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## THE NEW YEAR.

**D**ESPITE the trials and vicissitudes attendant on enfeebled health and painful illness, we enter upon the New Year with Hopeful Anticipations. Our splendid Institutions continue to show vigour, and notwithstanding the severe opposition that has been brought to bear upon their internal management, they retain the full confidence and consideration of those who find the wherewithal for their existence. Errors of judgment may have been made in regard to the past, but any charge of criminal negligence or neglect has not—and, we venture to assert, cannot—be sustained. As we have urged, throughout the strife that unhappily has taken place, let the spirit of “give and take” be in the ascendant; the result, we venture to prophecy, will be a satisfactory one. With this issue we commence our Thirty-First Volume. Should we be spared for another year to continue our labours, we trust we shall have the same cordial sympathy and support that has so cheered and comforted us during the Fifteen Years that have passed since the time we started on the path of Masonic Journalism.

## AN ANTI SECRET SOCIETY CHURCH CONGRESS.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON.

**N**OT long ago I called attention to an anti-Masonic activity of Roman Catholic dignitaries in the United States and in Canada, but now I will just describe a Church Congress of Evangelical Protestants, who organised, in Boston, last week, an anti-Secret Society. Their meetings were held on Wednesday and Thursday, the 11th and 12th December; on the last day they held sessions. The meetings were held at the Tremont Temple, Tremont Street. “The members present [says the *Boston Herald*] were small,” and but few distinguished clergymen took part in the movement. After committees were appointed, Mr. Mac Allister commenced with a tirade against Mormonism. He wants to have the Constitution of the United States amended; to turn it into what he called “a Christian Law;” he was opposed to Mormons, to divorce, and to Roman Catholics.

Rev. O. P. Gifford is a sincere hater of Masonry, which he denounced as “pagan in its origin and hellish in its destiny.” He said, “Freemasons claimed that they were organised to prevent Catholics from getting possession of this government, but he believed the proper way to fight fire was with water, and not with fire. One Secret Society was not necessary to overthrow another Secret Society.”

It seems to me that the Rev. O. P. Gifford must have got the idea that Masonry was designed to oppose Roman Catholics from a zealous Masonic Knight Templar, but where he learned that Freemasonry claimed that it was organised for preventing Catholics from getting possession of this government is a puzzle.

After some unimportant remarks by Mr. Charles A. Blanchard, of Chicago, the Congress adjourned, “to meet on Thursday, at 9.30 in the morning.”

At the next meeting, the presiding Reverend reminded the audience that money will be needed for keeping up the organization. Contribution boxes circulated in the hall, but (says the reporter in the *Herald*) “with only moderate success.”

Rev. J. H. Brown, of New Hampshire, was now introduced; he claimed to be a Freemason, and also an *Odd Fellow*. Formerly, he said, he believed in Secret Societies, but he had come to learn his duty to God better. He claimed to have secured his honourable discharge from both organisations, and hence it seems that he came to the conclusion that it was now perfectly honourable to violate his oaths, and expose their secrets without any scruples of conscience. He further said that “it is difficult to get justice done where Masonry is concerned. It teaches false theology, it is anti-Evangelical, the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is not mentioned in Masonry,” and, he added, “What is true of Masonry is true of Odd Fellowship.”

An indiscreet, over-zealous Mason here wanted to ask some questions, and informed the Congress that Masonry existed before Christ was born. He was, however, called to order by a Reverend, who said that “this was not a debating society.” So, after the audience had a good laugh, the reverend President of the Congress told the *would-be* Masonic defender to read the 5th Chapter of Ephesians, and as the poor fellow evidently did not know much about the 5th Chapter of Ephesians he never said another word.

The next important orator was Evangelist Leyden. He said that “he was formerly a Roman Catholic, and that he had compared the teachings of Masonry and Roman Catholicism, and found they were the same.” (Applause of course followed the above announcement). He then entered his protest against the Roman Catholic system, spoke of the great power of the Church, and argued that in the near future Roman Catholicism and Masonry would amalgamate.

The third meeting was briefly reported in the *Herald*. The first speaker was a coloured pastor of a Baptist Church, of Memphis, Tennessee, who merely lauded himself as a successful promoter of his Church. The next speaker bewailed the difficulties he encountered in convincing people about the “wickedness of Freemasonry and other secret societies.” “Clergymen do not care to utter their true convictions on the matter of secret societies, because a large part of their salaries is paid by fraternities, and papers do not dare to oppose these societies, because they would be boycotted throughout the land,” and he continued with similar senseless rant.

