apology were received.

INTEGRITY LODGE, No. 163.

THE installation of Bro. Donald D. Macpherson took place and the St. John's Festival was celebrated on Wednesday, 30th Jan., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. This Lodge, which is considerably over 100 years old, is the largest in the Province of East Lancashire, and possesses amongst its members some really excellent workers of the ritual, who are highly esteemed by their Lancashire brethren. For charitable deeds the Lodge stands out pre-eminent in the district, having given to the Masonic Institutions no less a sum than £1513 10s, for which it receives 591 votes in perpetuity, and added to 24 votes, obtained by annual subscriptions, make a grand total of 615. In addition to this the Lodge possesses twenty votes in a local Masonic Institution, and has given donations to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester and Salford Boys' and Girls' Refuge, Commercial Travellers' Schools, &c. The following brethren were present at the installation:—Bros. John Studd W.M., D. D. Macpherson S.W., G. A. Kershaw J.W., J. P. Bedson S.D., W. R. Lee J.D., R. L. McMillan I.G., William Livesey P.M., I. W. P. Salmon P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, Joseph Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Sec., H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Wm. Siddeley P.M., W. D. Waddell P.M., H. Woolley P.M., J. Lowndes P.M., J. E. Williams P.M., I. M. H. Blamey, I. Gardner jun., G. C. Walker, R. A. Hepworth, E. G. Wood, S. Studd, C. R. Allison, T. Carr, T. H. Schofield, T. W. Walmsley, J. A. Gee, Thomas Black, J. Acton, E. Towell, H. A. Harper, J. E. Sparkes, E. Gaskill, I. H. Beckett, J. B. Sumner, J. Bolton, L. Lieberman. Visitors—Bros. C. D. Cheetham P.M. 993 P.G.J.D., S. Butler I.P.M. 191, P.P.G.S., S. Studd Globe Lodge N.S.W., A. Orrett 941 P.G.S. Cheshire, Jas. Laidlaw P.M. 1375 P.G.D. W.L., Robt. Hunter P.M. 1088 P.P.G.D., R. W. Pickering 1012, G. Garlick 78, W. Wildgoose P.M. 941, D. Clarke P.M. 268, Chas. Martyn 1381 2231, W. King 1718, W. T. Hesketh W.M. 1375, R. S. Williamson 1565, Jno. Jackman 139, A. Balmforth 779, J. Schofield S.D. 1140, J. R. R. Jeffery 1140, A. Nara 1140, J. E. Priestman 1719, G. Bowes W.M. 993, C. B. Farr 1012, W. Ballard 350, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 P.G. Steward. The Lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The balance sheet was reported on by Bro. G. B. Kershaw (one of the auditors), who spoke of the concise and satisfactory manner in which the Lodge accounts had been kept by the Treasurer (Bro. J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.G.D.). A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Sinclair, and the auditors' report adopted. After the usual preliminaries Bro. Joseph Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.D. took the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect (Bro. D. D. Macpherson) was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. John Studd W.M., and subsequently inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony. Bro. Macpherson was afterwards proclaimed to and saluted by the W.M.'s, F.C.'s and E.A.'s in the customary manner; Bro. J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.G.S.D. invested the following brethren, Officers for the ensuing year:—G. B. Kershaw S.W., J. P. Bedson J.W., J. M. Sinclair, P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, Joseph Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary (both invested by Bro. John Studd I.P.M.); J. W. P. Salmon P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., W. M. Lee S.D., R. L. McMillan J.D., Harold Woolley Organist, T. G. Sparkes I.G., T. H. Schofield, L. Acton, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., T. Studd, C. Hobbins, J. M. H. Blaney, R. A. Hepworth, J. Gardner

jun., C. E. Towell Stewards. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Wm. Livesey P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. John Studd I.P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. J. Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.D., and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John at a most recherché banquet, prepared and served under the able supervision of Bro. and Mrs. Phillips. On the conclusion of the banquet the toast list was proceeded with. The W.M. proposed the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, all of which were honoured with the customary Masonic enthusiasm. Bro. G. B. Kershaw S.W. proposed the health of Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie R.W. P.G.M., in eulogistic terms, and the gallant Colonel's health was heartily drunk. The J.W. (Bro. J. W. Bedson) proposed the health of the V.W.D.P.G.M. and the rest of the present and past Prov. Grand Officers. The toast was well received, and responded to by the Prov. Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was ably proposed by Bro. J. M. Sinclair P.M. and Treas. P.P.G.S.D., who said that although it would be a somewhat difficult matter to supersede such an excellent and genial W.M. as Bro. John Studd had proved himself, yet he (Bro. Sinclair) thought he would have an able and worthy successor in Bro. D. D. Macpherson, who had filled nearly every office in the Lodge and had exhibited the greatest energy and heartiness in all he had undertaken. He thought the interests of the Lodge would be perfectly safe under Bro. Macpherson's rule, and considered that the fact of three candidates having been proposed that evening for initiation, a good augury for a successful year of office, which he sincerely hoped and believed would be the case. Bro. Macpherson's health, it is needless to say, was heartily drunk, after which Bro. P. G. Sparkes I.G. sang an entirely new song, called "The Masonic Jubilate." The music was composed by Bro. John Acton, Musical Bachelor, F.C.O., and the words by Bro. G. F. Long. It was the first time the song had been sung in any Lodge, and Bro. Sparkes gave it with great vigour. The following is a copy of the words:—

Raise high the song, brothers! swell the loud refrain
Until the blue empyrean vast echoes the glad acclaim!
Freemasonry's the theme, brothers! aid the welcome strain,
For it records the honour that surrounds a Mason's name.
"Free and accepted!" We wear our badge with pride,
It is the "badge of innocence" and "friendship's bond" allied.
May our "fidelity and worth" be all our pledges claim,
For these alone unsullied keep the true Freemason's name!

Refrain.—"He's fellow to a prince!" Yet still a peasant's peer
Be he but worthy of his name—the name we proudly bear!
"He's fellow to a prince!" Its honour now we sing—
The "free, accepted" Mason's name—He's brother to a [king.

Dark were the days, brothers, rayless as the night,
Ere Freemasonry her "true and perfect line" had laid—
Before she her Compasses unfolded—ere her light
In radiant beams shone on us and dispersed the darksome shade.
But when "Light" resplendent into the void she brought,
And "virtue, honour, mercy," to our eager minds she taught,
We hail'd the "light," received the "truths," and gladly we proclaim
Our fealty, and thus proudly bear the true Freemason's name!

(Refrain).

Strong be our "Faith," and let our "Hope" with ardour burn,
But of the "Three" may "Charity" to us the greatest prove!
To hold, not in name alone, but from its promptings learn
To "aid a brother in distress" with all a brother's love.
And should an absent brother need defence against the stain
That scandal makes, be ours the task his honour to maintain.
If thus with "love, relief, and truth" we act, we rightly claim
Our badge to wear and proudly bear the "worthy" Mason's name!

(Refrain).

Raise high the song, brothers! raise your voices high,
Your hearts responding as your notes swell out the joyous strain—
The honour of our name, brothers! the fame of Masonry
Should find an answering echo there, so raise the song again!
"Free and accepted!" a Mason's "badge" to wear—
Remember we accepted too the Mason's "pledge" to share;
And to that vow—"fidelity," our truth, our honour claim,
So thus maintain without a stain the "worthy" Mason's name!

(Refrain).

