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THE MARK DEGREE.

ELSEWHERE in our present issue, in speaking of the career of the late Bro. H. G. Warren, for many years editor and part proprietor of the *Freemasons' Quarterly Magazine*, mention is made of the original introduction of the Mark Degree into England—an event which occurred a matter of about thirty years since. To day we may look around and find that warrants have been granted for upwards of three hundred and eighty Mark Lodges, the total membership of the Degree at the time of the last annual return (31st March 1888) being 24,060; while the income for the preceding twelve months, on account of the General and Benevolent Funds, exceeded £4000. This marvellous growth of Mark Masonry in England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, is a living monument to the men who, in spite of great opposition and numerous obstacles, steadily persevered in their desire of establishing it in this country, and it also affords additional and indisputable evidence of the popularity of Freemasonry during the last few years, for it must be remembered that Mark Masonry is essentially an offshoot of Blue Masonry, and that before it could possibly be as popular, and as widely extended as it has become, a corresponding increase must have taken place in that which must be regarded as the basis of all Masonry—the Craft Degrees.

The number of Lodges, the importance of the Mark Lodges, and the splendid roll of its registered members are not, however, the only points on which the brethren who introduced it into this country may congratulate themselves at the present time. It enjoys the approval and support of the highest in the land, and numbers among its leaders many of those who take the most active part in conducting the affairs of the Craft. What a contrast to its position of a few years back, when it was regarded with disfavour, and may be said to have narrowly escaped actual extinction, in consequence of the opposition it met with from Craft Masonry, which even yet does not officially recognise anything beyond the “three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.” But above all this, Mark Masonry may be regarded as a strong and rapidly increasing medium for the display of that great Masonic virtue benevolence, the practice of which, in the Mark Degree as in the Craft, is recognised as of paramount importance.

We have, on more than one occasion in the past, spoken in strong terms of approval of the good being done by the Benevolent Fund of Mark Masonry, but it is a subject worthy of continued praise, and a further reference to it at the present time will not be out of place, especially in view of the many calls which are being made on the charitable funds of the Craft, and the enormous number of candidates seeking the

advantages they offer as compared with the number that can be relieved. Briefly, then, we may say that the Fund was established in 1869, since when a sum of nearly £2000 has been distributed in casual grants of relief; thirty-seven children have reaped the advantages of the Educational Branch, at a total cost of £1180, while the expenditure on account of education and clothing now amounts to about £430 per annum; five Brethren are at present in receipt of annuities, and it is announced that “the Board will gladly consider the claims of necessitous Brethren, or Widows of Brethren, being empowered to grant the sums of £26 and £21 per annum, respectively, to accepted candidates after election.” We cannot, of course, advise candidates who have a chance of securing the larger annuity provided by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to transfer their claims to the Mark Fund, but it would certainly be well if those who are eligible for the latter, and who have little or no chance of securing a grant from the former, were to consider the advisability of doing so. By this means the Craft Fund would be relieved of some part of the pressure which is now put upon it, while the Mark Degree would have the opportunity of showing—as we know its supporters would be pleased to do—its readiness and willingness to render as much help as lay in its power. It must not be supposed that we are advocating the creation of a number of candidates for the bounty of Mark Masonry, but with a Fund established for the purpose of doing good and affording relief, and, above all, in a position to carry out its objects, we feel justified in pointing out this special feature to the many who are so sorely in need of it. We have sufficient faith in the managers of the Fund to know they will require proper evidence of worthiness before they accept a candidate, and we know enough of Mark Masons to be convinced they do not desire even one member of their Order to remain in want while they have the means of affording him relief.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

WE have come to another milestone in life's pilgrim way. The days of another twelve-month are almost ended, and the year 1888 is about to follow the procession of the ages and go down into that ever waiting grave from which there is no resurrection. It is a time when human thought is disposed to sober, tender sentiment, as we muse upon the experiences of the quick passing year, note the changes and losses that have marked its progress, and meditate upon the uncertainty of all mortal plans and expectations. It is a season when, looking backward, we are moved to indulge in the same reflections that have exercised the minds of former generations, dwelling like ourselves for a little time in this world all so transitory and full of mystery. Our thought is:

How swift they go,
Life's many years,
With their winds of woe
And their storms of tears,

And their darkest of nights, whose shadowy slopes
Are lit with the flashes of starriest hopes,
And their sunshiny days, on whose calm heavens loom
The clouds of the tempest—the shadows of gloom!

And, ah! we pray
With a grief so drear,
That the years may stay
When their graves are near.

Tho' the brows of to-morrow be radiant and bright,
With love and with beauty, with life and with light,
The dead hearts of yesterdays, cold on the bier,
To the hearts that survive them are evermore dear.

We turn tenderly to the days that witnessed our hopes and fears—our failures and successes—our joys and sorrows—and the farewell which we are obliged to speak to the old year is like the Good-bye spoken to a dear friend about to leave us. The fading year has advanced us in age, has increased, perhaps, some burdens that we have to carry, and has made itself felt with not a few of us in limitations and deprivations; but it is safe to say that the year has brought to us likewise a rich and varied ministry of blessing. It has put into our hands, and left there, treasures which enrich our lives. The past has gone; it cannot be brought back; but its substance remains. We carry along with us the gifts and ministries of former days; thus we are educated and disciplined; thus individual character is formed, and the best results of human living are attained. "The life of all our yesterdays," says a gifted writer, "lives in what we are to-day, in our thoughts and feelings, in our tendencies and habits, in everything that goes to make up character." We are debtors to all the past, and every departing year claims from us the meed of grateful remembrances. Cherishing such a disposition to rejoice in and profit by the swift passing years, we shall be enabled to review the past with cheerfulness, while we face the future with a firm resolve and an abundant hope. Whatever our condition, or surroundings, if we are only established in this philosophy, we shall be thankful. As the writer from whom we have already quoted says, "There is always a call to grateful feeling. Are we poor? We might be beggars. Are we beggars? We might be lepers. Are we lepers? Our sickness might be unto death. Is it unto death? We have yet a heaven beyond. There is something for which we should be thankful. Has trouble come to us during the past year? It might have been worse. Have we lost our dearest and best friends? They at any rate are not here to suffer. Has the year disappointed us in matters of business and individual striving for the prizes of earth? We can still be thankful that it has not taken away our power and will to work."

Thus everywhere and always, and especially at the parting of the ways, as now, we should thank God and take courage. As we pass another mile stone in life's journey we should seek to gather strength and confidence from the past to speed us forward in the unknown way. Let us be hopeful as we journey on, even though labours and sorrows, mistakes and failures, rise before our vision in the backward look. No matter what the record of the past may have been, there is always a door of opportunity opening to the future, and we may well rejoice that men are not held as by cruel fate to low, hard conditions, but may

"Rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to nobler things."

While it is always in order to plan and resolve for better things, there is no season more appropriate for such a work than the beginning of a year. Then one may well desire to start forth under the influence of a fresh, clear, elevated ideal, with a purpose to realize a higher good than has as yet been attained. O, how much better would it be for all of us if we could live and act by constant reference to such an ideal—if we could but form the habit of always referring our conduct to some high and noble standard! Then would the work of life have less of drudgery and more of zest, and its results would be more ample and satisfactory. To help create such an ideal, and to bind the thought to its observance, is one part of the mission of Freemasonry. Its teachings are intended, many of them, for stimulus in this direction. It demands first of all a service in the way of personal moral culture—the doing of a work by means of which one's own heart and life shall be brought into correspondence with a lofty ideal. To this end, for this purpose, it presents illustrious names and characters in its ritual, presses into use an elaborate symbolism, and calls attention in various ways to those sublime virtues which most ennoble human character. It would

instruct its disciples in the best wisdom; it would inspire them to holy living, having pure and noble thoughts enshrined at the very centre of being. "I pray to God," said Socrates, "that I may be beautiful in my soul;" and this inner character should be to every true Mason the first object of desire. Whatever his resolutions for the New Year, let him determine that he will be watchful of himself, that he will strive for self-improvement, and that he will aim to realise his best ideal of a manly character. There will be difficulties in the way of embodying and illustrating such an ideal, but let him persevere, and not lose a good heart animated by courage and hope. Let him remember the significance of the Masonic symbols—the rough and the perfect Ashlars. Let him work as the sculptor does to produce the grandest triumphs of his artistic genius. It is a slow process to bring the block of marble to represent the saint or hero, but the sculptor does not despair and at last the desired result is attained.

"When Godlike art has with superior thought
The limbs and motions in idea conceived,
A simple form in humble clay achieved
Is the first offering into being brought;
Then, stroke on stroke, from out the living rock
Its promised work the practised chisel brings,
And into life a form so graceful springs
That none can fear for it time's rudest shock."

It takes time, patience, and faithful endeavour, to mould human nature into practical form, and produce a symmetrical, noble character. It seems slow and discouraging work sometimes; but let not the earnest one relax his efforts or give up trying to reproduce in himself the ideal that glows before his moral vision and commands his best thought; let him make fresh resolves and do his best to live up to them—so shall he get forward in life's way, and the close of every year shall witness his soul ripening for God and Heaven.—*Freemason's Repository*.

THE LAST PRESTONIAN LECTURER.

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

WILLIAM PRESTON, the famous author of the "Illustrations of Masonry," bequeathed, as most brethren are aware, the sum of £300, Consols, as an endowment to ensure the annual delivery of a lecture, according to the system of Masonic instruction practised for many years under the original (or Constitutional) Grand Lodge of England, and of which he was himself mainly, if not entirely, the author.

For many years the Prestonian lecture was delivered regularly, *i.e.*, annually, according to the terms of the bequest, by Laurence Thompson, a noted preceptor, at meetings of the Lodge of Antiquity.

Afterwards the lectures became intermittent, and have now ceased to be delivered. The last occasion on which the wishes of the founder were carried into effect was in 1861, the lecturer being Bro. H. G. Warren, of whose Masonic career a slight sketch may perhaps be acceptable.

Bro. Henry George Warren—born 1813, died 1887—was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, 13th January 1840, and remained a member until the close of 1843, afterwards rejoining—1861—and continuing on the roll until 1879. From 1852 to 1857 he belonged to the Lodge of Regularity, No. 91, and from 1853 to 1874 to the "Prudent Brethren," No. 145, where he twice filled the chair.

In the year 1853 he resuscitated the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, of which he was successively Master, and (for many years) Secretary, and finally an honorary member—1884—in acknowledgment of his meritorious services. The remaining Lodges with which Bro. Warren was connected were:—the Berkhamstead, No. 504, in 1856; the Grand Stewards, 1856-73, of which he became W.M. in 1860; and the West Kent, No. 1297, of which he was a founder and the first Master, 1870-83.

He was a member of the Polish National Chapter, No. 534, from 1854 to 1883.

The Lodge of Regularity, No. 91 (*then* 108), sent him up as Grand Steward in 1855.