Mr. H. L. Kellogg, editor of the anti-Masonic paper at Chicago, called the *Christian Cynosure*, was the next speaker. He dwelt upon the Irish order of the Clan-na-Gael, and gave a sketch of its origin and former power, &c.

The Rev. L. A. Frink's Church, in West Boylston, is located in a building wherein a Masonic Lodge also holds its meetings. This rev. gentleman seems to be afraid that the nearness of his Church to the Lodge might tempt him

to become Masonized, so he asked "for the prayers of the members of the congress, that he might be relieved from the influence of wicked men."

Rev. R. P. Grant, of Beverly, uttered his protest against the influence of secret organisations. He would not permit a Freemasons' Lodge to take the place of his pulpit. He protested against Masonic funeral services. "He did not fear to speak plainly on this matter, for he spoke in a similar way in the pulpit."

Rev. T. C. Cunningham, of Somerville, said that "the Church of Christ is sufficient to meet the moral and physical wants of men, and it is the only one that any man has a moral right to join." The italicising is mine. And now for the last meeting of the Congress, held on Thursday evening.

The evening session of the congress was held in Tremont Temple, Rev. H. T. Cheever presiding. Before introducing the first speaker, Mr. Cheever offered the following affirmation of principles, which he said would be considered during the evening:—

That the inception and establishment of a national Christian party of reform on the basal principles of righteousness and humanity, with confessed allegiance to Christ, the King, has become a necessary step in the providential march of events, and in the foreordained progress of a great Christian people struggling to get free from the chronic thralldom of intemperance through the tolerated liquor traffic, from the depraving control of oath-bound and Jesuit orders of secrecy, and from all old world or new world usages or abuses incompatible with a true Christian civilization.

The first speaker of the evening was President Charles A. Blanchard, of Wheaton College, Illinois, whose topic was "The Clan-na-Gael, or Irish Brotherhood." He opened his address with a picture of the condition of the people of Ireland as witnessed by him during a visit in that country. To improve their condition many of the inhabitants came to this country, and found themselves surrounded by thousands of secret societies, and it was but natural that, desiring to help their countrymen whom they had left behind, they should form a secret organization, and thus the Clan-na-Gael sprang up. The speaker then traced what he claimed to be the methods employed by the Clan-na-Gael which led to the murder of Dr. Cronin, classed all secret societies in the same category, and advocated the passage of a general law prohibiting secret societies.

Rev. H. L. Hastings delivered an address on "The Remedy," which he said was investigation, ventilation, information, agitation, immigration and, perhaps, legislation.

The committee on resolutions, appointed on Wednesday, submitted the following series, and they were adopted:—

1. As a body of Christians, representing the Christian churches and ministry of the land, it is the deliberate judgment of this congress that the various orders bound to secrecy in all their multitudinous forms and names—Mormonism, Masonry, and Jesuitism, the Clan-na-Gael, &c.—are incompatible with true Christianity, with the obligations of American citizenship, and with the free institutions of America, and they should be met and overthrown in the name of republican government and of true religion.

2. We recognise the over-ruling providence of God in the United States courts at Salt Lake City, in bringing to light the secret oaths of the endowment house, and in securing a judicial decision that they are contrary to good citizenship, and those who take them are thereby made aliens to the government of the United States. We also rejoice at the universal popular condemnation of the Clan-na-Gael as a system which should never be allowed to exist in America. We hail these judgments of court and people as premonitions of the final overthrow of the secret Lodge system.

3. As a conference we approve the efforts of the National Christian Association to arouse our own people, and extend this reform to foreign lands. The Lodge is ubiquitous, and its pestilential influence is world-wide. We recommend to the association that every effort be made at the proposed world's fair in 1892 to reach the multitudes which will be gathered from every land under the sun. And if this universal exhibition shall be held in Chicago, the headquarters of our reform, as we hope it may be, we recommend that an international conference be held during its progress, that shall adequately represent the reform against the secret Lodges, and which shall enlighten the world by the vigour and power of its discussions.

There was a formal discussion on the resolutions, after which the congress adjourned sine die.

On comparing our Masonic *Saints* who clamour for expelling every one from Masonry who disbelieves in the inspiration of the Bible with the saints of the anti-secret congress, I find that both alike attach more importance to theology than they do to the "golden rule," to justice, or to common sense; both alike detest liberty of conscience outside of their church; and both alike would persecute an unbeliever in their *isms* if they had the power to do so.