Bro. Macpherson, on rising to reply, was received with loud applause, said it certainly was the proudest moment of his life to be the W.M. of such a Lodge as the Integrity, which he considered was the best Lodge in the Province. He felt convinced every member thought the same, and was proud of belonging to it. It was eight years ago since he was initiated in the Lodge, and it had all along been a source of great pleasure for him to be present at its meetings, and do his utmost to promote its interests. He assured the brethren the prestige the Lodge had enjoyed for so many years should be maintained during his year of office, and that they would never regret having elected him to the proud position of W.M. He thanked all heartily for their reception of the toast of his health. The health of Bro. J. Wildgoose (Installing Master) was proposed in eulogistic terms, and heartily drunk, after which Bro. Wildgoose, in the course of his remarks, said he had been a member of the Lodge for 25 years, but it was only during the last year or two he had taken the principal part in the installation ceremony. It was, he assured the brethren, to him a labour of love to do anything he could for the welfare of the Integrity Lodge, and if he had given satisfaction he felt highly pleased. Brother Wildgoose subsequently proposed the Visiting Brethren. The toast was well received, and Bros. C. D. Cheetham P.M. 993 P.G.J.D., W. T. Hesketh W.M. 1375, G. Bowes W.M. 993, &c., replied. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, including the I.P.M.

and P.M.'s, Masonic Charities, Officers of the Lodge, and Stewards, a most enjoyable though short evening being spent. Some capital songs were rendered by Bros. G. A. Kershaw S.W., J. P. Bedson J.W., T. G. Sparkes I.G., and Lieberman. Bros. Thomas Black, C. E. Towell, and R. R. Lisenden recited, and Bro. John Acton presided most efficiently at the piano.

KENDAL LODGE, No. 129.

THE brethren recently held their annual festival at Kendal, when Bro. Watson Ion was installed by Bro. Herbert Moser, in a most effective and pleasing manner. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers, which are as follow:—Bros. Paget S.W., Cozens-Hardy J.W., Middleton Treasurer, Argles Secretary, Gandy D.C., Milne S.D., Fisher J.D., Leeming I.G., Hoggarth Organist, Illingworth and Bradley Stewards, Thompson Tyler. After the ceremony of installation the brethren and visitors, numbering about 40, adjourned to Bro. Thomas Lancaster's Commercial Hotel, where a most sumptuous repast was prepared, and which was heartily enjoyed by all present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and responded to the proceedings terminated.

ST. CYBI'S LODGE, No. 597.

THE installation was held on the 29th inst., at Holyhead. The ceremony of installing Bro. J. Hall as W.M. was most impressively gone through by Colonel Henry Platt. The W.M. elected the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Jones I.P.M., Martin S.W., Wells J.W., Grey S.D., Williams J.D., H. J. Hughes I.G., T. P. Williams S.S., T. G. Hughes J.S., Lloyd Secretary, Jones Treasurer, R. H. Hughes Director of Ceremonies, Kent Organist, and Williams Tyler. The retiring W.M. was presented with a very handsome jewel. The members afterwards banqueted at the Station Hotel.

BOSCAWEN LODGE, No. 699.

THE brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John on the 29th ult., at Chacewater, when Bro. Kent very ably installed Bro. Grose as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Hall S.W., Borlase J.W., Church Chaplain, Bennett Treas., Rapson Sec., Manuell S.D., Rogers J.D., Gower I.G., Moyle Organist, Lean and Bray Tylers. Before the Lodge closed, Bro. Rapson was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, for his long and faithful service as the Secretary of the Lodge. Bro. the Rev. and Hon. J. T. Boscawen P.M. of the Lodge and P.P.G. Senior Warden of the Province, who was present, then presented to the Lodge a very handsome banner, and the W.M. thanked Bro. Boscawen, on behalf of the Lodge, for his kindness. The Past Masters' Board was very large. The Treasurer's accounts showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of upwards of £50. Votes to various charities were agreed to, and the Lodge was duly closed. The brethren then adjourned to their dining-room, where they sat down to a very well served dinner, being joined by a large number of visitors. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

PARRETT AND AXE LODGE, No. 814.

THE success attending the ball initiated by the members of this Lodge last year induced the executive to repeat the experiment, the réunion taking place on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the George Hotel, and it proved even more successful than its predecessor. The room was effectively adorned by Mr. Pavitt, of Yeovil, and, with Cheek's famous quadrille band from Taunton in the orchestra, nothing was wanting to make the gathering thoroughly enjoyable. The festivity was kept up till nearly five o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Rugg, the caterers, doing everything to promote the pleasure of the party.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 928.

THE annual installation ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall, Petersfield, on Monday, the 4th inst. Bro. C. Wells, the retiring W.M. presided, and between 40 and 50 members and visitors were present. Lodge having been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the Lodge greeted the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Secretary. Brother Wells then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. M. P. Creedon, who installed the new W.M. in faultless style. The W.M. elect (Brother T. Caparn) was presented by Bro. C. Wells. The charges to the new Officers were well delivered by Bro. Swan. The following are the new Officers:—Bros. Caparn W.M., Wells I.P.M., Atkinson-Grimshaw S.W., Hann J.W., Edgeler Treasurer, Swan Secretary, Mells S.D., Andrew J.D., Creedon D.C., Drayton I.G., Grist and Hudspith Stewards, and Head Tyler. The W.M. having been congratulated by the Visitors, the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where a recherché banquet was provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1166.

THE installation of Bro. Richard Brooke Dutton took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, on Thursday, January 31st, at the Commercial Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire. Present: Bros. Frank Halliday W.M., W. J. Cotsworth I.P.M., R. B. Dutton S.W., T. M. Cairns J.W., James Hepworth P.M. Treasurer, Frank Broadsmith P.M. Secretary, A. Jedding S.D., J. McWhitter J.D., R. Stephenson I.G., James Sidebotham Tyler; W. H. Dutton P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Aaron Haughton P.M., H. M. Cotsworth, John Mills, William Ramsden P.M. P.G.J.D., John Rushton, Joseph Tinker, James George, J. Johnson, H. Drinkwater P.M., D. Barlow, and T. Fairclough. Visitors:—Bros. Richard Newhouse Prov. G. Secretary, Wm. Lewis Caulfield I.P.M. 89, A. R. Wells 1459, James H. Hartley P.M. 336 P.P.G.P., Joseph Chadderton W.M. 2216, J. M. Frost 1581, David Oldham 361, William Booth P.M. 104 P.P.G.D.C., Joseph Wray 815, William Hall P.M. 1387, Mark Stafford 361, George

Balfe P.M. 104 P.P.G.D., William Dunville P.M. 1011 2156, Ralph Andrew P.M. 336, Adam Brown 101, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 P.G. Steward, &c. Lodge was opened at 3.45 and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. In the second degree Bro. W. H. Dutton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. took the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect Bro. Richard Brooke Dutton (brother of the Installing Master, who initiated him) was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. F. Broadsmith P.M., and after the usual preliminaries inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony, in the presence of twenty-two Installed Masters. The newly-installed Worshipful Master was subsequently proclaimed and saluted in the customary manner. Bro. F. Broadsmith next invested the following brethren Officers for the ensuing year. Bros. Cairns P.M. S.W., Giddings J.W., Jas. Hepworth P.M. Treasurer (elected for the twenty-third time), R. Stephenson Secretary, F. Broadsmith P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. McWhitter Senior Deacon, Jno. Mills Junior Deacon, Wardle I.G., H. M. Cotsworth Organist, T. Fairclough and J. Tinker Stewards, J. Sidebottom Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. F. Broadsmith, and to the Brethren by Bro. W. H. Dutton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. The whole of the work was admirably done, and reflected the greatest credit on all concerned, in fact, we have seldom witnessed better. Prior to the Lodge being closed, Bro. Richard Newhouse Prov. Grand Secretary expressed himself in every way thoroughly satisfied and pleased with the manner the installation ceremony had been performed, and stated it was seldom his lot to witness such precision and correctness as Bro. Dutton, and those who had assisted him, displayed. It was something for the Lodge to be proud of to have such excellent workers as Bros. Dutton and Broadsmith, and also to possess a brother who had zealously and faithfully served the office of Treasurer for 23 years as Bro. Hepworth had done. Such services deserved some recognition, and if, as it had been hinted, it was the brethren of the Clarendon Lodge's intention to nominate Bro. Hepworth for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer before the next Prov. G.L. meeting he should have his (Bro. Newhouse's) recommendation and hearty support. A very handsome P.M.'s gold jewel, having the arms of the Earl of Clarendon beautifully enamelled on the ribbon, was presented to Bro. W. J. Cotsworth, for his valuable and highly appreciated services as W.M. Bro. Cotsworth returned thanks for the jewel in a few well chosen sentences. There being no further business hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet, and the customary toast list was gone through, a thoroughly enjoyable evening being greatly increased by some excellent singing from those well known artists Bros. Booth, Balfe, W. Dunville, and Mark Stafford. Bro. David Oldham 361 rendered valuable service at the piano. A visiting brother (Adam Brown) was much applauded for his admirable singing of "Sally in our Alley," and "My Sweetheart when a Boy."

ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

A LARGE gathering of Freemasons attended the installation meeting, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, 29th ult. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Heald, who was supported by his Officers, and a large assemblage of Visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. E. Broadbridge was elected Treasurer. The report of the General Purposes Committee was read and adopted. Bro. H. R. Edwards, the newly elected W.M., was then duly installed, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. W. Balchin jun. The charges were delivered by Bros. W. H. Gibson, E. Broadbridge, and the Right Worshipful Bro. Gerard Ford Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. C. J. Heald, the retiring W.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year, and were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz., Bros. Heald I.P.M., Isworth S.W., Bostel J.W., McCarrogher Chaplain, Broadbridge Treas., Morris Sec., Sawyer S.D., Wood J.D., Collins D. of C., Cole Organist, Hollands I.G., Tester and Guy Stewards, and Hughes Tyler. Brothers Sturt and Mitchell were elected to serve on the General Purposes' Committee. Bro. W. R. Wood was re-elected as Steward to serve on the Provincial Charities' Committee, and Bro. A. J. Hawkes was re-elected to serve on the Masonic Rooms' Committee. All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet supplied by Bro. J. Sayers, of Western-road, Brighton, whose catering gave the highest satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Edwards, presided, and was supported by the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial G. Master Bro. Gerard Ford, the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present and past, and the Past Masters of the Lodge. The usual Loyal toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. Bro. A. J. Hawkes proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge present and past. Bro. W. Kuhe responded, and expressed the pleasure he felt, as Father of the Lodge, in seeing how it had flourished. He was proud of his Masonic family. He had not missed one of the installation meetings, and was proud to see so large a gathering present. He heartily wished the W.M. a successful year of office. Bro. Gibson proposed the Right Worshipful Bro. H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. Grand Master. The Duke, he said, had endeared himself to the hearts of Sussex Freemasons, and all hoped to see him amongst them again at an early date. He had also been heartily welcomed by the Freemasons in India. Though the Provincial Grand Master was absent from Sussex, he was gratified to see the Deputy Provincial Grand Master honoured the Lodge that evening with his presence. Bro. Heald proposed the Right Worshipful Bro. Gerard Ford Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present and past. He eulogized Bro. Gerard Ford, whom he heartily welcomed amongst them, and worthily designated "a pattern Deputy Provincial Grand Master." Brother Gerard

Ford, on rising to respond, was received with enthusiasm. He referred, in an able speech, to the continuous interest H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught took in the Province of Sussex; to the excellent support which he, himself, had received from the Provincial Grand Officers, and to the gratification he felt at the kind manner in which he had been welcomed by the brethren of the various Lodges he had been able to visit. He had been highly pleased with the work he had witnessed in the St. Cecilia Lodge that afternoon. It had been performed admirably, and he had been much impressed by the harmony, cohesion, and gentlemanly tone which characterised the brethren. He sincerely wished continued prosperity to the Lodge under its newly-installed W.M. Bro. Heald proposed the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He had, he said, known Bro. Edwards for many years, and had seen his able work in the various offices he had filled in the Lodge. His excellent work that afternoon foreshadowed a successful year, and he trusted that Bro. Edwards, in visiting the other Lodges in the county, would experience the pleasure he himself had felt in attending their meetings. Bro. Edwards rose to respond amidst hearty and prolonged applause. He said he felt deeply the honour which the Lodge had conferred upon him—a comparatively young Freemason. He referred to the pleasant gatherings they had had in conjunction with the brethren of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, and to the excellent working of the recently established St. Cecilia Lodge of Instruction. He would, he said, work assiduously to maintain the prestige of the Lodge and to contribute to its success. He then proposed the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Binckes responded; and the Past Masters of the Lodge, which was acknowledged by Bro. Heald. Bro. Cole proposed the Visitors, responses being given by Bros. Smith, Botting, and Denman. Bro. E. Broadbridge gave the Initiates, to which Bros. Upton, Huckell, Gregory, Wood, and Dorey responded. The Officers of the Lodge, given by Bro. Balchin, was acknowledged by Bros. Isworth and Bostel. The Tyler's toast completed the list. During the evening a very pleasing programme of vocal music, arranged by Bro. Cole, was admirably sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Maud Bond, Bros. Broadbridge, Collins, Huckell, and Cole; the duties of accompanist being ably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe. Bro. Kube also kindly contributed a pianoforte solo, which was warmly appreciated.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

THIS Lodge, which, since its Consecration in 1874, has successfully encountered that share of vicissitudes which seems to be the fate of most of those aspiring to Masonic fame, held its annual meeting on Thursday, the 31st ult., when the result of the meeting convinced all who might otherwise have been sceptical that the brethren who now conduct its affairs are travelling on well-laid and substantial lines. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. George Ferrar, who was well supported by his Officers, Past Masters and a goodly array of Visitors;—we give the names below. After Lodge opened, and the minutes of the regular and emergency meeting had been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report, which showed substantial balances to the credit of both Lodge and Benevolent Funds, was received and unanimously adopted. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. H. Lee P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex, who had undertaken to perform the installation ceremony. Bro. A. R. Olley was presented as W.M. elect, and regularly installed in the chair in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters, who congratulated him on the attainment of this well-deserved honour. The Officers were subsequently appointed and invested, as follow:—Bros. W. Beasley S.W., James H. Rich J.W., Wm. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. Secretary, W. Simpson, S.D., J. Robinson J.D., F. A. Caperoe I.G., E. Winch D.C., E. Frisby Organist, S. A. East and P. W. Rogers Stewards. The addresses were then eloquently delivered by the Installing Master, Brother W. H. Lee P.M. The I.P.M., Brother George Ferrar, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, and he acknowledged the good wishes of the brethren. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was supplied by Bro. Clemow. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Grand Officers, said the brethren were deeply indebted to that distinguished body for the valuable time they devoted to the business of the Order, and for the interest they at all times evinced to further the progress of the Craft. While such able and distinguished men as the Grand Officers took a deep interest in Freemasonry it would continue to flourish. Brother C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. replied. He had had the pleasure of visiting the Lodge when it had fallen to the lot of an old friend to respond for this toast, but, unfortunately, he was stricken by infirmity, and was unable to be present. He referred to Bro. Bass. He had not sufficient eloquence to do justice to the response, but in a few words he would express his thanks for the kind reception given him as one of the visitors, and for the great treat they had witnessed in the Lodge, in the able manner in which Bro. W. H. Lee had installed the W.M. From what he had seen of Bro. Olley, he was sure the Lodge would have an excellent W.M. Bro. Geo. Ferrar I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. (Bro. Ferrar); the brethren would receive most heartily the toast with which he was entrusted. It was a very great pleasure for him to see Bro. Olley in the chair; he had proposed him for initiation, and had been closely followed by Bro. Olley through the various offices. As there was a long programme to be carried out that evening, he would simply ask the brethren to drink to the health of the W.M. Bro. Olley thanked the brethren sincerely for the flattering manner in which the toast had been submitted and received. He need not tell them he should do his utmost to deserve the confidence reposed in him, and would to the best of his ability maintain the traditions of the Craft and the harmony of the Lodge. At present he had had no opportunity of proving his worthiness for the position he held, beyond filling every office in the Lodge; but he hoped to initiate a few members during his year of office. He could assure them he was not an advocate for a great number of new members. He preferred a few, and those they would be proud to associate with, and who would be a credit to the Craft. His heart was in the work he had undertaken, and if he could perform it to their satisfaction he should be