Bro. Warren was a Life Governor of the three Charitable Institutions, having served as Steward of the Girls' School once, the Boys' School twice, and of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution four times. He was on the Audit Committee of the Boys' School in 1857, and acted as Hon.

Secretary of the same Institution in 1860, until the election of Bro. Frederick Binckes.

As an English Mark Mason he was one of the very earliest in the field, and at a meeting of the Phoenix Lodge in 1856 made a remarkable speech, from which the following is an extract:—"Before a month shall have passed over our heads, I shall have from the Grand Chapter of Scotland a legitimate warrant, authorising myself and other regularly made Companions of that Chapter to practise Mark Masonry in London." He then added, "that he had been promised the adhesion and support of many of the most eminent members of the Craft in carrying out that object."

The struggles of the Mark degree in England have now passed into the realm of ancient history, but there are still some brethren on the active list, who remember the opposition it encountered, and the powerful assistance rendered by the Masonic Press in placing it in the high position it now enjoys.

This brings me to that phase of Bro. Warren's Masonic career by which—without disparagement to his efforts in other directions—he will be chiefly remembered. In 1853 he became editor of the *Freemasons' Quarterly Magazine*, and in the next or following year, joint proprietor of it with the Rev. Mr. Owen. This he conducted, in the face of great difficulties, until 1861, the magazine developing meanwhile into a monthly, and eventually into a weekly publication—when Mr. Owen ceased to have any further connection with it.

In 1861, Mr. Warren's ordinary work as City editor of the *Morning Post* had so increased as to prevent his giving proper attention to the *Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror*—the name it last bore—and he disposed of it to Mr. Smith.

In the same year Bro. Warren delivered the Prestonian Lecture, first of all at the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and subsequently at some place in the provinces.

His death occurred on 28th May 1887, and for three years previously he had been totally blind, an affliction which he bore with patient resignation to the will of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

After his decease, and at the suggestion of Bro. James Terry, Past G. Sword Bearer, the MS. of the Prestonian Lecture, as last delivered, was presented to the Grand Lodge of England, by his widow.

The preceding remarks, are introductory of the appeal which I am now about to make, to the Governors of, and Subscribers to, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Masonic press, and the representatives of British journalism, whersoever dispersed.

It is that they will, by their votes and influence, promote the success of Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Warren, widow of our late brother, at the approaching election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in May 1889.

Bro. H. J. Warren not only served four Stewardships to the Charity in question, but he was one of the resolute few who fought for and finally succeeded in obtaining for the youngest of our Institutions an *Annual Festival*. Not, indeed, that his labours were less distinguished with regard to the Masonic Schools, for no voice was raised higher than Bro. Warren's in favour of the disuse of badges by our "Boys" and "Girls."

But it is as the editor of the *Freemasons' Magazine* that Bro. Warren made his principal mark, and here I am tempted to quote the familiar lines:—

"The evil that men do lives after them,
The good is oft interred with their bones."

The influence of the Masonic press is now deservedly great, but it was not always so, and in England, before Bro. Warren's time, the only journal of the Craft forfeited but too often the confidence of all moderate brethren, by a blind and factious opposition towards the Grand Master and his advisers.

If my memory is not at fault, somewhere about the year 1855 (or 1856) the notification first appeared in the monthly Magazine, that the reports of Grand Lodge and of private Lodges were published by permission of the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, the paper thus becoming from that time the organ, not only of the Craft, but of the governing body.

The confidence thus reposed in Bro. Warren was not misplaced. He was a man of very independent views, and gave free expression to them in the journal over which he presided. But while the columns of the Magazine were

open to all shades of opinion, nothing ever found a place in them that was couched in intemperate language, nor was the editor himself ever known to transgress the golden rule of Masonic journalism, that of due—but not undue—subsidiency to lawfully constituted Masonic authority.

In the literary department, Bro. Warren was much assisted by the late Bro. Matthew Cooke, who in a certain way may be said to have died without leaving any successor, as he was a constant attendant at the British Museum Library, where, by constantly poring over old manuscripts, he laboriously disinterred a quantity of useful information, which found its way, in due course, into the Magazine.

These and like researches gave a special value to the "Notes and Queries" which appeared in the weekly issue, and it may perhaps be said that no editor of a Masonic newspaper ever catered with such diligence and success for the benefit of the student class of readers as the late Bro. Warren.

The delivery of the Prestonian Lecture in 1861 is the last event of his public life with which I am conversant, and, as forming a worthy pendant to the Masonic record of our late brother, I again mention it in these closing observations, with the hope that it may be remembered in connection with the case of Mrs. F. E. Warren at the approaching election, and also that it may stimulate some student of our ritual to follow in the footsteps of her late husband, and redeem the English Craft from the reproach of the Prestonian Lecture—like the Grand Stewards' public night—being now one of those excellent old customs, which are, unfortunately, only honoured in the breach, instead of in the observance.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 13th inst. Bro. J. A. Farnfield Treasurer, P.A.G.D.C., presided, and there were present Bros. W. B. Daniell, C. J. Perceval, C. H. Driver P.P.G.S of W., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Joseph Freeman, W. H. Perryman P.G.P., S. Brooks, C. H. Webb, G. Bolton, C. Daniel, A. H. Tattershall, W. Smith, Hugh Cotter, J. Newton, W. Masters, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Alex. Forsyth, W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B., J. Dixon, B. E. Blasby, and Jas. Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of six annuitants (four men and two widows) and one male candidate. A letter was read from a male candidate, withdrawing his name from the list of candidates for the May election. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and also a letter from Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, on the subject of erecting a boundary fence. A fence was ordered to be erected accordingly. Applications from the widows of two recently deceased annuitants, for the half of their late husband's annuities, were granted. A widow's petition, which had been deferred for further information, was accepted, and the name ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May. A statement of receipts and expenditure having been submitted, the Committee finally settled the lists of candidates for election on the two Funds, and declared the vacancies on each, which will be filled up in May, viz., Male Fund, 62 candidates, 17 vacancies (14 immediate and 3 deferred); Female Fund, 81 candidates, 10 vacancies (7 immediate and 3 deferred). A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

NEW YEAR QUERIES.

Has the gavel of experience polished your life until all recognise in you a true Freemason?

Have you been divested of pride and invested with humility, and then realized that God alone is good and great?

Have you been tried by the square of virtue, and tested by the plumb of uprightness, and then comprehended that God alone is perfect?

Have you felt the effects of the chisel and mallet, and then seen what sturdy blows are required to cut off the vices of life?

Have you by the use of all the implements of the Craft subdued your passions and improved yourself in Freemasonry?

Have you in your heart conceived the beauties of Freemasonry, then beheld them in light, and made them the law of your temple's construction.

Have you seen the spade, the coffin, the grave, and the acacia, and taken to mind and heart the great lessons of mortal and immortal life?

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE FARNFIELD LODGE,
No. 2290.

A VERY interesting event to members of the Craft in the Eastern district of Liverpool took place on the 8th inst., when the Fairfield Lodge was duly opened in regular form. This Lodge owes its origin to the desire of many Masons in the neighbourhood of Elm Park and district to have an abode of their own, as they have been inconveniently situated as regards the suburban Lodges and those in the centre of the city. Some months ago a movement was set on foot to provide accommodation for these brethren, and Bro. Thomas Vernon S.D. 292 was very successful in the initial proceedings. Most suitable premises have been secured in Fairfield-street, and altered to suit the requirements of the Lodge, have been tastefully fitted up by the members, assisted by the contributions of individual brethren, viz., pedestals, a fine set, by Bro. H. Neale; columns, in solid brass, Bro. T. Saxon; working tools, Bro. T. Bush (who also provided the piano and organ for the ceremony); W.M.'s chair, Bro. Dr. Clarke; S.W.'s chair, Bro. A. Wright; J.W.'s chair, R. W. Parkinson; volume of the Sacred Law and Masonic emblems, by Bro. R. G. Bradley, and donations of various kinds were made by Bros. J. Tarbuck, L. Bramwell, T. Mawdsley, F. G. Hassell, &c. The preliminary and legal steps having been taken, the Lodge was consecrated by the Provincial Grand Secretary, assisted by Provincial Grand Lodge Officers Past and Present, after which the W.M. designate, Bro. Dr. T. Clark, was installed, and the following Officers appointed and invested:—Bros. R. G. Bradley acting I.P.M., Thomas Vernon S.W., Joseph Hunter J.W., W. R. Parkinson Treasurer, F. G. Hassell Secretary, John Humphreys P.M. 724 D.C., H. F. Neale S.D., James Tarbuck J.D., W. Hudson Organist, W. J. Barrett I.G., Bush and Wright Stewards. The brethren afterwards dined together on their own premises, being well catered for by Bro. T. Bush, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

HOPE AND UNITY LODGE No. 214.

THE members held their installation meeting at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, on Thursday, 24th January, when there were present:—Bros. H. Gamble Hobson W.M., Goode S.W., Morant J.W., Cooper P.G.D., Colonel Burgess, Brown, Wallis, Imbert-Terry, Quennell, and Gage Past Masters, Bros. Rev. W. Quennell, Landon, Wallis, R. W. Quennell, Sargent, Wallis, Savill, and Ramsey; Visitors—Bros. Ralling Prov. G. Secretary, Turnbull, Corbett, Clive, Christie, Rose, Dodd, Turner, Lewis, Cowell, Cook, Lyon, Hughes, Humphries, &c. Bro. Hobson very ably installed Bro. Goode, the W.M. elect, into the chair for the ensuing year, who then appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. Morant S.W., Wallis J.W., Rev. W. Quennell Chaplain, Cooper Treas., Landon Sec., R. W. Quennell S.D., Sargent J.D., Brown D.C. and Organist, Mills I.G., and Mallett Tyler. The W.M., in eloquent terms, presented Bro. Hobson with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his services during the past year. Bro. Imbert-Terry was elected the representative on the Charity Committee. All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Mrs. Mason, and a selection of high-class music was performed under the able direction of the accomplished organist.

STABILITY LODGE, No. 217.