Boston, U.S., 17th December 1889.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—The changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most cautious of their health, and most particular in their diets. These corrective, purifying and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective actions of the digestive organs; they augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, unmingled with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and its incapacity of doing harm.

## REPLY TO BRO. JACOB NORTON.

BY BRO. WM. H. PECKHAM.

MY attention has recently been directed to a letter by Bro. Jacob Norton, in your issue of 19th October last, and republished in the *Masonic Review* of Cincinnati, Ohio, wherein I am unnecessarily and personally attacked.

Bro. Norton has for years past assumed the role of a Masonic Censor, and seems to be afflicted with not only the *cacoethes scribendi*, but also the ignoble desire to attack without warrant his *brothers* and *fellows*. This failing is doubtless the result of an idle mind, for if he was or had been occupied in attending to his secular affairs time would not have been afforded him to concoct the diatribes so profusely circulated; and as your journal bears the reputation of "justice to all," I respectfully ask that as you printed Bro. Norton's letter you will do me the justice of publishing this reply.

Bro. Norton stigmatises me for having "become conscience stricken at the sin committed by his (my) successor (Bro. F. J. S. Gorgas) for visiting in Paris the Grand Orient Scottish Rite concerns, and for receiving acknowledgment from the Grand Orient." He further assails me with the remark, "It is rather curious that it took Brother Peckham eighteen months before he discovered the palpable sin committed by Bro. Gorgas." He continues by saying, "However, Bro. Peckham frankly acknowledged his error, but instead of receiving sympathy he is attacked by all parties, with sneers, sarcasms, &c." I defy Bro. Norton to prove what he writes. He, to give strength to his unwarranted aspersion and ready pen dipped in *gall and worm-wood*, quotes the *Toronto Freemason*, which is an organ of the so called "Northern Jurisdiction," to screen himself for his uncalled-for attack on me. He also refers to others of that body in support of the lucubrations with which he sought to insult me through your widely circulated journal. Other portions of his letter I will not waste time in discussing, as they are evidently the emanations of an illogical brain, not inspired by the efforts and amenities of polite life, or of the primary instruction given while passing through his "first degree" in Symbolic Masonry.

In further reply to Bro. Norton, I may remark that from the return of Bro. Gorgas from Europe, and the issuance of his *manifesto* detailing his actions while there, with lithographic copies of his American Masonic patents, copiously covered with foreign "visés" I instantly took the alarm, plainly perceiving that he had perpetrated an egregious and grave mistake, assisted by his *compagnon du voyage* (Bro. J. S. Hopkins), and I did not hesitate to give open expression to my sentiments. I acted as every conservative Mason or thinking man would, and patiently waited for the full development of facts, so as safely to base my final action before the universal Masonic world. Others of our Rite who were intimately acquainted with the relation in which the Grand Orient was held by the Grand Lodge of Maryland felt as I did, and awaited as I did, and ultimately discovered, to their full satisfaction, that Bro. Gorgas had violated his obligation and fealty to the laws of Freemasonry, and more especially to the Grand Lodge of Maryland; and many of these same brethren, having no sympathy with the elimination of the name of Deity by the Grand Orient of France from its constitution and Ritual, withdrew from the Scottish Rite, holding and feeling, as I do, that fealty to Symbolic Masonry is paramount. What does the sequel demonstrate? At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maryland (in November last) Bro. Gorgas, Past Grand Senior Warden thereof, presented the following letter:—

"Baltimore, 14th November 1888.

"Thomas J. Shryock, Esq., Grand Master of Masons of Maryland.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,—As a Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and in view of the fact that, from time to time during the past year, accusations have been published to the effect that, during a recent visit to Europe, I officially visited the Grand Orient of France, with which fraternal relations have been suspended by the Grand Lodges of America, and thereby shown disloyalty to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to which I owe allegiance, I make the following statement:

During my visit to Paris, France, in April 1888, I visited an informal meeting of the Council of a body which I understood to be, and which I was informed, by what I considered to be good authority, was a purely Scottish Rite body.

Since my return home I have learned, greatly to my surprise, that the official Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France, has published a statement to the effect that my visit was to a body connected with

the Grand Orient of France, and having authority over Symbolic Masonry in that country.