content. The Visitors was the next toast; the W.M., in the name of the Lodge, offered them a hearty welcome. It was one of the great privileges of Freemasonry to be able to offer hospitality to, and make the acquaintance of, brethren from other Lodges. He trusted their visitors had been pleased, not only with the working, but with the hospitality shown at the banquet table, and that they would go away with a good opinion and a happy recollection of their visit to the Lodge. Bro. Christian P.M. 860 said he had known the W.M. for many years, and, having seen him frequently at a Lodge of Instruction in which they both took deep interest, felt he could predict for the Lodge a good future under such an able W.M. Bro. R. S. Cushing P.M. 1607, said he considered it a great honour to be associated with the toast; as the W.M. had been personally known to him for some years past. He had been struck with the few remarks made by the W.M. that evening, one of which he did not agree with;—he had told them he had not yet proved himself worthy of the position he occupied. The brethren in that Lodge had had ample opportunities of knowing that Bro. Olley had not only proved himself worthy, but had shown that he was thoroughly efficient. He, with other Visitors, had been looking forward with delight to the prospect of attending Bro. Olley's installation, and they were certain that when the time arrived for him to show his ability he would not only reflect credit on the Duke of Connaught Lodge, but would give complete satisfaction to all the members. In concluding, he congratulated the W.M., and sincerely hoped he would have a good year. After other Visitors had expressed themselves, the W.M. proposed the Past Masters; it was at all times a source of congratulation to a new W.M. to feel that he had a body of Past Masters on whom he could rely for assistance, and he knew that the P.M.'s of their Lodge had always evinced the utmost willingness to assist when required. Their I.P.M. had had a successful year of office, and had performed his duties in a most efficient manner. He took that opportunity of congratulating Bro. G. Ferrar on the happy termination of his term. Bros. G. Ferrar and C. Lorkin responded on behalf of the Past Masters. Bro. W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, in reply to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, remarked that the Worshipful Master was correct in saying that the Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lee P.M., was the Father of the Lodge, whilst he (Bro. Brand) was his eldest son. He had worked hard in times gone by in assisting to bring the Duke of Connaught Lodge to its present position, and he felt proud at having been able to place before them that evening a really good balance-sheet. He thought that but for the exertions of the P.M.'s that very desirable result would not have been attained. Whether he was with them a long or a short time they could depend upon it his heart would be with them, for he should never forget the Lodge wherein he first saw the light of Masonry. Bro. W. H. Lee P.M. Sec. said that, as Father of the Lodge, it had given him a great amount of pleasure and satisfaction to witness the proceedings of that day; in his opinion it had been a most successful gathering. In the first place he had had the pleasure of installing into the chair a brother with whom he had been associated for many years. He had known Bro. Olley from the time he was initiated, and had been in constant communication with him since, and he could cordially endorse the remarks of the visitors that a worthier Mason and a better man it would be impossible to find. Under the favourable auspices with which the W.M. had begun his year, he was assured he would have a successful reign, and at the end of the year 1889 they would be able to congratulate themselves upon having elected Bro. Olley. Something had been said hoping their W.M. might have plenty of work during his year. With that remark he agreed, but at the same time, although they were pleased to see the influx of new members, they were not in such a hurry that they should care to introduce members with whom the whole of the brethren of the Lodge would not wish to associate. He hoped they had arrived at that stage when they could afford to wait. They did not want a rash of new members, or any brought in whose admission they would regret. He thanked the W.M. and brethren, and hoped the Lodge had a successful future before it. After some other toasts the proceedings were brought to a close in the usual way. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. A. Jackson 90 (Grand Lodge Scotland), C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., J. Doyle 1926, Charles Bennett Secretary 279, H. Lynn J.W. 217, Joseph Webber 1436, A. E. Wood J.W. 554, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, H. J. Wheeler 72, F. Carr P.M. 1607, F. Fisher S.D. 1984, E. Moffatt 2266, E. Matthew Secretary 1915, Thos. Clark P.M. 1178, E. Amos J.D. 860, J. Rose J.D. 1607, J. H. T. Hoit P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall, W. Carey I.P.M. 1571, F. W. Reddall J.W. 1679, M. Christian P.M. 860, W. Darnell P.M. 1607, W. W. Lee 1897, R. S. Cushing P.M. 1607, W. D. Orange 1697, Jas. Rowe 2191, F. Master P.M. 1766, J. McLaren P.M. 1805, A. Cook S.D. 1366, L. G. Barlow 860, J. Crichtmore 1158, G. H. W. Grace, &c. Besides the Past Masters of the Lodge previously mentioned were A. Ferrar, John L. Payne, R. Polak, Charles Lorkin, and E. Dignam. The musical arrangements of the evening were carried out by Bro. A. F. Grainger, F. S. Sc., who was assisted by Messrs. J. B. Hardwicke, J. E. Phillips, and the Misses Nellie Oliver and M. Lorkin.

MINERVA LODGE, No. 1942.

THE annual Festival of St. John, and the installation of the W.M., in connection with this Lodge, took place on the 29th ult., at the Lodge Room, Public Hall, Fenton. The Lodge assembled at three o'clock, when Bro. Thomas Barker was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. J. Dugan, the retiring W.M. After the ceremony of installation, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Jabez Stevenson S.W., Enoch Hallam J.W., Hallam Treas., Strange Sec., Wagstaffe Organist, Woolridge S.D., Forster J.D., Grove D.C., Taylor I.G., Day and Hindle Stewards, and Warren Tyler. Previous to the closing of the Lodge Bro. Dugan presented Bro. Peake with a P.M.'s collar and jewel, on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge. This having been suitably acknowledged by Bro. Peake, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded by special car to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Longton, where an excellent banquet was partaken of,

provided by Bro. Bennion. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Barker, and over thirty brethren sat down. After the Loyal toasts had been honoured, Bro. Grove proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon the M.W. Pro G.M. of England; W. Bro. Ashworth the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Right Wor. D.G.M. of England, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. Bro. Peake then proposed Wor. Bro. Colonel Foster Gough acting Provincial G.M. of Staffordshire, and the rest of the P.G. Officers present and past. With regard to Colonel Gough, Bro. Peake said every one knew that he had Masonry thoroughly at heart. With regard to the Provincial Officers, all of them, he believed, had deserved the honours that had been conferred upon them. Bro. Ingamells, in responding, said it was time some steps were taken by brethren in the Province to request Colonel Gough to be Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire. Steps, in his opinion, ought at once to be taken to get a Provincial Grand Master appointed, and they could not have a better one than Colonel Foster Gough. Bro. McNeal also responded, and endorsed the remarks of Bro. Ingamells. He thought Colonel Gough well deserved the appointment of Provincial Grand Master, as he had worked hard, and had kept the Province together for a great number of years. If Colonel Gough received the appointment, he thought his Deputy should be from North Staffordshire. Bro. Dugan next submitted the health of the W.M., in complimentary terms, and it was drunk with enthusiasm. The W.M. having suitably acknowledged the toast, he proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Dugan, who responded. Bro. Stevenson next gave the Visiting Brethren, and the following responded:—Brothers Bennett, Tunncliffe, R. Tooth, W. R. Tooth, Keeling, Hogg, Williams, Godwin, Bennion, and Unwin. Bro. Hughes proposed the Masonic Charities; he said Charity was the grandest, noblest, and brightest principle, and Masonry was well charged with the feelings of Charity. Bro. Grove, in responding, said that during the past year £49,259 had been contributed to the Masonic Girls' School, last year being the hundredth year of its existence. To the Boys' School £12,293 was contributed, and to the Benevolent Institution £21,361, making the amount for the three Institutions £82,914, which was an enormous sum to raise purely by voluntary efforts. He asked what would have been the pauperism of this country if those large sums had not been contributed by Freemasons. Masonry was not for political or religious purposes, but they were banded together in brotherly love, and for charity. The remaining toasts were the Treasurer, proposed by Bro. McNeal, and responded to by Bro. Hallam; the Secretary, proposed by Bro. Peake, and acknowledged by Bro. Barker; the Past Masters, proposed by Bro. Enoch Hallam, and responded to by Bros. Roberts and McNeal; and the Officers of the Lodge, given by Bro. J. Stevenson, and acknowledged by Bros. Jabez Stevenson and Strange. During the evening a number of songs were given by several of the brethren.