BROTHER W. ECKERSALL was installed W.M. of this old and famous Lodge on Tuesday evening, the 5th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. The members present at the meeting were:—Bros. Gorrie W.M., Eckersall S.W. W.M. elect, Lynn J.W., F. C. Woolmer S.D., J. Owen J.D., J. F. Jones I.G., S. A. Hardiman, W. R. Smith, R. E. M. Lagerwall, P. H. Garner, Hinks Treasurer, J. Nixon P.M. Secretary, J. Wright P.M., Marfleet P.M., Hinks P.M., Cattermole, Ayris, Say, Fitch, Handcock, Itter, Tennant, Berry, Lyle, Edwards, Finch, Joslin, and Pickersgill. The visitors included Bros. D. Rose P.M. 1622 73, T. Grammant P.M. 1559 P.Z. 1275, J. W. Thomas P.M. 1641 P.P.G. Standard Bearer Staffs., C. H. Stone 1641, Charlie Woods 1869 Assistant Sojourner 1275, W. Towers W.M. 15, E. Anderson P.M. 715 49, John Clayton P.M. Treasurer 89 P.P.G.S.D. P. Prov. Grand J. Cheshire, John Marland W.M. 830, Wm. Beeston S.W. 830, J. J. Richardson 898, J. Milbourne P.M. 13, R. Elgar Secretary 1329, Major Stephens P.M. 1579 754, W. Royal 1178, H. Lans S.D. 820, T. J. Cuthbert J.W. 1815 and F. M. Noakes I.G. 2148. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Taylor P.M., who usually installs here, the work of installing Master was performed by Bros. Marfleet P.M. and Hinks P.M. The Officers invested were:—Bros. H. Lynn S.W., F. C. Woolmer J.W., T. Hinks Treasurer, J. Nixon P.M. Secretary, J. Owen S.D., J. F. Jones J.D., S. A. Hardiman I.G., W. R. Smith D.C., R. Lagerwall W.S., Garner A.W.S., and Gorrie I.P.M. The Tyler was then re-elected, after which Messrs. Say, Ayris, Handcock, and Fitch, who had been previously balloted for, were impressively initiated by the new W.M. The indefatigable Secretary reported that over £100 had been paid to the Charities through the medium of a Charitable Association that had now closed, and announced the formation of another such association. A petition on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother, who was formerly a member of the Lodge, was prepared, to be forwarded to the Board of Benevolence. The Lodge being adjourned, the brethren met together and enjoyed a capital banquet, after which the W.M., Bro. Eckersall, proposed the Queen and the Craft. Her Majesty had reigned so long, and her virtues were so great, that it was unnecessary for him to expatiate upon them. The W.M. then proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. The Prince was a good Mason, and discharged his duties well. He had set a good example, as well as shown his appreciation of Masonry by having his eldest son initiated. In this the W.M. claimed kindred with him, for although he had not

had the pleasure of initiating his son, as he had hoped, he was pleased to say that he had received a letter from him, saying that he was already Secretary of his Lodge, in the East Indies. In proposing the M.W. Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers the W.M. enlogised the services they had performed for the Order. Bro. Gorrie I.P.M. proposed the W.M., who, he said, had followed him very closely, having always had his eye upon him. His many good qualities, and the result of this meeting augured well for the Lodge. In thanking the brethren Bro. Eckersall W.M. said he felt this one of the proudest moments of his life. He had much to be thankful for, and was not only pleased and gratified, but almost overwhelmed by their kindness. The prospects at present were very brilliant, and he would try not only always to be present, but to be punctual, and to perform his duties satisfactorily. In proposing the Initiates the W.M. said that in the case of two of them history had repeated itself. Over 25 years ago he had met them as Master in relation to Apprentice, and now they were in the same position in Masonry. If they made as good Masons as they had made fathers and citizens they would bring great honour upon the Lodge. The other two were not so well known to him, but one was a Yorkshireman and the other a Somersetshire man, and they were highly recommended as having the virtues a man should possess. In replying for the Initiates, Bro. Say said he was extremely gratified at his reception. He was especially thankful to be in the Lodge with his old friend the W.M. He had never known him to do anything that was not on the square. The W.M. proposed the Installing Masters. They were all sorry that Bro. Taylor P.M. could not be present, but it looked well for the Lodge that they had two brethren who could step in and perform the duties at a moment's notice. Bro. Marfleet P.M. reviewed his connection with the Lodge. He was the second oldest P.M. There were not many Lodges that used the "Stability" working in London now. He trusted their explanation of the working tools would never be superseded. Bro. Hinks P.M. also responded. The W.M. proposed the Visitors. It was not often they had such an array of Visitors whose names were so well known, and who were, in fact, almost cosmopolitan in their influence. He spoke highly of the work done by each of them. Bro. Clayton P.M. 89 P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire said he was glad to be present. Bro. Eckersall and he had been boys together, he had known nothing but good of him. He was glad to find him as well respected in London as he had been in the North of England. His province of Cheshire was presided over by a good P.G.M., viz., Bro. Lord Egerton, of Tatton, whom they loved, and he trusted that all Masons would deserve as great praise. Bro. J. W. Thomas P.M. 1641 P.P.G. Standard Bearer Staffordshire said this was the first opportunity he had had of accepting their hospitality. Many of his personal friends were members of the Lodge, and they always spoke highly of its peculiar working. He was greatly pleased with all he had seen, and it was particularly gratifying to hear of the work done for the Charities. Bro. Anderson, Secretary Stability Lodge of Instruction, gave a very lucid account of the history of that, the oldest Lodge of Instruction in London. He strongly impressed upon his hearers the necessity of preserving their peculiar traditions. Bro. Milbourne P.M. 13 thanked the last speaker for his useful information, and also expressed his pleasure at being present. The W.M. proposed the Past Masters. In the midst of some very praiseworthy remarks he invested Bro. Gorrie I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, the gift of the Lodge. Bros. Gorrie, Addington, Nixon, Wright, and Marfleet replied. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers. He said they could not have better. Bro. H. Lynn S.W. said this was the first time he had replied to this toast, and so he was not in a position to make an elaborate speech. He was proud to say that he had acted as I.G. when the W.M. was admitted into Masonry. He had not been always able to attend the meetings, as his public and private associations had frequently kept him away, especially during the past year. Previous to November he had been very busy, and so could not be in the Lodge, but by the help of some of his friends he had been able to bring the scheme to fruition, and he hoped during the coming year to be regular, and if he received their confidence and was elected W.M. next year, to receive their praise at the end of the time. Bros. Woolmer J.W., Hinks Treasurer, and Nixon P.M. Sec. also responded. The Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a conclusion. The toasts had been interspersed with capital songs from Bros. Owen S.D., Lagerwall, and Royal, and some good recitations were delivered by Mr. Churcher.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

THE installation of Bro. W. A. Hill W.M. elect took place at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Monday, the 4th instant. There was a full attendance of members, and among the Visitors present were:—Bros. Tomkins 1011 1244, Lane 1402 2076, Prust 1402, West 1402, Snell 1402, Scival 248, Jones S.W. 248, Light S.W. 1358, Wills S.W. 1402, Hersey D.C. 1402, Crossman S.D. 1402, Beer 1402, Perrett W.M. 1358, Atkins P.M. 27, Rev. B. F. Elrington P.M., Veale P.M. 1247, Crocker 1099, Callingham 175, McKellar J.W. 1402, Searle P.M. 710. The installation ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. Grant, and the W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Mugford I.P.M., Renwick S.W., Beckett J.W., Rivers Chaplain, Harland Treasurer, W. Taylor Secretary, Learley S.D., J. Taylor J.D., Clarke D.C., Beer I.G., Brookes Organist, Blackler and Gorwin Stewards, Burt Tyler. Bro. Taylor was elected Representative on Committee of Petitions. The annual banquet was held in the evening at the Royal Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Hill. The usual Masonic and other toasts were given and responded to, the speeches being interspersed with some excellent music.

HUMPHREY CHETHAM LODGE, No. 645.

THE installation of Bro. Max Weigenthaler took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, on Wednesday, 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Present—Bros. F. R.

Lange W.M., Max Weigenthaler S.W., Arthur Middleton P.M. acting J.W., Carl Götz P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, J. E. Lees P.M. P.P.G.P. Secretary, T. Griffith S.D., J. H. Arnold J.D., W. Williams P.M. Dir. of Cers., J. H. Sillitoe P.M. Past Grand Sword Bearer, J. Sly Tyler, J. J. Craig P.M., Jno. Crowther P.M., A. H. Jefferis P.M. P.P.G.D.C., S. Kelly P.M.; Ryder, Loose, Hovenessian, Goldstein, Mills, Reddane, Sparrow and Adams. Visitors—Bros. Joseph Wildgoose P.M. 163 P.P.G.D., Frank A. Huet P.M. 1009 1170 P.P.G.P. Staffordshire, Wm. Jaffrey P.M. 152 P.P.G.D., E. W. Irvine P.M. 1170 P.G. Steward, R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 P.G. Steward, W. Brooks S.W. 1009, Robert Leech P.M. 1055 1219, Conway S.W. 152, S. Locke S.W. 1387, Chadfield Treasurer 1387, H. Martyn 1387, James Wilson P.M. 317, J. Hothersall 1161, Nathan Heywood 44, T. Turpin and Farnsworth 1387. Lodge was opened at 4.45 and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The balance-sheet was reported on by the Secretary and adopted. After the Lodge had been opened in the second degree Bro. J. H. Sillitoe took the chair for the purpose of installing Bro. Max Weigenthaler into the chair of K.S. Bro. J. C. Lees presented the W.M. elect to Bro. Sillitoe, who installed him with his usual care and correctness. Bro. Williams P.M. proclaimed the fact of Bro. Max Weigenthaler's installation being *un fait accompli* to the M.M.'s, F.C.'s and E.A.'s on their admission to the Lodge, and presented the working tools in the three degrees. The newly-installed Worshipful Master next invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Barron S.W., T. Griffith J.D., Carl Götz P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, J. E. Lees P.M. P.P.G.P. Secretary, J. H. Arnold S.D., Adams J.D., W. Williams P.M. D.C., A. H. Jefferis P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., Loose I.G., Ryder Steward, and J. Sly Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. A. H. Jefferis P.M. P.P.G.D.C., and to the Wardens and Brethren by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe P.M. Past Grand Sword Bearer. Prior to the Lodge closing the I.P.M., Bro. F. R. Lange was presented by Bro. Carl Götz P.M. P.P.G.J.W., in the name of the Lodge, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services as W.M. Bro. Lange returned thanks for the jewel. The W.M. appended his signature to a goodly list of P.M.'s in an elaborately illuminated book kept for the purpose, the first pages being filled with the names of the founders and other particulars connected with the consecration. The book is a work of art, and is naturally taken great care of and highly prized. Letters of regret for inability to attend were received from several well-known brethren, including Bro. C. F. Matier, who sent hearty good wishes to all the brethren. A letter was also read by the Secretary, Bro. J. E. Lees, from Bro. Barron S.W., who had met with a severe accident, and consequently was incapacitated from attending the meeting, very much to his disappointment. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John at a splendid banquet, which was much enjoyed. Bro. Phillips again proving himself a *tour de force* as a caterer. The usual toast list was gone through, Bro. F. R. Lange I.P.M. proposing the health of the W.M. in eulogistic terms. The toast was well received, Bro. Weigenthaler being a most popular and genial brother, and much liked. The W.M. returned his sincere thanks for the compliment. Bro. Carl Götz P.M. P.P.G.J.W. proposed the health of Bro. F. R. Lange I.P.M., and in the course of his remarks spoke very highly of the painstaking care he had evinced during his Mastership over everything he had undertaken. It had been to him (Bro. Götz) a great pleasure to see how particular and anxious Bro. Lange had been to perform every duty allotted to him with correctness. Bro. Götz went on to say he had learned to love and respect the I.P.M., when he had noticed from time to time how anxious he was to give satisfaction to the brethren of his Lodge. Bro. Lange would now make the third foreigner who had filled the chair in succession, and, although it might be thought the German element preponderated in the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, yet they all met to agree, and did agree remarkably well. Freemasonry simply looked upon all its members, of whatever nationality they might be, as brethren, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to all, from pole to pole. He himself had spent many happy hours in the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, and he thought the English Freemasons would admit that their German brethren were not such bad fellows. In conclusion, he asked all present to rise and heartily drink Bro. Lange's good health. Bro. Götz's invitation was speedily responded to, after which Bro. Lange replied in appropriate terms. The Visiting Brethren was proposed in due course, and responded to by Bro. Nathan Heywood, who, after thanking the members for their kind reception of the toast, and for the hospitality he had received, referred in feeling terms to the great interest his late father, Bro. Charles Heywood P.P.G.J.W., had always taken in the welfare of his Lodge, and how anxious he always was that everything should be done thoroughly and well. Other toasts, including the Installing Master and Past Masters, the Officers, &c., were proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THERE was a large gathering at this old Lodge on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., when Bro. W. R. Brooks was installed in the chair of K.S. Lodge was duly opened by Bro. Jolliffe W.M., there being present, among others:—Bros. Brooks, Savidge, Povey, Collings, Corbett, Whiting, Coulcher, Cook, Pain, Whiting, Macgregor, Aldridge, Sturmfels, White, Hopper, Goss, and the Rev. J. Rose. Visitors:—Bros. Newman 1220, Harper 72, Main 1804, Logan Treas. 1804, Berry 554, Anderson 49 and 715, Joy 715, Tucker 209, Kempton 1287, Sharpe 862, Tannahill 171, Trundell 2108, Friend 1269, Scott 933 1998, Fitzgerald 2168, Booth 1804, Hunt 222, Cousens 229, Goodwin 1768, Bell 1613, Showler 1460, Cousens 4, and Hemming 1287. The installation was conducted by Bro. H. Povey. The W.M. then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Savidge S.W., Charles J.W., Povey Treasurer, Collings Sec., Harrington Bailly S.D., Lowthwaite J.D., Sturmfels I.G., Knill