If such is the case, I have unintentionally visited a body with whose functions and authority, so far as Symbolic Masonry is concerned, I was ignorant, and I therefore disown any intention to act contrary to any duty I owe my Grand Lodge.

I can conscientiously say that I have beheld with regret the effect upon Symbolic Masonry which the dissensions of rival Scottish Rite organisations have occasioned, and have, therefore, determined to do all in my power towards preserving that harmony and fraternal feeling which Masonry inculcates; and in furtherance of this purpose I have fully determined to sever my connection with the A. and A. Scottish rite at the earliest period possible, and to devote my time to Symbolic Masonry.

Several pleasant interviews with you, the Grand Master of Masons of Maryland, have strengthened this determination, and made me more than ever desirous to relieve you of a pressure which, I am well aware, has been brought from many sources to induce you to interfere, in your official capacity, in a matter which you have always considered to be foreign to Symbolic Masonry, and which you honestly desired to exclude from the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Very truly and fraternally,

FERDINAND J. S. GORGAS."

Whereupon Bro. E. T. Schultz, addressing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, said:

"If I have correctly understood the reading of the communication of Bro. Gorgas, he admits having visited a body or chamber of the Grand Orient of France during his visit to Paris last year, but says he was under the impression that it was a Scottish Rite body, and had no connection with the Symbolic Masonry of the Grand Orient. Ascertaining, however, that the body visited is a part of the system of the Grand Orient of France, and that he thus violated the standing resolution of 1870 of this Grand Lodge, he now disclaims any intention of having done so knowingly or willfully.

"It appears to me, Most Worshipful, this disclaimer should be accepted, and therefore, with a view of ending, so far at least as this jurisdiction is concerned, an unhappy controversy that has existed among the Craft for some years past, I beg leave to offer the following:

"Resolved—That the communication of Bro. F. J. S. Gorgas, addressed to the Most Worshipful Master, and by him referred to this Grand Lodge, be received in the spirit in which it is offered, and that the explanations and acknowledgments therein contained be, and they are hereby accepted as satisfactory for an offence unwittingly committed against this Grand Lodge."

Brother Medaury, Grand Secretary, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Maryland adopted, May 1870, the following Standing Resolutions:

"Resolved—That until the Grand Orient of France shall withdraw its recognition of the so-called Supreme Council of the A. and A.S. Rite, of the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana, all fraternal relations and correspondence between that Grand Orient and this Grand Lodge be, and the same are hereby suspended.

"Making the restoration of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge conditional upon the withdrawal of its recognition of the so-called Supreme Council of the A. and A.S. Rite of the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana, and

"Whereas, The Grand Orient of France has eliminated from its Constitution the name of Deity—the belief in and recognition of whom, from Time Immemorial, has been a fundamental principle of Freemasonry, as also a most essential pre-requisite for any one who desires to enter her portals; therefore, in order to be more emphatic in the severance of our relations with the Grand Orient of France,

"Resolved—That all Masonic communications and intercourse by the Freemasons of Maryland with the Grand Orient of France, its subordinates, or any Mason who owes allegiance thereto, is hereby prohibited by this Grand Lodge."

This is vindication enough for me, and all intelligent loyal Masons must so regard it.

If Bro. Norton, and others who have assailed my integrity, would read and analyse the current events in Masonry, they will most clearly and easily perceive that I acted wisely, cautiously, and conservatively; and that all of Bro. Norton's attack was indecorous and widely outside of the morals and ethics of Freemasonry: admitting that "Mr. Peckham was wise in his day and generation," "He has taken time by the forelock."

"There are but two things for the members of Cerneauism Rite to do, either to ignore Gorgas, or to be subject to a Masonic trial in a Blue Lodge." \* \* \* \* \*

"The law reads that no person shall be recognised as a Freemason who doubts or ignores the existence of a Supreme being."

"Certainly the recognition by Gorgas of the Grand Orient of France, where no such belief is required, is in direct violation of the law."

*Par parenthese*, Bro. Norton evidently writes without knowing or recollecting what are really the *res gestæ*, for I find him discussing in his said letter (of 19th Oct.) what Anderson laid down as the fundamental law of Masonry, or rather attacks the Grand Lodge of England, viz.:—

"Why the Grand Lodge of England may discard Anderson's laws, and why the Grand Orient of France may not." His paragraph from Anderson, with the disquisition thereon about *religion* are, when taken in conjunction with what is *law*, *illogical*, and exhibit ignorance of what really constitutes the American basis of Masonry; or what is the keystone thereof.