SWAN OF AVON LODGE, No. 2133.

THE installation meeting and banquet in connection with this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon. Although the Lodge has been established only three years, it has now a membership of over forty, and the activity and zeal of its Officers have been the means of giving it a very meritorious position in the Warwickshire Province. During that time a great deal has been effected in the matter of charity—the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—and several Life Governorships to one or other of the Masonic Charities have been secured to the members through the Benevolent Fund established in connection with the Lodge. The installation ceremony was performed with due solemnity by Bro. C. R. Garnett, who stands in the front rank of Masonry, and who may be designated the Father of the Swan of Avon Lodge, the new Master being Bro. Joseph Francis Burke, who has taken a warm interest in the prosperity of the Lodge, and also rendered active assistance in its formation. There was a large attendance of brethren, among those present being Bros. Lord Hertford, Lord Ernest Seymour, G. H. Fosbrooke, S. G. Smith 284, C. J. Collins 74, Albert E. Davis 567, J. M. Masheter 567, Albert Petter 187, J. Eden Hiron, Robert Gibbs, R. M. Bird, W. Linnell 395, J. J. Panley 567, Newton Spryce 194, J. Callaway, &c. After the installation the W.M. invested his Officers with the insignia of their respective offices. The following are the appointments:—Bros. Birch S.W., Smith J.W., Pickering Treasurer, Cranmer Sec., Downing S.D., New J.D., Garnett D.C., Loggin Standard Bearer, Caseley Organist, Horton Assistant Secretary, Bird I.G., Deer Steward, Hill Assistant Steward, Lunn Charity Steward, Wilmore Tyler. After the investment the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Deer for a very handsome banner he had presented to the Lodge, which he regarded as a great work of art. The banner is of light blue silk, with silver corded border and enrichments. In the centre, skilfully worked in silk, is the figure of a swan, with feathers full set, sailing majestically on the Avon, and in the distance, worked in similar material, is a representation of Holy Trinity Church with its pretty surroundings. The name and number of the Lodge, the motto "England and St. George," and the Masonic devices are worked in raised silver cord, and the effect is strikingly picturesque. The whole work certainly reflects credit on the lady by whose fair hands it was manipulated. Bro. Deer expressed the pleasure it gave him to make the presentation, and added that the lady who worked it would be gratified that her skill had been so highly appreciated. Afterwards a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented, in graceful terms, to Bro. George Boyden by the W.M., and a drawing for a Life-Governorship of one of the Masonic Institutions following, this also fell to Bro. Boyden. It may be stated that the Masonic work was admirably gone through by all concerned, and that the W.M. commenced his year of office under the most favourable auspices. The installation banquet afterwards took place in the large room adjoining the Lodge. The tables had been profusely decorated with beautiful flowers and plants, choice exotics, in exquisite vases, being placed in front of the W.M. A pretty effect was produced by sprigs of ivy being skilfully arranged on the surface of an over-mantel, the

reflection, enhancing, of course, the richness of the arrangement. This work was very kindly undertaken by Mrs. Hill and Miss Callaway, and certainly testified to the taste and skill of these ladies. The dinner, a rich, elegant, and varied repast, was provided by the Steward, Bro. Deer, whose successful catering has obtained for him quite a reputation among the brethren. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Lord Hertford, Lord Ernest Seymour, G. H. Fosbrooke, S. G. Smith, F. H. Haynes, the Installing Master, R. M. Bird, W. Hutchings, R. Gibbs, and between forty and fifty other brethren, most of whom were members of the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, alluded to the proofs they were always having of the interest taken in Freemasonry by the Queen and Prince of Wales. The Provincial Grand Officers was submitted by Bro. Callaway, who referred to the active interest taken in Freemasonry by Lord Leigh. Bro. Lord Hertford replied, and remarked that it gave him great pleasure to be present on that occasion, and he hoped the Swan of Avon Lodge would go on prospering as it had done since its commencement. Its growth had been something astonishing, and would certainly secure the attention of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Worshipful Master was proposed in suitable terms by Bro. Garnett, who referred to the zeal and industry Bro. Burke had exhibited in the various posts he had held, and how richly he deserved the honour which had that day been conferred upon him. The W.M. responded in felicitous terms, stating that in filling the posts he had occupied he had been actuated by one single desire, the advancement of Masonry and the prosperity of the Swan of Avon Lodge. Now that he had been placed in the highest position he could occupy in the Lodge, it would be his earnest endeavour to zealously discharge his duty and maintain the prestige it had already obtained. Brother Haynes, in a speech containing some dashes of humour, proposed the Installing Master, and said although he was not present at the afternoon ceremony, he was sure from what he knew of Bro. Garnett it had been performed in that efficient manner which one so skilled in the Craft could infuse in his work. Bro. Garnett replied in a characteristic speech, and said he had the interests of Masonry at heart, and it would ever be a pleasure to him to advance those interests. Bro. Lord Ernest Seymour, in appropriate terms, submitted the toast of the Past Masters, and Bro. Boyden, in reply, said the growth of the Lodge under the only two Masters it had had was quite phenomenal. The Visitors was proposed in a capital speech by Bro. W. Hutchings, who commented upon the fact that Masonry fulfilled a worthy object by cultivating a spirit of friendship and good-will towards each other. The Officers of the Lodge was proposed by Bro. Boyden, who congratulated the Worshipful Master on his excellent appointments, and the toast was acknowledged by Bros. Birch and Cranmer, the Senior Warden and Secretary. Bro. Lord Hertford submitted the Masonic Charities, and pointed out that the existence of these Institutions showed that the sole object of Masonry was not, as some people imagined, to feast sumptuously. He congratulated the Swan of Avon Lodge on having established a Benevolent Fund, and hoped that other Lodges would follow its example. That was a practical way of showing that charity came before everything else—that a good dinner was only an incidental affair. The Masonic Charities were effecting a great deal of good, and from what he had seen of their working he could strongly recommend Masons to give them all the support they possibly could. He urged the Swan of Avon Lodge to consider the question of establishing in connection with it a Mark Lodge, and any assistance he could render them in the matter as the Grand Mark Master of Warwickshire would afford him very great pleasure. Bro. Lunn felicitously responded, and showed what the Lodge was doing in promoting charity, not only in a monetary sense, but in establishing a kind and generous feeling towards each other. The Tyler's toast completed the list, the speeches having been agreeably varied by songs, contributed by Bros. Fosbrooke, Haynes, Caseley, Cranmer, E. Birch, Eaton, and Callaway, the accompaniments being efficiently played by Bro. Caseley.