Organist, Corbett D.C., Cook and Sworn Stewards, Turbfield Tyler. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, after which the customary toasts were honoured, and the brethren entertained with a capital programme of music and song by Miss Annie Dwellie, Miss Nellie Levey, Bros. Bevan, Hanson, and Dalzell.

AIRE AND CALDER LODGE, No. 458.

ON Friday, the 8th inst., this Lodge held its regular monthly meeting at Goole, Bro. R. Dayson presiding. Bro. W. Watson W.M. of the Prudence Lodge, delivered an interesting lecture on the "History of Freemasonry." The lecture was illustrated by a large number of interesting Masonic relics, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Watson, the W.M. expressing, on behalf of the brethren, the obligation the Craft was under for the valuable service he was rendering as Hon. Librarian for West Yorkshire.

ST. EDWARD'S LODGE, No. 966.

ON Thursday, the 7th inst., the members celebrated the Festival of St. John, the event being made special by the presence of Bro. Colonel Foster Gough D.P.G.M. Meeting at 2.45, at the Mechanics' Institute, Leek, the installation of Bro. W. Barton was proceeded with by Bro. W. E. Challinor, assisted by Bro. W. Allen, after which the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers for 1889, as follow:—Bros. Challinor I.P.M., Flanagan S.W., Phillips J.W., Rev. C. C. Ward Chaplain, Milner Treasurer, Gailey S.D., Clemesha J.D., Allen D.C., Gibson Inner Guard, Feedham Steward, Gaunt Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, and partook of a splendid banquet, prepared and served in Bro. Swift's best style. In toasting the Masonic Charities, Bro. Allen mentioned that the total sum subscribed during the year was £21,855 more than the previous year, the Girls having received £49,259, the Boys £12,293, and Aged Freemasons and Widows £21,361, making a grand total of £82,913. The increase in the subscriptions had been steady since the year 1881, when they amounted to £43,000. At the end of 1887 they were £61,000, and all the Institutions were now enlarging their borders. From the fund administered by the Board of Benevolence grants had been made in 1888, to indigent Freemasons in England and different parts of the world, to the amount of £11,468. This fund during the last ten years amounted to more than £105,000. The after proceedings included the usual Loyal and Craft toasts, which were duly responded to in a series of appropriate speeches. A number of capital songs, interspersed, diversified a very pleasant evening.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE, No. 1446.

THE installation meeting took place at the Bridge House Hotel, on the 9th inst., when a large number of brethren and visitors were in attendance. The Lodge was opened by Bro. G. Hamilton P.M., and the revised bye-laws were approved. The W.M. (Bro. Carl von Bibra) then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. R. W. Edgeley, who invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Von Bibra I.P.M., Perry S.W., Down J.W., Cull Treasurer, Limebeer Secretary, Boret S.D., Richards J.D., Beard I.G., Whitehead D.C., Wynne Steward, and Harrison Tyler. The Visitors included Past Masters Side 511, Powell 457, Wise 1158, Larham 1539, Whitehead 1425, Evans 1922, Chapman 1922, Pawsey 1539, Brindley 1604; Bros. Talbot 65, Chambers 834, Morris 902, Cooper 1475, Bromhead 1662, Weston 1929, Rideal 860, and Dutton 1706. The addresses were delivered in a very impressive manner by Bro. W. H. Baker P.M. A banquet was afterwards held, at which the new Master presided. He proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, each of which received due recognition. In submitting the toast of the Past Masters he paid a high compliment to Bro. W. H. Baker for the ability he had displayed in the rendering of the addresses. He also spoke highly of the Treasurer and Secretary for the way in which their duties were performed. A selection of music was given by Bros. Dutton, Weston, Evans and Chapman. Bro. Arthur Weston was specially successful in Mattei's delightful song, "Dear Heart," while in Balfe's duet, "Excelsior," he was assisted by Bro. Chapman. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting of the Lodge, which will be held the second Saturday in April.

FRIENDLY LODGE, No. 1512.

ON the eve of Thursday, the 7th inst., the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was duly observed by the members of the above Lodge, who, at the Masonic Hall, Eastgate, Barnsley, had their annual installation of Officers and banquet. The banquet was an excellent one, the desire of the members in the matter being, perhaps, shown in the Shakespearean quotations which adorned the menu cards—"Come and let us banquet royally," and "Be merry, for our time of stay is short." A list of eleven Loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were gone through after dinner, and the speakers were advised, "Say as you think, and speak it from your souls," and, still more cogently, "Brevity is the soul of wit." The W.M., Bro. B. Smith, presided, and the other Officers invested were:—Bros. Seward I.P.M., Senior S.W., Frankland J.W., Rev. W. Coombe, M.A., Chaplain, Embleton Treasurer, Ingall Secretary, Lingard S.D., Fountain J.D., Fincken D.C., Hutchinson Organist, Smith I.G., Browne, Braithwaite, Coles, and Squire Stewards, and Massie Almoner.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Thursday night, the 7th instant, the first ball which has ever been held under the auspices of the Eboracum Lodge took place, and the gathering was of such a thoroughly pleasurable character that it will be generally hoped it may mark the inauguration of a new institution in connection with the Lodge. The arrangements had been carried out by a committee appointed for the purpose, and throughout the proceedings were unmarred by any untoward hitch. The ball took place at the De Grey Rooms, the

principal hall of which had been rendered very picturesque for the occasion. The light shed by the gas jets was supplemented by strings of Chinese lanterns, which lent a fantastic element to the scene. At the upper end of the room the title of the Lodge was prominently inscribed, and below there was an effective decorative design in the shape of a star formed of Masonic swords of various Orders. The banners of the Craft also proved effective material in the work of embellishment, and flowers and foliage, tastefully disposed, completed the general good effect. The staircase by which the ball room is approached was adorned with plants and flowers, among which the bannerettes of the Royal Arch Order were arranged at regular intervals. The necessary furniture was supplied by Messrs. Wilkinson, Brown and Agar, and the same firm also provided draperies for the ball room. The guests numbered about 130. All the gentlemen were associated with the Masonic Order, and by dispensation of Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Zetland they wore Masonic regalia, the Craft, Royal Arch, Rose Croix, and Knight Templars' Orders giving an appearance of great vivacity to the scene. Bros. Brown and Dyson P.M.'s, J. Smith and F. W. Halliwell officiated as M.C.'s. The supper was provided by Bro. F. W. Halliwell, and the plants and flowers were supplied by Mr. Key, florist, Bootham. The band engaged was that of Messrs. Hunter and Toes.

HANDYSIDE LODGE, No. 1618.