It needs no reply from me, beyond saying that he, being a Hebrew (who *must* believe in Jehovah), must well know and realise, that any act approaching to *Atheism*, *Agnosticism*, or *Reason*, to which the Grand Orient has descended, will not and cannot, even under his dictation, be acceptable to American Masons or to any others who follow, not only Anderson, but also those who preceded him or Desaguliers.

Neither is it proper for him to traduce them (Brothers) as he pleases, or become a *free lance*, and attack, *ad nauseum*, and that a *Jewish Mason* should not write that "the said pious American Worshipful Masters are neither men of honour nor gentlemen."

I, if correctly informed, believe that Bro. Norton has never gone beyond the Master's degree, and I hold that he is *not the man* to attack, slander, or detract from those who have deemed it proper to affiliate with the degrees beyond, even up to the 33rd in Scottish Rite Masonry. I, for one, would be pleased to see, why or wherefore, he is or has been so vehemently opposed to *all* degrees beyond the Third. Are all who have done so silly birds, easily caught with chaff?

Lastly, I remark that the allegation Bro. Norton makes "that I am not in good standing" is a gross libel, and that I am not, and never was, "a peddler of degrees." My present standing in Lodge, Chapter and Masonic Knights Templar and Veterans, at the present writing, is irreproachable, and possibly beyond that of Bro. Norton's. I am and have been a member of the Craft for forty years—a Past Master of Ionic Lodge, No. 486, Past Treasurer of Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 147; Member of Adelpi Council R. and S. Masters, No. 7; Past Commander and Present Treasurer of Ivanhoe Commandery, K.T. No. 36, and a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association. All being of this City. It is a question whether Bro. Norton is at this date an active member of any Body in Masonry.

In conclusion, I venture to advise him to cease in the future; and not use his pen to detract from the character of a Masonic Brother.

NEW YORK CITY, U.S., 14th December 1889.

## THE MASONIC ELECTIONS.

WE are now in the midst of the season when occurs the crucial test of the year to the Craft, that of the Masonic Elections. Universal suffrage is the law in our Lodges, and other Masonic bodies—every member has a vote; and the character of Freemasonry as an organisation next year, its prosperity or adversity, will largely depend upon the wisdom with which the Brethren and Companions now select their rulers.

It is true of any government, that no matter how excellent its constitution and laws may be, it is their administration which determines their practical character. With ignorance, or incompetence, or presumption, or venality to interpret and execute them, they are for the time being lowered to the level of those who administer them. A government is never better than its governors. The case is somewhat, although fortunately not altogether, the same in Freemasonry. Still it is true that the efficiency and the prosperity of a Lodge or Chapter, and the ability to make thoroughly good Masons, depends in large measure upon the wisdom and ability of the Worshipful Master or Most Excellent High Priest. A good ruling officer makes a good Masonic body. He is the pattern after which the majority copy. His example is contagious. Hence, an inattentive Officer, or one who is an indifferent worker, or who displays no enthusiasm in the performance of his duties, soon makes an indifferent Lodge or Chapter, soon thins out the attendance, soon brings even the better class of members down to the level of himself. If all this be true, how important it is that at this season the *very best* material should be selected to preside in the chair of King Solomon.

Friendship is a noble sentiment, but personal friendship should not alone determine who shall sit in the East. There is a friendship for the Craft which should control the friendship for the individual Brother. The whole is greater than any of its parts. We owe it to our Fraternity, which is so pure in principle, so noble in action, so venerable in age, so exalted in the estimation even of many in the profane world, to see to it that its character is fully maintained in the present and the near future. These are under our control. We are the makers of contemporary history, and proximately of that which immediately will follow. Our votes are determining who shall represent the Craft during the coming year.