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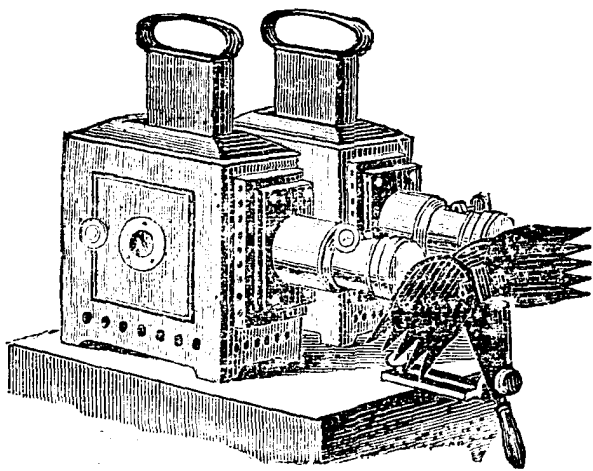
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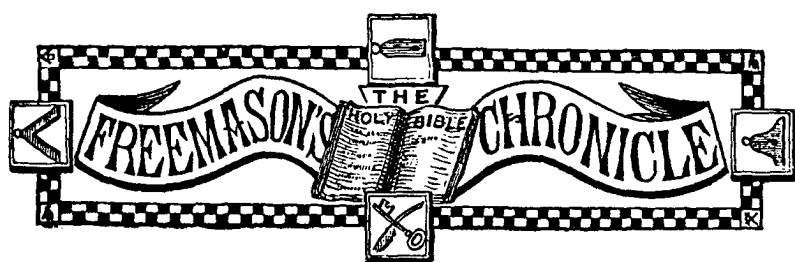
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BY BRO. JACOB NORTON

WITHOUT entering into further arguments, I frankly confess that I was mistaken about the "Blesington" question, and I thank Bro. Sadler for proving I was wrong. I further inform him that I am now convinced that I was also wrong in stating that the words "Ahiman Rezon" were invented by Dermott. The fact is, in the English Bible two persons are named respectively with the above words, about which he may learn more hereafter.

Having confessed to what I no longer believe, I will now state with equal frankness what I still believe. I firmly believe that Dermott's choice of "Ahiman Rezon" for the name of his Constitution, together with the meaning of those words, as given by him in either of his editions, is *pure humbug*. His motive was simply to make his dupes believe that he was a Hebrew scholar. Bro. Marvin (as already hinted in my communication about the "Royal Naval Lodge of Independence") showed clearly that Dermott's knowledge about *armorial* matters was just as nonsensical as his pretension to Hebrew knowledge. Now, between pages 101 and 110 of Bro. Sadler's book the reader will find numerous quotations from Dermott's writings, which contain nothing but *brag* and *bombastic lauding* up the Ancients, as counting *ninety-nine* to one of the Moderns; as being able to converse together in presence of a "Modern" in a most wonderful manner; and with possessing "Masonic language," and what not, unknown to the Moderns. These lying assertions are interspersed with solemn assurances, viz., "I am so well acquainted with the truths of what I have just now asserted that I have not the least apprehension of being contradicted." And again: "These are sterling truths; will draw the natural inference." But although Bro. Sadler has persuaded himself that Dermott really believed that the Ancients numbered one hundred to one of the Moderns, and that Dermott and Co. could converse together (somewhat after the *deaf and dumb fashion*) with squares and plumbs, yet, on page 111, Bro. Sadler says:—

"It is scarcely necessary, therefore, to hint that it would be as well not to consider Dermott's description of the rival society as literally true, and I think I may venture to intimate that he never meant it to be so received."

The fact is, my good Bro. Sadler is so infatuated with *Dermottism*, he is so steeped over head and ears with Dermott's virtues, goodness, &c., and sympathises so passionately with Bro. Dermott's sufferings and martyrdom from the hands of his opponents, as to have worked himself up into a belief that Dermott was the most pure-minded and the most faultless Brother Mason of the last century. In short, unconsciously, and without the least evil design, Bro. Sadler worked himself up into a mere partizan in behalf of Dermott and Co. And here is another instance. Dermott's claim to his concern having descended from York Masonry, is a piece of imposture which I pointed out some years ago. Our Bro. Sadler, however, not only can see nothing wrong in Dermott's humbugging, but he actually admires it, and thinks Dermott wonderfully clever for appropriating the York title. On page 190 he says:—

"Whoever conceived the idea of utilizing this bit of Masonic history in the manner indicated, deserves well of his fellows, if not of his country; for there is no doubt that it (Dermott's pretension to Yorkism) did wonders for the Ancients, especially in America, where to this day we find a vast number of the brethren labouring under the delusion that they are descended from the real Ancient York Masons, whereas their (the American's) early Lodges were constituted by a society that never had the remotest connection with the Grand Lodge at York, and, as a matter of fact, that old Lodge (of York) was in abeyance and almost

defunct when the Ancients started, an independent body."

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Sadler, I could no more compliment the swindler who palms off American shoddy for genuine Yorkshire manufactured cloth than I can compliment Bro. Dermott for palming off his Irish Masonry for genuine York Masonry; in my way of thinking, I regard both alike as humbugs.

In Bro. Hughan's Introduction to the "History of Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, Cheltenham, he says:—

"It is curious to note the variety of titles by which this body (the Ancients) was known. The Warrants contain numerous designations, one of the earliest being 'Ancient Grand Lodge' (18th June 1755, now No. 11), 'Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons' (14th April 1757, then and now No. 63), 'Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons' (65, &c., Nova Scotia, 27th December 1757), 'Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted York Masons' (No. 15 of 17th May 1758), 'Grand Lodge, &c., According to Old Constitutions, granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin of York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred Twenty and Six' (No. 44, now No. 47). The latter apparently being ultimately the favoured title. To which I will add 'This Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted York Masons, London (Deputation to [Halifax], Nova Scotia, Twenty-seventh day of December 1757).'"

And now about Masonic *Ancientness*. Strictly speaking the Masonic Society is not very ancient. Professor James E. Thorold Rogers, in his Lecture on the "Guilds," says, that apprenticeship was unknown before the middle ages: if so, then, neither Adam, Moses, Solomon, nor the Saints John, could have been E.A. Freemasons. I will therefore place the dividing limit between (comparatively speaking) ancient and modern Masonry to the 24th June 1717. The brethren who then formed the Grand Lodge were *ancients* in the morning of the above date, but were transformed into *moderns* in the afternoon or evening of the same day. Now, the "Melrose Lodge" is no doubt older than the Grand Lodge of England, and if it had retained its pre-1717 forms and ceremonies, a *Melroser* might consistently have said to Bro. D. M. Lyon, "You are only a modern Mason, but I am an *ancient*." But as Bro. Macbean inform us that the Melrosers have now three degrees, they cannot, therefore, claim to possess *ancient* Masonry, but they may still boast of having retained the *ancient* form of Masonic government. If, however, the Melrosers had formed an independent Grand Lodge, I could not indeed designate them as secessionists or rebels; but if they then presumed to call themselves "*ancients*," and called the other Masons "*moderns*," they would deserve to be laughed at.

Now, the six Lodges that organised a Grand Lodge in 1752, never laid claim to being older than the Grand Lodge of England, and there is not a particle of evidence that they were older. It is certain that their forms and ceremonies were modern. Their code of laws was copied from Anderson's Constitutions. Nay, they even naturalised a new degree: a degree unknown to Anderson and Desaguliers; and yet with modern forms, ceremonies, degrees, &c., and with the modern form of Masonic government. Bro. Dermott had the impudence to call himself an "*ancient* Mason;" and stigmatised Anderson, Desaguliers, and all the other successive members of the Grand Lodge of England as "*moderns*."

The question, however, is, where did Bro. Dermott get his wonderful ancient Masonry? The answer is, "In Dublin." And whence have Dublinites got their Masonry? Answer: "From the G. L. of England of 1717." The next question is, how Dermott could consistently call his new concern of 1752 "*Ancient*"? Now, Dermott's own reason is, because the London brethren of 1717 did not know what the Master's word was, so they invented a new word, but the brethren in the country and in Scotland retained the genuine Master's word, hence Dermott's Masonic *ancientness* consisted only in knowing the true, genuine, and original Master Mason's word. Now Dermott's own reason for his claim to *ancientness* did not satisfy Bro. Sadler, so he went to work and actually *out-dermotted* Dermott himself, and gave reasons for Dermott's Masonic ancientness which Dermott himself never dreamt of. On page 4 Bro. Sadler says:—

"Several reasons have been given for their (Dermott and Co.'s) withdrawal from parental authority, none of which, in my opinion, are satisfactory, or sufficiently conclusive.