THE annual meeting took place at Saltburn, on Monday, the 11th inst., when Bro. Isaac Robinson was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon. Bro. J. W. Watson impressively performed the ceremony of installation. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow: Bros. Bowman S.W., Colledge J.W., R. Taylor Secretary, G. Taylor Treasurer, Adamson D.C., Thompson S.D., Hopper J.D., Maddison I.G., Wills S.S., R. T'Anson Organist, Deighton Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Grand Saloon of Drury Lane Theatre, on Tuesday. The Lodge was opened by Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., the Worshipful Master, who was supported by his Officers and a brilliant array of present and past Grand Officers, as well as many other distinguished Masons. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., the new Worshipful Master being Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., D.C.L., &c. After receiving the salutations of the Lodge, Admiral Inglefield appointed the following as his Officers, and they were regularly invested with the collars and badges of their respective stations:—Bro. Alderman Sir Henry Isaacs S.W., James Fernandez J.W., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Chaplain, J. S. Fleming Treasurer, A. M. Broadley P.M. P.D.D.G.M. Malta Secretary, S. B. Bancroft S.D., Harry Nicholls J.D., Thomas Catling I.G., G. F. Bashford D. of C., Oscar Barrett and C. J. Phipps Stewards, Alfred Caldicott, Musical Bachelor, Organist, and R. W. Goddard P.M. Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Brother Sir John Gorst; the new W.M., in handing it to him, expressing the pleasure he felt that one of his earliest duties should be to hand so well-earned a reward to a brother who had conscientiously and faithfully discharged his duties, even at great personal inconvenience and in the midst of other pressing engagements. Lodge was then closed, and the company repaired to the Freemasons' Tavern, where the annual installation banquet was held. Among those present were:—Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, Sir E. Lechmere, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, Lord Alcester, Major J. D. Goldie Taubman Prov. G.M. Isle of Man, Earl of Euston Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, Lord Claude Hamilton, H. D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, A. Barfield G. Treas., R. Eve P.G. Treas., Dr. E. E. Wendt G. Sec. Ger. Corres., Sir C. H. Gregory P.G.D., J. M. Case P.G.D., Montague P.G.D., R. Gooding P.G.D., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain, the Lord Mayor, J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Earl of Onslow P.G.W., Lord Henry Thynne P.G.W., Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., Sir R. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., Sir J. B. Monckton P.G.W., Rev. J. A. Lloyd G. Chaplain, Rev. G. W. Weldon P.G. Chaplain, F. A. Philbrick G. Reg., T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Col. Clerke G. Secretary, R. Grey President Board of Benevolence, C. A. Murton P.G.D., P. de L. Long P.G.D., John Aird, M.P., Edmund Yates, Sir Oscar Clayton, R. Berridge J.G.D., Col. R. W. Edis G. Supt. Works, Col. J. Davis D.G.D.C., W. E. Stewart P.A.G.D.C., W. Roebuck P.G. Sword Bearer, F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, J. Terry P.G. Sword Bearer, F. R. W. Hedges P.G. Sword Bearer, M. C. Peck G. Standard Bearer, E. Letchworth P.G.D., G. Cooper P.G.D., F. West P.G.D., G. Ford P.G.D., C. Driver P.G. Supt. Wks., Brackstone Baker P.G.D., E. Ashworth S.G.D., W. H. Spaul A.G.D.C., M. Ohren P.A.G.D.C., R. T. Pigott P.A.G.D.C., Col. C. Harding P.A.G.D.C., J. L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., C. F. Matier P.G. Standard Bearer, Rev. Dr. Kynaston, E. Dicey, C.B., Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.G.D., C. Chester, C. Forbes Lankester, C. Nantes, Turner, Lieut. Powney, Harold Browne, James Stevens, C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, G. H. Martyn, P. G. Bennett, J. Sadler Wood, J. White, G. Gardner, A. Toovey, Victor Stevens, P. C. Javal, C. Martin, W. Brannen, A. H. Moyes D.P.G.M. Camba., Col. F. Gough acting P.G. Master Staffs., H. Seager, A. Watson, G. H. Kenning, Major Waller, A. R. Phipps, W. A. Slaughter, James Weaver, Admiral Cochrane, Hon. W. F. B. Massey Mainwaring, George Everett, Stephen Phillips, H. Henton, H. C. Richards, A. Van Gruisen, J. M. Isaacs, G. Harley Thomas, J. K. Edward, L. Hervé, G. Farquhar, A. Farquhar, Le Sage, E. Holland, H. Rawlings, H. J. Waterlow, E. Pendegrast, A. W. Mitchell, A. J. Norris, J. E. Walford, Capt. C. Probyn, C. Aldin, G. H. Haywood, T. Thorne, Phil Morris, A.R.A., Col. Sewell, Rev. A. Dawson Clark, W. Madge, Major Baker, C. E. Soppet, Dr. Zacharie, Bradshaw Browne, W. G. Lemon, F. J. Potter, Meyer Lutz, M. Jewell, A. Levy, Benjamin Davies, C. Brighten, A. Leon, A. Gibbons, Sudlow, Russell Gole, G. Kelly P.G. Sword Bearer, J. M. Burt, Major Tully, Captain Mellwrath,

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This having been honoured, and a verse of the National Anthem having been played by the band of the First Life Guards, the Master gave the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. This was a name, he said, always well received among Englishmen; they, as English Masons, ought to receive it with especial favour, not only because the Prince was at their head, but because in his every action of daily life he seemed to be occupied in performing those acts of Brotherly Love and kindness which were inseparably connected with Freemasonry. The toast of the Grand Officers followed, and to this Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hertfordshire, was the first to respond. He tendered the hearty thanks of the Grand Officers for the reception that had been accorded them. The example of brevity set by the Worshipful Master had relieved him of great responsibility, and he therefore felt that in expressing his satisfaction at what had been done, and giving utterance to the hope that on some future occasion he might have the opportunity of again thanking them, he was saying as much as his brother Grand Officers desired. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, M.P., followed, proposing the toast of the Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., Governor of New Zealand, P.G.W., &c. He had no doubt why the toast had been put in its present position on the list, or why it was then proposed. The Earl of Onslow was about to leave the country and assume the Governorship of a far distant part of Her Majesty's dominions. He had no hesitation in saying, that while he did not question the expediency of the selection, he did not wholly regard the choice of the Earl of Onslow as an unmixed pleasure. No doubt it was a good thing for the New Zealanders, but it was a loss to Londoners; it was a loss to England, and he might say it was a loss to civilization, whose leading spirits would lose from their midst one of the brightest ornaments of the day, who for the time being was to be transferred to New Zealand. He did not intend to make even a brief sketch of the past career of the Earl of Onslow; his life and doings had been recorded by a writer who some regarded as the greatest historian of the day, and was recorded in what might equally be termed the greatest history of modern times—in other words their Bro. Broadley, the Secretary of the Drury Lane Lodge, had given a most interesting sketch of Lord Onslow in the pages of the *World* newspaper. He could not, however, miss the opportunity of wishing his friend a pleasant journey, a splendid term in New Zealand, and a hearty welcome home when he returned to them, wishes which he felt would be re-echoed by all present. The toast having met a hearty reception, the Earl of Onslow replied. He was afraid he must confess that the frequency with which he had had to return thanks during the past few days to the inglorious toast they had just honoured made it very difficult for him not to repeat himself. He was going to a climate far different to what had been experienced in London the last few days—to a place where, if you wanted snow you had to go to it, it would never come to you, and he hoped he should fulfil there the anticipations of his friends. The fact that they had been good enough to appreciate him in the past was, he considered, a good augury for the future. He might say he had spent some very happy evenings in England, and among the happiest were evenings he had spent at Drury Lane Theatre, but the most enjoyable of all his experiences there had been gained that night as a visitor to the Drury Lane Lodge. He should leave the country with recollections of the kindly feelings and hearty congratulations which had been showered upon him during the last few days of his residence in it, which recollections would be some compensation for the temporary loss of the many old friends he should leave behind him, and he should also have the consolation of hoping there was a hearty welcome awaiting him whenever he might have the opportunity of returning to the shores of Old England. Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. next rose. By the favour of the Worshipful Master it was his privilege to propose the toast of his health, and to wish him, in the name of the Lodge, a most prosperous and enjoyable year of office. Freemasonry, he said, was wide, and included in its midst men of all classes and conditions. They had ample proof of this in the Drury Lane Lodge, where they found men who had made a name for themselves in widely different spheres of action working on equal terms with others less distinguished, but who met them as Brother Masons, and accepting at their hands the highest honours it was in the power of the Craft to bestow. Speaking in a Lodge so successful and so distinguished as theirs, in submitting the toast of the newly installed Master, it was necessary

to remember that the chair to which he had succeeded that night had previously been filled by Lord Londesborough, Augustus Harris and Sir John Gorst. The accession of their present Master might be regarded as the completion of a square that was really inassailable. A Masonic Lodge had rarely, if ever, had four such men to preside over its destinies during the earliest years of its existence, men who had made their fame in such widely different spheres as was the case with the four of whom he was speaking. Reverting to the subject of the toast, Bro. Parkinson referred to the career of Admiral Inglefield, whose name, he said, was indelibly engraved on the memory of his country. His services in the naval service had been such as to keep him somewhat behind in the way of Masonic preferment, but he hoped now that he had attained the chair of the Drury Lane Lodge he would long enjoy the pleasures of the appointment. In reply, the Worshipful Master said he most heartily and most sincerely thanked those present for the honour they had conferred on him in responding so heartily to the toast. He felt they were paying a compliment to the Lodge rather than to him personally. He felt he was sorely deficient in a knowledge of his duties, and all he could hope to earn was the meed of praise which is awarded to the man who does his best. If he could only follow, in a very small degree, in the footsteps of his predecessors he should be most delighted. He had occasionally met a ship with good officers but a poor captain—still he had won renown. He had also met a ship with a good captain commanding a bad set of officers—and that ship had become the black ship of the squadron. All did not, therefore, depend on the man at the head, and as he was in the fortunate position of the former illustration, he hoped he should be able to steer the Drury Lane Lodge safely through the coming year. Bro. Broadley proposed the toast of the Visitors. There was never a more representative Masonic company than were gathered together that evening at the festive board of the Drury Lane Lodge. Foremost amongst them was Lord George Hamilton First Lord of the Admiralty, son of one of the most distinguished Masons the world had ever seen, and brother to the present Grand Master of Ireland, who was so worthily fulfilling the duties of that important office in succession to their father. Their guest had had a somewhat varied experience in Freemasonry, having been initiated in a Lodge in the North of Ireland, but had finally come to an anchor in the ancient town of Chiswick, where he was now ruling over the destinies of a Masonic Lodge. The Lord Mayor of London was another of their distinguished guests that evening, as also was Lord Alcester, who, he might say, was initiated in the United Lodge some time back by the respected Chaplain of the Drury Lane Lodge, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn. Lord George Hamilton thanked the brethren for the compliment paid him, as one of the visitors, in coupling his name with the toast. It was an especial pleasure to him to learn that the brother who had been selected to fill the office of Worshipful Master of the Lodge was a distinguished naval officer, and an ornament of that service with which he had the present honour of being associated. He was very pleased to be one of so distinguished an array of visitors. Among them, he understood, was a brother who could also boast the name of George, but whose surname began with that letter of the alphabet which preceded the initial of his own, and concerning whom he might say, that if he was able to give to the nation as much satisfaction as First Lord of the Admiralty as that brother (George Grossmith) had given in the part he had played as "Ruler of the Queen's Navie" he should be more than gratified. He could well remember the somewhat rude Lodge in which he had been made a Mason, and it compared somewhat unfavourably with the comfort and grandeur of their present surroundings, but yet there was the same hearty feeling of brotherhood in each, and the same sentiments actuated the members of that Lodge as were to be found in the great and rich Lodge in which they were then assembled in the great metropolis of the world. If the evening had been an especially pleasant one it was because the Lodge had brought to a high state of perfection the art of hospitality. He could assure them that so far as he was concerned they had made a lasting impression by the true Masonic spirit that had been displayed towards the visitors that evening. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor followed. It must always be a source of difficulty for a Lord Mayor of London to follow a speaker so distinguished, and distinguished in administrative capacity as Lord George Hamilton. He hardly knew why he was there that night, much less why he should be asked to respond to this toast after they had had the pleasure of listening to the First Lord of the Admiralty. He knew that his predecessors in the office he then so unworthily filled had attended the meetings of the Drury Lane Lodge, and he hoped that in some degree an affinity might spring up between it and the Lord Mayors of London, for among them there was much in common. Both the Masonic body and the Corporation of which the Lord Mayor was the head were always desirous of assisting brethren in distress. He knew that the Lord Mayor had a very important office to fill, and he was aware that his influence—or rather the influence of his position—was very considerable; he had accordingly striven, during the short period he had had the honour of filling the office, to uphold it to the best of his ability. As an instance, he referred to a meeting which had taken place at the Mansion House, when a lecture was delivered by Lord Brassey, and when, out of purely patriotic motives, he had felt it his duty to take the chair. On that occasion not only were the most distinguished Admirals and the most distinguished Generals present, but he might say all the most important Bankers and Merchants were represented, so that the resolutions gave the opinions of the leaders of the City of London. In conclusion he might say he fully recognised the honour which had been paid him that night, and at the same time he recognised it as paid to the great Corporation of which he was the outward head, and on whom they might at all times rely to maintain the honour and dignity of the United Kingdom. Lord Alcester and the Rev. Dr. Kynaston having also spoken, Bro. Catling, I.G. of the Lodge and W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, proposed the health of the Past Masters. The very great honour which had been thrust