It should never be forgotten that Freemasonry is largely, and rightly, judged by its rulers, who are thereby made its chosen representatives. Whether it be true or not, their actions are judged to be Masonic, because they are the foremost Brethren placed in authority by the Craft itself, to interpret its Constitution, Usages, Customs and Landmarks. These latter may be never so good, but if the official action of Masters of Lodges or High Priests of Chapters be never so bad, the former are for the time being imperilled. But here wisely comes in the conserving and restraining power in Freemasonry. Just as the Master or High Priest in a Lodge or Chapter may, by virtue of his office, restrain the perverse action of any member or members threatening the harmony or well-being of the body, so the Grand Master or Grand High Priest may, in like manner, control the radically unwise or perverse action of a subordinate body, or its presiding Officer. Freemasonry has provided the best possible system of checks and balances for maintaining the equilibrium of Masonic law and obligation. It has combined the most admirable features of the rule of the one and of the many, of absolute authority and of universal suffrage. If the Craft were to attempt to-day to formulate a plan of government which should combine all possible advantages, in the light of six thousand years' experience of mankind, it could not provide a more equitable or stable system of government than that which now prevails, and has prevailed from time immemorial, in the Royal Craft. At the same time it is wise to choose the ablest, the wisest, the most experienced rulers to preside in all of the constituent Lodges and Chapters in the Fraternity, since it is far easier to prevent mistakes than to cure them. A skilful, conscientious, painstaking Master or High Priest can do, will do, no harm to the Craft, and this, Brethren and Companions, is the character of man and Mason you should elect to Masonic office when called upon during the present season to exercise your right of suffrage in your respective Masonic bodies. Remember your obligation to your Lodge or Chapter, and to the whole Craft, and vote accordingly—not as you may be solicited to vote, not as you are merely inclined by friendship to vote, but as you *should* vote, in view of all of your obligations to ancient Freemasonry.—*Keystone*.

The Eccleston Lodge of Instruction will, on and after to-night (Saturday), hold its meetings at Bro. Dickie's, 13 Cambridge-street, Pimlico.

The *Leicester Post*, after giving details of the amounts subscribed during the year to the London Masonic Institutions, states:—"The Benevolent Institution, which for five out of the last seven years has headed the list, has between 300 and 400 annuitants on its books; the Girls' School boards, clothes, and educates 264 girls; and the Boys' School 263 boys."

The New Year's Entertainment to the "Old Folks," at Croydon, was given on Wednesday. We regret we were unable to attend, but will try and supply some particulars next week.

An effort, which it is believed will be successful, is being made to originate a Lodge at Kelvedon. Masons in the neighbourhood have felt the inconvenience of going to Maldon, Colchester, and the surrounding neighbourhood, and it is believed the movement will materially benefit the Craft.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

FRIDAY, the 27th ult., being the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, the installation meeting was held at the Devon and Cornwall Masonic Hall and Club, Princess-square, Plymouth. Bro. Frederick Wreford S.W. was installed as W.M. in the presence of the largest Board of Installed Masters ever known in the Province—there being fifty-four P.M.'s present—a striking testimony to the respect and esteem in which Bro. Wreford is held. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. King, Bros. W. T. Hocking P.M., James Griffin P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Frank Westcott P.M., and J. B. Gover P.M. and Secretary. Previous to the installation, Mr. Henry Crocker, of Plymouth, and Mr. F. J. Sercombe, assistant-engineer H.M.S. Camperdown, son of Brother G. Sercombe P.M. of the Lodge, were initiated. The ceremony was rendered all the more interesting from the fact that Bro. Sercombe obligated both candidates. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. King I.P.M., H. J. Evans S.W., W. L. D. Colling J.W., Dr. Lemon P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Chaplain, R. Pengelly P.M. Treas., J. B. Gover P.M. Secretary, J. Hicks S.D., John Carr J.D., Mark Jacobs D.C., John Goad A.D.C., William Holloway Organist, George E. Sercombe I.G., John Burton S.S., J. Cory, A. G. Collins, George Leach, and George W. Vincent Stewards, and W. H. Phillips Tyler. Bro. R. Pengelly was re-elected representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. J. Hicks Charity Steward. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon then presented to the Lodge a copy of "The Yorkshire Lodges: A Century of Yorkshire Freemasonry," by J. Ramsden Riley, of Bradford (Historian of 387), P.P.G.D.C. of West Yorkshire. The gift having been duly acknowledged, two candidates were proposed for initiation, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to the refectory, where nearly one hundred sat down to the annual banquet, which was worthy of the club. The menu cards, most artistic and highly finished, were the work of Bro. Westcott. During the dinner an orchestral band, under the direction of Bro. A. Lidiard, played some capital selections. Bro. Wreford the W.M. presided, in addition to those already named. The usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were duly honoured. Letters of apology were received from, among others, Lord Ebrington P.G.M. of Devon, Lord Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M. of Cornwall, Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., the Mayor of Plymouth (Bro. H. J. Waring), Brcs. W. Dorry, and H. Reed, all of whom expressed a hope that the W.M. would have a pleasant and successful year of office. The toast of the W.M. was most cordially received. Bro. J. B. Gover presented Bro. W. King the I.P.M. with a handsome r.m.'s jewel on behalf of the Lodge in appreciation of the zeal and ability he had displayed during his year of office. In proposing "The Directors and Shareholders of the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company," Bro. Gover referred to the invaluable services Bro. Goodall, the late Secretary, rendered to the company. Bro. Goodall, in responding, said it was at the wish of the brethren of the Three Towns that they erected the Masonic Hall, which was considered to be one of the finest in the country, and it was not fair to the present shareholders that those who voted for them to embark on the undertaking should not support them by taking shares. They were at present paying interest on a portion of the share capital, and if all the shares were taken up by the brethren they would be in a position to pay a very fair dividend. He therefore hoped that the brethren would take up the unallotted shares, and thus place them in a position to hand a dividend over to the shareholders generally. Bro. Dillon, the present Secretary, also responded. A capital musical evening followed. Bro. E. Roseveare gave a comical ventriloquial sketch, in which he cleverly introduced humorous references to certain brethren present, which caused roars of laughter and at the close was heartily applauded. Bro. J. Kinton Bond, B.A., P.P.G.D.C., recited in his well-known style "The Fireman's Love," and equally successful was the rendering by Bro. W. L. Lavers P.M. of the "Seven Ages of Masonry." Bro. T. Mc D. Rendle having given a humorous speech, sang with much gusto his now famous song "The Town Council" (written up to date). Bro. W. H. Gillman was in good voice, and sang "Who shall be King?" in splendid style. Bro. P. Elford played two cornet solos, and those who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening were Brcs. T. Goodall, J. Hicks, J. Leonard, F. J. Sercombe, J. Bromley, R. Blight, and J. Treliving.