. . . I shall now proceed to prove that those who have applied the term *Seceders* to this section of our Order have done so under wrong impressions; for, after having carefully considered the subject, I am of opinion that there is no evidence yet brought to light which would justify me in believing that any considerable number of them ever owned allegiance to the regular Grand Lodge of England."

Now, the words "any considerable number," certainly implies that an *inconsiderable number* of the Dermotters did own allegiance to the old Grand Lodge. Such being the case there were at least some *seceders* among the formers of the 1752 Grand Lodge, and these at least might consistently be termed, *rebels*, *schismatics*, and *secessionists*. Now, Bro. Gould says that in 1748 Dermott joined a Lodge in London. Bro. Hughan says the same. Bro. Sadler, to the best of my recollection, never disproved or denied Brothers Gould and Hughan's statements. Why, then, should not Dermott be entitled to the designations of *secessionist*, *rebel*, &c.?

I do not, however, mean to say that *rebels* and *schismatics* are necessarily bad men. On the contrary, I believe that we are greatly, if not wholly, indebted to schismatics and rebels for the liberties we now enjoy; for if the Barons had not revolted against John, and the Parliament against Charles I., and the Whigs against James II., and Luther and Calvin had not been schismatics, we should now possess no more liberty than they had in the *dark ages*. Rebellion is, therefore, not actually wrong, providing, however, that in the first place a good and sufficient cause for rebelling existed, and second, before rebelling, efforts should be made to induce the Government to yield peaceably the desired reform. Dermott and Co., however, had in the first place no just cause for rebelling, and second, if they had such a cause, they certainly never made the least effort to induce the Grand Lodge to remove said cause. For that kind of rebellion I have, therefore, no sympathy.

I shall now venture to offer *my* opinion about the seventy *worthies* immortalized by the pen of John Morgan in 1751. I believe that every one of them were initiated in regular chartered Lodges, either in England, Ireland, or elsewhere; and they fully deserved the titles of "rebels," "schismatics," &c. True, Dermott never acknowledged that fact in his records. But, on the other hand, he never asserted or claimed that either himself or his followers had never owed allegiance to a Grand Lodge. I also believe that the rank and file of the *seceders* was composed of the riff-raff, the scum, and most ignorant men, who gained admission into the Fraternity; they were neither endowed with the spirit of harmony or vitality necessary for perpetuating a society. For instance, of the Four Lodges of 1717, *one*, at least, survives to this day. The first Charters were issued by the Grand Lodge in 1721. Of these, three survives, and so do four Lodges of 1722, and more or less Lodges are still in existence which were chartered respectively in succeeding years. But the original six Lodges of the so-called "Ancients," of 1751, evaporated in a very short time. Nay, more! In 1784 the oldest Lodge of the Ancients then living was No. 32, constituted in 1754, and the first thirty-one Lodges have, of course, "melted away into thin air." This want of vitality of the early Ancients' Lodges was, doubtless, mainly due to the ignorance of their members. Subsequently, of course, better material was obtained for building up new Lodges. But even in 1764, Dermott, in a confidential letter to Philadelphia (to which I called Bro. Sadler's attention when I was in London), begged the Philadelphians to excuse something (I forget what) because the members of a certain Lodge of his concern were composed of ignorant mechanics, or something to that effect.

Such being the case, I hope that Brother Sadler will give up his sentimental "charity" of defending a pack of scalawags, charlatans, and perjurers, who, without cause or reason, produced unmitigated mischief among the Masonic Fraternity, and henceforth use his talent and influence to enlighten the prominent members of the "Grand Masters' Lodge," and of all other Lodges who hold Charters from the so-called Ancients, including my own dear "Mother Lodge," viz., that of "Joppa," that, however blameless they were for the sins committed by their Masonic forefathers of 1751, they are nevertheless not justified in retaining the usurped ranks on the list of Lodges unjustly wrenched by their predecessors in 1813 from the Lodge of Antiquity and all other Lodges that were chartered before 1752 by the Grand Lodge of England. It is therefore the bounden duty of all Masons of the Ancients' lineage or

descent to ask the Grand Lodge to renumber her Lodges, and to have each Lodge placed on the list in accordance with the priority of their respective dates of Constitution.

And second, as the word "United," which was forced upon the Grand Lodge in 1813, serves merely as a reminder of the rascality perpetrated by former unworthy Masons, the said word should therefore at once be stricken out, so that the title of the Grand Lodge may be restored to what it was before 1813.

I will only add that by doing what is above recommended great credit will be reflected upon the character of English Masons and Masonry in general, but more especially so on those brethren of Ancients' descent, who would cheerfully and voluntarily surrender to the proper and legal owners what they were unjustly deprived of in 1813.

Boston, U.S., 22nd January 1888.

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ROYAL ARCH.

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THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter took place on Wednesday, under the presidency of Comp. Brigadier-General A. W. Adair. The business was essentially of a formal character; all the work set out in the agenda paper, as given by us last week, being favourably considered.

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

AT the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Aldershot, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., the following were appointed as Grand Officers of the Province for the year by Comp. W. W. Beach, M.P., the Grand Superintendent of the Province:—

Comp. J. B. Le Fenve 394	-	H.
Colonel J. Crease, C.B., 257	-	J.
Edgar Goble 309	-	S.E.
J. Methven 1461	-	S.N.
G. J. Tilling 1461	-	Treasurer
J. Gibson 694	-	Registrar
A. Scott 175	-	Sojourner
J. Marks 76	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
J. Robertson 394	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
Colonel Yeatman Biggs 1331	-	Sword Bearer
J. Yound 723	-	Standard Bearer
J. Jackson 1428	-	Director of Ceremonies
T. W. Price 804	-	Assistant Dir. Ceremonies
F. Sanders 342	-	Organist
Rev. A. A. Headley 309	-	Assistant S.E.
J. Exell 487	-	Janitor

There was a division as to the election of Treasurer, in succession to Comp. K. J. Hooper Rastrick, resigned. The candidates were Comp. John Brickwood, of Portsmouth (who was proposed by Comp. Colonel Crease and seconded by Comp. F. Sanders), and Comp. G. J. Tilling, of Southampton (who was proposed by Comp. R. Eve and seconded by Comp. A. Scott). The latter secured a majority of votes.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The usual meeting was held on Friday, 1st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, when there were present Companions Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, Moore H. 169 M.E.Z., Addington M.E.Z. 1275 H., Wingham J., Stone S.E., Benedetti S.N. 1275 S.N., Neeld P.Z. P.S., Murché 1329, and Hattersley 177. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Companion Hattersley personating candidate. Companion Hattersley was elected a member, and Companion Addington M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The Chapter was then closed in accordance with ancient custom.

On the 30th ult. a Masonic ball was held at the George Hotel, near Bangor, in aid of the fund to purchase a life presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the Province of North Wales. The ball, the invitations to which numbered about 150, was under the patronage of the Right Worshipful P.G.M. Lord Harlech, Major Hunter P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East P.P.G.S.W. North Wales, Colonel Platt D.P.G.M. P.G.D. of England, the Hon. W. E. Sackville West P.G.W. of England, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales. The arrangements were carried out by the Hon. Secretaries, Dr. Langford Jones and Mr. W. Thornton Jones, the music being supplied by Richardson's band, of Liverpool.

REVIEWS.

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

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The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1889.
London: George Kenning, 16 and 16A Great Queen Street, W.C.