upon him, really without a moment's notice—in the absence of Bro. J. Fernandez, who had had to leave—had found him quite unprepared for the task. He had come into the Lodge when it was under the auspices of its first Master, and had found in Lord Londesborough, the representative of a distinguished line of nobility, a most enthusiastic Mason. He was followed by one who had won a name in a very different sphere—Bro. Augustus Harris, who was known to them in many ways, but principally as foremost among the public caterers who had ruled the destinies of the National Theatre with which their Lodge was so intimately associated. As the successor of Bro. Harris, Sir John Gorst had won for himself the esteem and regard of the members, who, he felt sure, would unite most heartily in drinking to the health of their Past Masters. Bro. Sir John Gorst replied. The Masters of the Drury Lane Lodge had been proverbial for the shortness of their speeches, he would not attempt to upset the tradition. He envied his successor the pleasures that were before him, and felt that the only bitterness in the cup of Mastership was, that, like all earthly pleasures, it passed away. If the Lodge gave its present ruler the same support it had given him he would be able to look back upon his year of office as one of the most pleasurable experiences of his life. Brother Augustus Harris P.M. proposed the Officers of the Lodge. He first apologised for that he had not been able to attend the Lodge or to join the brethren at the festive board until the last moment, but he had been kept away by other duties. In his capacity as a County Councillor he had in a sense been changing places with the Lord Mayor, who had, he hoped, been enjoying the work and the good things provided by the Drury Lane Lodge, while he had been busy in the Common Council Chamber of the City of London. His experience of that chamber was, that it was about the driest he had ever been in, the only thing liquid about it that afternoon being the talk, and that was very liquid, never-ending, he had almost feared, and all about nothing. He did not know how long this was to continue, but he was quite sure that if Masonic business was conducted on the same lines as they had so far experienced in the London County Council the Drury Lane Lodge, for one, would never have been in existence. Nothing could give him greater pleasure at that moment than to propose the health of the Officers of the Lodge. There were few Lodges who could boast such an array. They had the future Lord Mayor of London as S.W., and Masons to follow him who were leaders in their particular sections, and who together formed as representative a body of men as could be found anywhere. Sir Henry Isaacs replied. The Officers were exceedingly proud to work under such a distinguished ruler as the Master of their Lodge. Although he (Bro. Isaacs) was only First Officer at the present time, he possessed a Master's certificate. He hoped he might perform his duties during the year in such a manner as to earn some good marks and not deserve any bad ones, indeed, that at the close he would be deemed worthy of the distinction of the Mastership. Bro. Bancroft also acknowledged the toast, after which the Right Hon. the Earl of Easton proposed that of the Masonic Charities. He referred to the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held on the 27th inst., and at which he will preside, and hoped the Drury Lane Lodge would be represented thereat, if not as successfully as was the case last year at the Festival of the Girls' School—when the Steward of the Lodge took up the largest list, £552—at least with a respectable amount. Bro. Hedges replied. The Tyler gave the concluding toast, and the proceedings terminated. The banquet, which, as will be seen from the list given above, was most numerously attended, was well served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, under the superintendence of Bro. Madell, and reflected credit on the management of the Freemasons' Tavern.

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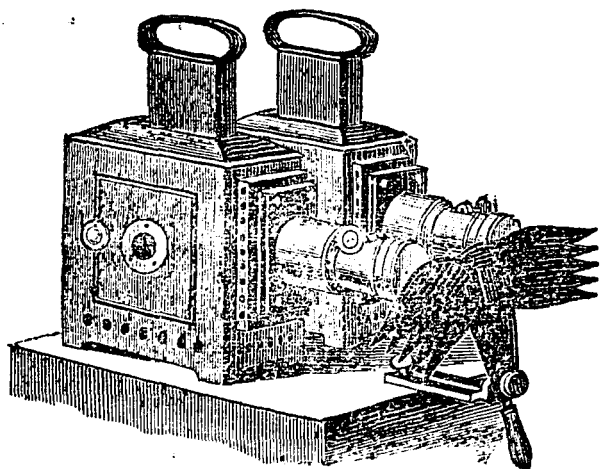
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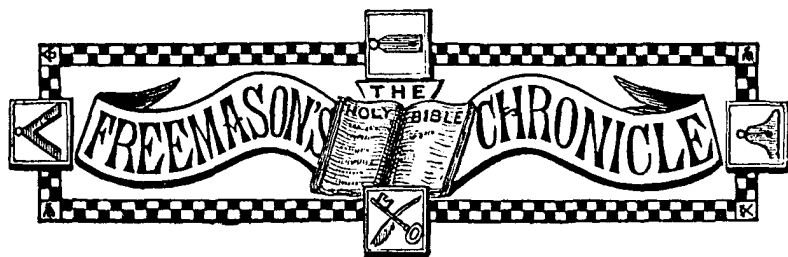
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MASONIC CRITICISM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Reverting to the first letter I addressed to you on this subject, which appeared in your issue of the 19th ult., and to the counter criticism which appeared in the pages of your contemporary, I must admit that I feel not a little flattered that the "inspired" writer referred to seems to have deemed my remarks worthy of a little more consideration than he has vouchsafed to some of my fellow "silly critics," who, I consider, he has handled in a rather severe and unwarrantable manner. He appears to forget there is such a thing as honest criticism, and regards us all as if we were making attacks upon the Institutions simply for the purpose of injuring their future, and the future of those associated with them. I suppose I must speak only for myself when I say that I am sincere in what I do, and that my object is solely to benefit the Institutions I criticise, or to the concerns of which I desire to direct public attention. My remarks are not attacks, in the strict sense of the term, and I do not see by what line of argument they can be construed into attacks. If public criticism is to be disallowed, I would ask by what means is it possible to secure, or even suggest reform, or to call attention to supposed or actual faults? It is useless to say that any subscriber desiring to make his views public shall attend the quarterly or annual meetings of the Institutions, and then address his remarks to the company assembled. Personally it is not always convenient for me to attend, besides which the company to whom I should have an opportunity of speaking would be so small as to be practically useless, in addition to which I do not care to be boycotted ever after as the one who suggested this or that alteration, for, be it remembered, if there are abuses their removal must affect some one. Reforms are not brought about by such means, and the men who clamour for "open attacks" or "straightforward dealings," as they are pleased to term them, are often secure in the knowledge that when it comes to a question of open discussion, before a select and even "packed" assembly, they can rely on their own bluster and oratorical powers to carry them through. I fear I should make a sorry spectacle were I to attempt to address a meeting and defend my case against some of those who I am sure would oppose it, but is that any reason why I should be refused a hearing, or that my ideas of right and wrong should be silenced? I think not, and I rejoice that the customs of our country afford us, through the medium of the press, a means of addressing our remarks in any desired quarter. I must apologise to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for a word which appeared in my former letter, and which I see by the criticism of your contemporary bears a different meaning to what I intended. I asked if it would not have been possible to secure the sum of £6,000 deficiency on the Festival announcement of 1888 if a "proper" system of collecting had been in vogue. It would have been better if I had said a "different" system. I did not mean to imply that I considered the arrangements of the Girls' Institution deficient in this respect, but suggested, as a solution of the matter under discussion, the advisability of having a regular collector. I am satisfied with the explanation afforded by my "inspired" friend, to the effect that the two Schools have a "collector" in fact, if not in name, and am pleased to learn that "one of the clerks varies his routine of duty in the office by a round of duty as 'Mr. Collector.'" There is one great advantage arising from this system—the Schools do not show an outlay of £639 15s 9d for collector's commission, but on the other hand I may ask is it possible for the clerk or clerks, for matter of that, to perform the work in their spare time as efficiently as a regular collector would do? Emphatically, no! I am certain it would pay the Schools to have a good collector, provided some fair and reasonable remuneration was agreed upon and enforced.

I am sorry my other remarks have not been deemed worthy of argument by my critic. I know the value of the Associations as well as he does, and so far from doing anything to stop them, have and would now do everything in my power to advance them. I suggested the Festival of 1888 should have been allowed to close with the 31st December, as other years' Festivals have been allowed to do, but the self appointed advocate of the Girls' School considers there is no law to compel this (I know there is not), and no reason to enforce it. I will but repeat my previous remarks; as the matter now stands the Girls' School started 1889 with a deficiency on its 1888 Festival return of about £6000, which amount it is said will be made up this year, therefore when the returns of 1889 are before the Craft it will be right to deduct this amount as "received on account of 1888 (Centenary) Festival." What will then be the total for 1889?

I will not continue this discussion further on the present occasion, except to express a hope that the Anniversary Festival of the Bene-

volent Institution, shortly to be held, may prove an unqualified success, despite the criticism that Institution, in company with the others, has lately had directed against it. With your permission, however, I hope, later on, to have an opportunity of expressing my views in regard to what I consider as Masonic matters needing reform.

Yours fraternally,

A SILLY CRITIC.

7th February 1889.

SCOTLAND.

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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

GRAND Lodge of Scotland met, on the 7th inst., in Edinburgh, Sir Archibald Campbell occupying the throne. There was a very large attendance of the brethren. A Masonic irregularity was among the principal matters of business. It arose out of the recent action of Grand Lodge in expelling a brother for a grave offence—permitting ladies to witness a part of a Funeral Lodge ceremony. An Edinburgh brother, as Secretary of a committee who desired the brother to be reinstated, issued circulars to the various Lodges in Scotland and members of Grand Lodge, requesting them to forward a petition to him for presentation to Grand Committee. The issuing of these circulars, it appeared, was contrary to a ruling of Grand Lodge passed in 1851, and re-affirmed last year. The brother, on being called in question by Grand Committee, refused to retract, and accordingly they recommended to Grand Lodge that he be suspended from Masonic privileges. He, on the 7th instant, appeared and tendered an apology, which was accepted. The Grand Master referred to the Bazaar which is proposed to be held in aid of the Fund of Scottish Benevolence. He suggested that it be delayed till next year, owing to the fact that it would take some time ere colonial and foreign brethren could be communicated with. These brethren, he was sure, were only waiting for an opportunity to contribute to the fund in aid of old Masons, their widows and orphans. The matter was remitted to Grand Committee with powers, and to report to next Quarterly Communication. A letter was submitted from Lord Kintore, resigning the offices which he holds under Grand Lodge of Kincardineshire, in consequence of his appointment to the Governorship of South Australia, and, on the motion of Bro. Crichton, cordial thanks were given Lord Kintore for the good services he had given to the Craft, and heartfelt congratulations on his selection for so distinguished a post under the Crown. Bro. Colonel Henry Lumsden, of Pitcaple, was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire West, in room of Lord Saltoun, resigned.

ABERDEEN CITY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A SPECIAL Communication of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Aberdeen, on Thursday, for the purpose, amongst other business, of appointing and installing the elective Office-bearers. Lord Saltoun Prov. Grand Master occupied the chair, and there was a very large attendance of the brethren. The following elective Office-bearers were unanimously appointed for the ensuing year:—

Bros. Adam Pratt	-	-	Treasurer
J. T. Campbell	-	-	Senior Deacon
Archibald Duff	-	-	Junior Deacon
W. Smith	-	-	Architect
Robert Yule	-	-	Jeweller
Robert Cooper	-	-	Director of Music
F. L. S. D. Cannon	-	-	Organist
John Cooper	-	-	Bible Bearer
E. G. Palmer	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
A. Callaghan	-	-	Sword Bearer
John Mackay	-	-	Standard Bearer
W. S. Booth	-	-	} Stewards
G. L. Grassick	-	-	
William Bartlett	-	-	} Marshals
W. E. Grassick	-	-	
A. M. Munro	-	-	Librarian
Alexander Barclay	-	-	Auditor
Robert Darward	-	-	I.G.
D. Campbell	-	-	Tyler

These Officers were duly invested. The elections were conducted in the most harmonious manner, and after other business matters had been disposed of, Lord Saltoun expressed the pleasure he felt as Provincial Grand Master in installing the Officers into their respective offices. It

afforded him the greatest pleasure to see that the appointments had been made, not from one or two Lodges, but from all the Lodges in the Province, and he felt certain that he would be well supported by the whole of the Office-bearers who had been installed that night, as well as by those who had been installed by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland a short time ago. He trusted that the utmost good fellowship would prevail between him and the various office-bearers and members of the different Lodges in the Province.

GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND.

THE annual assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, was held in the Waterloo Hotel, Edinburgh, on the 22nd ult., Lord Saltoun presiding. A letter was read from Lord Kintore, resigning his position of Grand Sovereign, in consequence of his appointment to be Governor of South Australia, and Lord Saltoun was unanimously elected in his place. Mr. J. T. S. Elliott, of Wolfelee, was appointed Grand Viceroy in place of Lord Kintore. Grand Councillors were appointed, including—James Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow, Grand High Chancellor; Col. J. Todd Stewart Grand High Almoner, Col. Patrick Stirling, of Kippendavie, Grand Marshal, Major S. W. Allan Grand Standard Bearer. The Grand Sovereign appointed the following to be Grand Crossers:—J. T. S. Elliott, of Wolfelee, T. H. Balfour W.S., Col. Stirling, of Kippendavie, Dr. Milne, Alloa, and James Melville. Colonel Stirling and Mr. Dalrymple Duncan were appointed Intendants-General of Divisions for Stirlingshire and Lanarkshire respectively. A large deputation attended from the latest established Conclave, Stirling Castle, headed by Rev. Muir Smith Stirling. After the business meeting the Sir Knights held a festival in the Waterloo Hotel. Lord Saltoun presided, and Mr. Elliott was croupier. There was a large attendance, including Mr. Stirling, of Kippendavie, Mr. Martin, of Auchendennan, Mr. Dalrymple Duncan, and Major Allan. The Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, and a bumper to the prosperity of the youngest Conclave, Stirling Castle, to which the Rev. Mr. Smith replied. The Grand Viceroy, in proposing a toast to the Health of the Grand Sovereign, said he had, in addition to other Masonic duties, lately assumed the arduous and unenviable task of restoring order and harmony in the Province of the City of Aberdeen, and for that he was entitled to the gratitude and respect of every true Mason. Lord Saltoun, in replying, thanked the Knights for appointing him to be Grand Sovereign, and said he would use his utmost endeavour to do the work of the office. As to Aberdeen, he said that those who attended his installation in Aberdeen the other day would be satisfied that the restoration of order was already accomplished, and from the promise he had received of the support of influential Masons in that city, he was confident that with a little firmness, and courteous and judicious handling, he would find that the Masons of Aberdeen city would be as good and as loyal supporters of the Grand Lodge as it was possible to find among the whole of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Scotland. The work was most interesting to him, and in Aberdeen he hoped he would some day be able to receive them, and that they should find that Aberdeen was of all Provincial Grand Lodges the most in accord with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Referring to the resignation of Lord Kintore, his Lordship proposed that the Grand Recorder should be instructed to telegraph to Lord Kintore expressing thanks for the kindness and courtesy of one who had been highly popular in all degrees, congratulating his Lordship on his appointment, and hoping that he would enjoy his life abroad, and that they would again have the pleasure to see him on his return home. This was received with acclamation, and a telegram was at once despatched to Lord Kintore. Mr. Elliott, in replying to the toast of his health as Grand Viceroy, said that for some time Scottish Masons had been discouraged by the condition of the foundation of the Order and the state of Grand Lodges, but that now, when it was on a proper footing, he was sure there would be more proper expression of true Masonic benevolence and charity, and that they would regard the Grand Lodge of England, not as an example to be followed, but as a rival to be outstripped. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

The brethren of the Union Lodge, No. 127, have presented to Brother Horace Brooks the younger an elegant silver salver, accompanied with very hearty good wishes and many kind congratulations upon his marriage.

The members of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, intend to invite the Right Worshipful the Mayor, who is a member of that Lodge, to a complimentary banquet, to take place at the Royal Station Hotel, Hull, on Monday, the 18th inst., at which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, has signified his intention of being present.

It will be remembered that the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasons, considering its altered financial position, some months ago resolved to vote a part of its free annual income in annuities. At a meeting of the Annuity Fund Board, recently held in Edinburgh, thirty applications were considered. Three annuitants were, on the motion of the Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, elected—one a very aged brother (84) from Coupar Angus, and the two others from Arbroath.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PHILANTHROPIC CHAPTER, No. 304.

AT the Convocation, held on Wednesday, 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, the Principals-elect for the ensuing year were duly installed by Companion C. L. Mason, viz., Comps. William Watson Z., Flockton H., and Joze Rickard J. The following Companions were invested as Officers:—Comps. C. L. Mason Treasurer, Middleton S.E., Brownfoot S.N., Blackburn P.S., Hewson and Butler Assistant Sojs., Barrand Janitor. The Provincial Grand Superintendent (Companion T. W. Tew) and the Provincial Grand S.E. (Companion Henry Smith) were present, and the visitors from the Leeds and other Chapters in the Province attended in considerable numbers. The banquet was afterwards held, and the usual Masonic toasts and songs, with recitations, were given.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The first anniversary of the opening of this Chapter took place on Friday, 8th inst., when its fifty-second member was elected, at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E. The members present included Comps. Hilton P.Z. 1275 Preceptor, Moore H. 169 M.E.Z., Hill 1329 H., Murché 1329 J., Stone S.E., Martin S.N., C. H. Stone 1275 P.S., Terry P.Z., Woods Assist. Soj. 1275, and Stringer P.S. elect 169. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stringer personating candidate. Comp. Hill was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. proposed, and the H. seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Comps. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, Voisey P.Z. Treasurer, and Stone S.E., for their valuable services during the past year. This was carried with acclamation. Comp. Woods proposed, and Comp. Murché seconded, the re-election of these able Officers, which met with the entire approbation of the members. Comps. Martin and Murché 1329 were elected auditors, after which the Convocation adjourned.

MARK MASONRY.

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LANGLEY LODGE, No. 28.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting at Cardiff, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when Bro. J. Hussey was installed as W.M. The Visitors present were:—Captain Homfray, and Bros. S. Davies and Jones. Lodge was opened by Bro. John Munday W.M., who installed Bro. Hussey into office with all the ancient rites and ceremonies. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Munday I.P.M., Sheridan S.W., Colman J.W., Hooper M.O., Roberts S.O., Frazer J.O., Roberts Registrar, Marks Treasurer and Secretary, Phillips Assistant Secretary, Gerhold Organist, Taylor S.D., Wood J.D., Evans I.G., Williams Steward. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Park Hotel, where a really admirable dinner was served by Bro. S. P. Hunt. The usual Masonic toasts were subsequently proposed and enthusiastically responded to, the intervals being enlivened by excellent songs and recitations, rendered by Bros. Ferrier, Phillips, Sheridan, White, Martin, Gibbons, Hussey, Hunt, Evans and Harley. Bro. Davies presided at the piano.

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 379.

THE annual meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liskeard, to instal Bro. E. Venning as W.M. (by dispensation) for the year ensuing. The Installing Officer was Bro. F. Cranch, who carried out the work in a very able and impressive manner. The Board of I.M.'s having been closed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. Nettle (Mayor of Liskeard) I.P.M., Trehane S.W., Stanton J.W., Venning M.O., Hancock S.O., Foddy J.O., Crouch Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Orchard Chaplain, Sargent Registrar of Marks, Lee S.D., Dingle J.D., Hicks I.G., Adams B.O., Sobey A.D.C., Zimmer Organist, Riscorla Steward, and Penwarden Tyler. Previous to the installation, a brother was advanced to the degree. Bro. F. Crouch moved that the best thanks of the Lodge be presented to Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, for his great kindness in attending that day. Bro. Nettle seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. The W.M. in presenting the vote to Sir Charles Sawle, expressed his indebtedness to the P.G.M.M.M. for paying him the compliment by attending at his installation. Sir Charles, in responding, expressed his regret that he was prevented by illness from attending the consecration of the Lodge twelve months since. He congratulated the W.M. on being installed W.M. of the Lodge, and complimented Bro. Crouch on the admirable way in which he carried out the work, and the Officers on their excellent working of the Lodge. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. Venning's, London Hotel, where an excellent banquet was admirably served up. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk. The health of Sir Charles Sawle, given by the W.M., was cordially responded to, and Sir Charles, in reply, expressed his great pleasure at being present. The health of the W.M. was heartily received, the brethren referring to his energy, zeal, and indefatigableness in the cause of Mark Masonry; he thoroughly deserved the honour which had been bestowed on him by the Lodge. A very pleasant evening was spent, under the genial chairmanship of the W.M.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As winter advances and the weather becomes more and more inclement and trying the earliest evidences of ill-health must be immediately checked and removed, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, quinsy, influenza, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as nearly as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, simple yet effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have wonderfully relieved many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Haymarket.—It was not at all to be wondered at that Shakespeare's delightful comedy "The Merry Wives of Windsor," having caused considerable discussion in the artistic world when lately produced by Mr. Beerbohm Tree at a morning performance, should be regularly initiated into the evening programme. So far as the present generation is dramatically concerned the play may be regarded as a novelty, seeing that it has not been presented for some years, and certainly has never before been seen with such brilliant surroundings. It appears impossible for an actor now-a-days to hit off a conception of any Shakespearian character without evoking some hostile criticism, but Mr. Beerbohm Tree may fairly be congratulated on his rendering of Sir John Falstaff, which character he has evidently carefully studied, and elaborated so as to bring out all its salient points. The rough good nature and deep cunning of the fat knight were well portrayed, and the scenes with Mr. Ford afforded great amusement. Mr. Tree's "make up" was marvellous, while his voice was so disguised that it was only at times the worthy manager could be detected. The two "merry wives" were admirably represented by Mesdames Rose Leclercq and H. Lindley, both of whom entered thoroughly into the humour of the play. Mrs. Tree was the real embodiment of sweet Anne Page, and Mrs. Edmund Phelps made an admirable Mistress Quickly. Mr. F. H. Macklin as the jealous Ford, and Mr. F. Harrison as Page, were both capitally placed. Mr. Brookfield did all that was possible as stupid Master Slender; Mr. F. Mellish was a fairly satisfactory Fenton, while the humour of Dr. Caius, Sir Hugh Evans, and Mine Host of the Garter was restrained within proper bounds by Messrs. Kemble, Righton, and Blythe. The woodland scenery, especially that of the last act, in Windsor Park, was most beautiful, and elicited great applause, while the musical selections, played by an increased orchestra, under the direction of Mr. H. Clark, also deserve special mention. We can cordially recommend all students of Shakespeare to witness this representation.