It was with pleasure we received the 19th issue of this handy and indispensable diary. Year after year, as the number of Lodges and Chapters increase, so does the value of this calendar. Not only does it give a list of Lodges, Chapters, Conclaves, Commanderies, with the several places and dates of meeting, but it contains a diary for each day, with a list of meetings taking place on that day, with the necessary space for engagements to be entered therein. Among other useful information the "Cosmo" contains a list of the names of Officers in all parts of the world, together with particulars of every Masonic body in existence. It will thus be seen the editor has this year made his book even more comprehensive than hitherto, and we feel sure the Craft will not be backward in testifying its appreciation.

The Dorset Masonic Calendar for 1889. Weymouth: Sherren and Son, 79 St. Mary Street.

IN offering this handy work to the brethren of the Province of Dorset the compiler, Bro. John A. Sherren, has produced one of the best and most complete of Provincial Calendars. From first to last page it is clearly shown that great care has been bestowed upon the work to prevent mistakes appearing. Bro. Sherren, in a short preface, thanks the Provincial Grand Secretary for the great pains he has taken in supplying him with correct data. The book is full of useful information, while the tables in connection with the Masonic Institutions have been revised by the different Secretaries, and also by Bro. Dugdale. At the end of the book there is an Obituary column giving details of the Dorset brethren who have passed away during the year, while in another part there is to be found some useful Masonic notes, with lists of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers for years back. The execution of the book is exceedingly good, and reflects great credit on Messrs. Sherren and Son, the printers. The price, moreover, is moderate.

The Wiltshire Masonic Calendar for 1889. Bradford-on-Avon: Bro. G. J. Farrington.

Bro. Farrington has recently issued a neat little card for the use of the brethren of the Friendship and Unity Lodge, No. 1271, wherein he gives a list of all Masonic meetings to take place in the Province of Wiltshire during the present year. The task Brother Farrington has undertaken has been clearly and distinctively done, and should prove of great value to the Freemasons of Wiltshire.

ROYAL SELECT AND SUPER EXCELLENT MASTERS.

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THE WHITE ROSE COUNCIL, No. 17.

THE consecration of this Council, the first opened in the north of England, took place at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Monday, 28th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W. the Lord Easton Deputy Grand Master, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Recorder Right Worshipful Bro. C. F. Matier, ably assisted by Very Worshipful Bro. Robert Berridge G.I.M. and Bro. B. R. Bryant Grand Lecturer. A Council having been opened, the following brethren were duly admitted:—Bros. C. L. Mason, J. H. Gratton, G. H. Locking, Wm. Flockton, J. J. Green, Francis Smith, Arthur Tapman, W. H. B. Atkinson, Robert Craig, W. W. Clayton, William Armistead and W. J. Beck. The consecration then took place in due and ancient form, after which Bros. C. L. Mason was duly elected T.I.M., Robert Craig R.I.M., G. W. Locking I.C. of Wks., W. J. Beck Treasurer, W. W. Clayton Recorder, Wm. Flockton Captain of Guard, Wm. Tapman Marshal and W. H. B. Atkinson Stewards. Bro. C. L. Mason was duly installed by the Grand Recorder, and properly proclaimed. The Council was then closed, when the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall for dinner, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given.

A meeting of the Committee of Petitions for the Province of Devonshire was held on the 29th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter. Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M. Devon, the chairman, presided, and the usual reports were presented. Bro. W. G. Rogers, the chairman, and Bro. J. B. Gover, the secretary, were both unanimously re-elected.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Winter remedies.—Are the readiest remedies for the diseases now so rife and fatal. The adverse influences of the severe frosts, dense fogs and piercing winds, have produced a terrible increase in the number and severity of "chest diseases" of all kinds, especially bronchitis and inflammation of the lungs. Loss of time in the treatment of these and other similar diseases often means death. The Ointment should be briskly rubbed into the chest and between the shoulders, according to the printed directions, which, combined with the internal action of the Pills, will lower the temperature of the blood, reduce the frequency of the pulse and respiration, and check the advance of the malady in good time.

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, 9th FEBRUARY.

- 103—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
- 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Inst.)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Darent Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
- 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
- 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
- 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
- 1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst.)
- 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
- 1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hamamersmith, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
- M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
- 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
- 1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Liverpool, Ports mouth
- 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 22—Longborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
- 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
- 59—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
- 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (Inst.)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
- 222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
- 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
- 1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
- 1426—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7. (Inst.)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
- 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (Inst.)
- 1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
- 1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
- 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
- 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- 2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
- 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- R.A. 22—Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
- R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
- R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- K.T. 140—Stadhouders, 33 Golden Square, W.
- 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- 61—Probit, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
- 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Fulmouth
- 88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Old bridge
- 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
- 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
- 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
- 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)
- 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
- 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
- 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
- 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
- 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
- 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
- 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
- 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
- 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
- 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
- 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
- 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
- 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
- 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
- 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
- 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
- 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
- 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
- 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Darlington
- 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
- 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
- 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
- 1542—Legioliana, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Leicester
- 1575—Onyx, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
- 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviour-gate, York
- 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
- 1656—Wolsay, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick

1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
 R.A. 89—Roval Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
 R.A. 278—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
 K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley

TUESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 9 (Inst.)
 167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 543—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
 R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 184—United Chapter of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruction)
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 600—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Caiperton
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wellesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Loominster
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1120—St. Milburga, Tortine Hotel, Leambridge
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Calelonia-road, Bally
 1260—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhill Street, Warrington
 1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1340—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1508—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1540—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
 1545—Landon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 1638—Lownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 167—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 11—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
 R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gundy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 11—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, W.olvich
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mire, Canaan Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)

87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, E.
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 962—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 3. (Instruc.)
 992—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1900—Montagne Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)
 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. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hyth, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmouth
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Fosteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1421—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slough, Wiltshire
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1797—Southdown, Hurlpierpoint, Sussex
 2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent

R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
 R.A. 293—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 4 (Instruction)
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 3. (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 335 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 764—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (Inst.)
 1017—Montiflore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1168—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (Inst.)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Janerwell
 1278—Undert Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1426—H. de Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1558—Duke of Connaught, 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)
 1598—Lay Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of)
 Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 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)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creston, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1791—Creston, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 1850—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1887—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
 1896—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
 R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury,
 at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 203—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dawsbury
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 337—Caudour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackpool.
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Ulthorpe
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Loughborough
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, North Shields
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trade-gate, Mon.
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashwa-under-Lyme
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Roid, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcester
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, St. Angbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Co-bet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1915—Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 464—Hwlford, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
 R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1862—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.,
 at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
 R.A. 92—Moirs, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
 Paddington, W. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 10—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
 K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipperary
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Solihull
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Davies.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Rugeley, W., at 8
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow

At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Banffshire, held in the St. Andrew's Hall, Banff, on the 30th ult., the Earl of Fife was elected Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. R. W. Duff, of Fetteresso, M.P., Depute-Grand Master.

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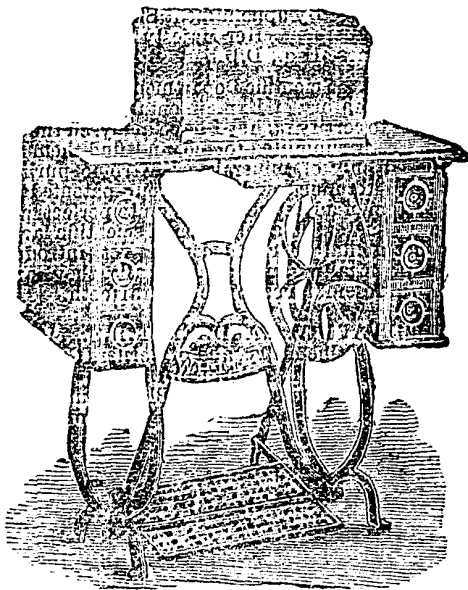
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