Gaiety.—A special matinée was inaugurated by Miss Kate Rorke, on Tuesday, for the production of Mr. Sydney Grundy's play, "A Fool's Paradise." The piece has already been produced in America, under the title of "The Mouse Trap," but certainly its new title seems more appropriate. When the play opens we are introduced to Phillip Selwyn, who has married an attractive young lady, after a very short acquaintance. He is supposed to be perfectly happy, but his wife has only married him for his money. He invites to his house Lord Normantower, an old friend, and here we learn that Mrs. Selwyn was engaged to the Earl before she knew her present husband. She now resolves to slowly poison her husband, by arsenic, administered in his medicine, and to fix her guilt on Kate Derwent, a companion, with whom Lord Normantower has fallen in love. The doctor, Sir Peter Lund, a plain spoken old bachelor, has his suspicions, and lays a trap which Mrs. Selwyn readily falls into. When she finds her plans have failed, she takes the final dose of medicine herself, and dies. The acting of Mr. J. S. Wenman as Sir Peter Lund cannot be too highly spoken of, his rendering of the part being admirable. Miss Kate Rorke was also seen to great advantage as Kate Derwent. One scene, where she renounces her lover, through a misunderstanding, fairly brings down the house. Miss Gertrude Kingston, as Mrs. Selwyn, was impressive and realistic, and deserved the applause which she received. Mr. E. W. Gardiner as Lord Normantower, and Mr. H. B. Coaway as Philip Selwyn, can certainly be commended for the capital renderings they gave of their respective parts. Miss Mary Collette and Mr. R. Saunders pleasantly disported themselves as a pair of youthful lovers. The play was altogether favourably received. The principals secured a double call after the last act, when the author also responded.

Globe.—The production of the "School for Scandal" being intended merely as a stop gap, pending the return of Mr. Mansfield, whose appearance as Crooked-back Richard is exciting considerable anticipation, does not call for any detailed criticism, especially as the principal personages have appeared in London previously. Miss Kate Vaughan gives a highly refined and coquettish rendering of Lady Teazle, and is ably supported by Mr. James Fernandez, whose Sir Peter, played on the old traditional lines, stood out in bold relief. Mr. W. H. Herbert was an excellent Charles Surface, and Mr. J. T. Sullivan was satisfactory as his hypocritical brother Joseph, while Mr. Lionel Brough was found to be well placed as the kindly Jew Moses. Mr. Harkins acted exceedingly well as Sir Oliver, and Mr. J. Burrows deserves special mention for his impersonation of Rowley. Miss Carlotta Leclercq, Miss May Whitby, and Miss Maude White appeared respectively as Mrs. Candour, Lady Sneerwell, and Maria, and Mr. Weedon Grossmith did good service as Backbite. The minuet at the termination of the second act was most gracefully performed and enthusiastically re-demanded. The costumes were remarkably bright and pretty, but unfortunately served to make the shady scenery still more dingy.

A special matinée of a new domestic comedy, entitled "See Saw," by George Capel and J. Ragland Phillips, will take place at Terry's Theatre, on 22nd inst., under the direction of Mr. H. T. Brickwell. The cast will include Miss Hermon and Miss Eleanore Loyshon Messrs E. Smedley Yates, A. G. Andrews, Fred Terry, W. F. Hawtrey W. Hargreaves, and Mr. Julian Cross, who will also be responsible for the stage management.

On account of the great success which attended the production of "The Policeman" at Terry's, it has been determined to repeat the performance on Tuesday afternoon, 5th March, and thus afford an opportunity to the vast number of persons who were unable to obtain admission on the last occasion to now witness

Messrs. Helmore and Phillpott's Farcical Rally. The principal characters will be undertaken, as before, by Messrs. Arthur Williams, Forbes Dawson, Compton Coutts, the Misses Gabrielle Goldney, Lilian Millward, &c.

AL FRESCO FAYRE AND FLORAL FETE.—The Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children is in need of £15,000 for re-building the Institution, and to raise that sum a society show, under the direct patronage of the Princess of Wales, the Princess Christian, the Princess Beatrice, the Princess Mary Adelaide, and the Princess Frederica of Hanover, has been planned, on a grand and picturesque scale, for 29th, 30th and 31st May next, at the Royal Albert Hall. The ingenious idea has been hit upon of discarding the usual stage canvas and paint effects, and of building a charming country scene with the material which nature itself supplies—in short, a scenic embodiment of all that is pretty and poetical in rustic nature. For example, there will be veritable corn ricks, moss-covered cottages, a practical windmill, a vinery, a rose-bower, an old caravan filled with toys for the children, &c. On the garden terrace, tableaux of the famous Watteau pictures will be represented, and there will be fruit and flower displays and competitions. Already many distinguished ladies have promised to adopt the simple rustic costumes, which will be a feature of the Al Fresco Fayre and Floral Fête, and so help to raise the much needed funds for re-building. Captain the Hon. F. C. Howard is the secretary, and may be communicated with at the Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W.

A concert and entertainment in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic School for Boys will be given in the Craven Lecture Hall, Foubert's Place, 206 Regent Street (opposite Conduit Street), on Friday, the 22nd inst. The following artistes have kindly promised their services:—Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. A. C. Bonham, Miss Lizzie Burrell, Mr. Pascall Taylor, Mr. Lewis, Polytechnic School Choir (Mr. Egerton, Choir Master), Mr. Charles Bertram and Mdle. Patrice, the celebrated Drawing-room Illusionists, Baby Hettie, aged 9 years (pupil of Mdle. Patrice), song and dance. Tickets, 2s 6d and 1s, may be obtained of Dr. Corrie Jackson, P.M. 534, 17 Poland Street, W.

A full dress Masonic Ball, under the auspices of the Jersey Lodge, No. 2163, in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was held in the Manor Hall, Southall, on Monday 11th inst. There was a strong list of Patrons—headed by the R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master Middlesex; while the arrangements were entrusted to the following Stewards:—Bro. W. C. Hall W.M., Wm. Seward jun. I.P.M. Treasurer Prov. Grand Standard Bearer Middlesex, John Tidmarsh J.W., George Harper Secretary, T. W. Jamieson S.D., E. J. W. Herbert J.D., J. A. Templeman I.G., W. A. Cocks D.C., G. A. Williams S. M.C.'s:—Bros. S. Meech S.W., W. F. Sanger S. The Band was provided by Bro. J. W. Curtis Organist, and an excellent selection of music was made. The refreshments, by Bro. Johnson, could not have been excelled; while the Hall, kindly lent by W. F. Thomas, Esq., C.C., was decorated with flags. Dancing was kept up with spirit and vigour until 4 a.m. A feature of the evening was the attendance of Messrs. Fradelle and Young, mezzotint photographers, of Regent Street, and by them most of the ladies and brethren were "flushed," by aid of the beautiful magnesium light securing a highly artistic and enduring art souvenir of an evening long to be remembered in the annals of the Jersey Lodge. Among those present were:—Bros. W. C. Hall W.M. and Mrs. Hall, William Seward jun. I.P.M. and Treasurer, S. Meech and Mrs. Meech, John Tidmarsh J.W. and Mrs. Tidmarsh, George Harper Secretary and Mrs. Harper, E. J. W. Herbert J.D., W. A. Cocks D.C., W. F. Sanger Steward and Mrs. Sanger, J. W. Curtis Organist and Mrs. Curtis, A. J. Hanson and Miss Hanson, C. Meed and Miss Sanger, C. C. Sanger and Mrs. Sanger, H. C. Hanson and Mrs. Hanson, Purfurst and Mrs. Purfurst, W. Reed and Misses Reed (2), J. Passmore and Mrs. Passmore, Page Wallis, Johnson, Dennis, T. Smith, Miss E. Sinnott, Miss White, Mrs. Drewe, &c.

The proprietors of the *London Journal*, following up the series of successes which has characterised their management from the first, have done well in introducing to their readers a work from the pen of that gifted writer Clementine Montagu, entitled "The Cost of Conquest," which appears in No. 271 of the *London Journal*, to be published on the 19th inst., and is one of the best and brightest of her productions. The plot is original and ingenious, and the secret upon which it is built is well kept, the interest of the reader being excited and held unflaggingly to the end. The characters are well drawn, the incidents dramatic, the dialogue sparkling, and the writing graceful.

J. F. Smith's masterpiece, that marvellous story "Minnigrey," is undoubtedly one of the novels of the age. It has given harmless amusement to countless thousands, and can be read and read again with pleasure, as fresh as on the first perusal. Knowing this, the proprietors of the *London Journal* have wisely determined to submit it to the romance-reading public in volume form, and are now re-issuing it in penny numbers (illustrated by Sir John Gilbert, R.A.), thus placing it within the reach of all. Every lover of good fiction should become a subscriber.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 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, Fleet, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., 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

MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst.)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
 K.T. 123—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square
 77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1233—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
 R.A. 123—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
 R.C. 23—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 66—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 9 (Inst.)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 191—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)

- 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 830—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 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)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
 R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 445—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Div. Street, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clarendon, Salford
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
 2045—Wharton, Willesden
 2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 310—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
 R.A. 416—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
 R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
 R.A. 761—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
 R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
 R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
 M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 M.M. 330—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

WEDNESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brough, at 9. (Inst)
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 892—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 932—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleagall Road, Cubitt Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
 1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 9. (Inst.)
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent-street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 729—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Cathedral, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Cshhatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 581—Faith, Dro. er's Inn, Openshaw
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Clockheaton
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1009—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
 R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
 R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
 R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 160—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1017—Montifore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1168—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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. (In.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 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. (In.)
 1728—Temple Bar Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton

- 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
 2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
 R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
 R.A. 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
 M.M.—Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 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)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
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