### LENNOX LODGE, No. 123.

THE members have recently commemorated the festival of St. John the Evangelist. The installation ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Newbiggin Street, Richmond, Yorkshire, and was performed by Bro. A. T. Rogers, when Bro. John Hinchliffe Scholes was duly installed in the chair. The W.M. elect then appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. John Gibson I.P.M., S. W. Close S.W., Rev. J. E. Torbett J.W.; J. W. Smith P.M. Treasurer, George Peacock Secretary, R. Murray S.D., E. V. Schofield J.D., T. C. Denham P.M. D.C., G. W. Fawcett Organist, F. Gilling Inner Guard, E. S. Close Senior Steward, J. A. Wiggins Junior Steward, W. Grieves Tyler. The visiting brethren were Bros. J. Graham P.M. 111, Thos. Dunn 124, and James Henderson 664. A banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel.

### LIGHTS LODGE, No. 148.

ST. JOHN'S Festival was celebrated by the brethren in the Masonic-rooms, Sankey Street, Warrington, on the 30th ult.



Among those present were Bros. Goodacre, J. Evans, R. Brierley, and W. D. Finney. In the absence, through illness, of Bro. W. H. Robinson, that Officer's duties were undertaken by Bro. Finney, and Brother John Hesketh acted as Senior Warden. The W.M. elect, Brother H. Young, was presented and duly installed by Brother W. D. Finney, and afterwards the following Officers were duly invested by the W.M.:—Brothers R. W. Hill S.W., Dr. Adams J.W., W. B. Roberts S.D., H. F. Greenough J.D., and Ward I.G. The Rev. Mr. Rigby was appointed Chaplain of the Lodge. After the ceremony the brethren, to the number of nearly fifty, sat down to a banquet, presided over by the Worshipful Master.

#### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE usual monthly meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 9th ult. Bro. S. Smither W.M. occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The business comprised the initiation of Messrs. Kingston and Merrifield, the ceremony being ably worked by the W.M. and his Officers. Bro. Davey S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and it was agreed to present Bro. Smither with a Past Master's jewel and collar in recognition of his services during the past year. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where an excellent dinner was served, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M. being especially complimented on the excellence of his working and the prosperity of his year of office. Amongst the members present were the W.M. Bros. J. Smith P.M., H. Jones, Elvin, H. Alexander, T. R. Smither, Doughty. Visitors from No. 1766: Bros. J. Cox W.M., G. T. Barr P.M., R. S. Ricketts Orgt., J. Tidball, R. Jeremy; A. Dorville 704, G. Andrews 1420, E. T. Pearce 1260, Signor Alberto 1685 (the latter entertained the gathering with some clever feats of legerdemain).

#### WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 949.

A LARGE gathering of members of the Masonic Fraternity assembled at a special meeting in their hall at Monkwearmouth, on the 23rd ult., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. G. W. Bain, for the purpose of presenting a congratulatory address to the Mayor of Sunderland, Bro. R. Shadforth, on his accession to the Mayoralty. The Lodge having been opened, the W.M. called upon the D. of C. Bro. G. Porteous to read the address, which was as follows:—

"To Worshipful Brother Robert Shadforth P.M. P.P.S.G.D., Mayor of Sunderland.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, in open Lodge assembled, do with the utmost pleasure and fraternal respect approach you to offer our sincere and hearty congratulations on the very auspicious occasion of your being unanimously elected to the onerous and distinguished office of first magistrate of the County Borough of Sunderland. We believe that every Freemason in the province of Durham will hail with equal satisfaction as ourselves your elevation to so distinguished a position. We need not remind you of the requirements of the high office you have assumed, but we would venture to say that the tenets of Freemasonry (of which you have already made yourself Master) will assist in no small degree to the maintenance of that dignity and respect which constitutes so vital an element in the successful holding of that office.

"Let prudence direct you,  
Fortitude support you,  
And justice be the guide of all your actions."

We rest assured that if your government is carried out on these principles, aided by the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, your term of office will be marked by the most lasting and pleasing results. In conclusion, we proffer you our very best wishes for a happy and successful term of office; and we ask you to convey to the Mayoress our most respectful good wishes and congratulations, and subscribe ourselves,

GEORGE WASHINGTON BAIN W.M.  
FREDERICK MADDISON I.P.M.  
REMIGIUS BLAKE S.W.  
LEMUEL R. DAVIES J.W.  
JOHN G. KIRTLEY Treasurer.  
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ALEX. T. MUNRO P.M.  
NICHOLAS TAILOR P.M.  
JOHN HEWSON P.M."

The address was set out with Masonic and other emblems, and was handsomely worked by Mr. Ezra Miller, of Sunderland. The W.M. Bro. G. W. Bain, in the course of a very eloquent speech, presented the address to his Worship the Mayor. He said that the brethren of his Lodge would look with a degree of happiness and pride at the Mayor's career through the chair. They also associated the name of the Mayoress with the presentation and had no doubt their term of office would be linked with benefit to every good cause. The Mayor, who was cheered on rising, said this was one of the

peculiar moments of his life. He thanked the W.M. for the very excellent remarks he had made, and felt thankful at the attendance of so many of the leading brethren of Sunderland. He should prize the handsome address they had presented him that night, and felt sure that the Mayoress would also participate with him in the pleasure that the presentation gave. She had nobly aided him in the discharge of the duties of the mayoralty, and was seeking to help everything that had a tendency to promote the good work in all directions. The Lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, under the chairmanship of Bro. W. Bain W.M., who was supported by the Mayor, and many Provincial Officers and others.

#### STANFORD LODGE, No. 1947.

THE installation meeting took place at the Town Hall, Hove, on Saturday, the 14th ult., when a large number of members and visitors were present. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. E. S. Medcalf, assisted by his Officers. The usual routine business having been concluded, a dispensation was read, giving permission for the Lodge to meet on Saturday, the 14th, instead of the usual day, Wednesday, the 11th. The W.M. Elect, Bro. F. A. Channing, M.P., was duly presented and installed in the chair as W.M., the ceremony being performed by the out-going Master, Bro. E. S. Medcalf, in a very efficient manner. The addresses were given by Bros. Eberall and Styer, Bro. J. W. Stride acting as D.C. The W.M. appointed as his Officers:—Bros. E. S. Medcalf I.P.M., A. Du Pont S.W., H. Endacott J.W., Jacques Massis Chaplain, J. W. Stride Treasurer, J. J. Clark Secretary, A. F. Lamette S.D., W. E. Hughes J.D., J. H. Glassington D.C., J. Crapps Organist, W. Potter I.G., and C. F. Goode Senior Steward. Bros. E. L. Voysey and Dudney were elected on the General Purposes Committee, and Bro. A. F. Lamette as Charity Steward. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. Bro. E. S. Medcalf with the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him at the last meeting. A vote of condolence was passed to the W.M. on his recent bereavement, and the S.W. Bro. Du Pont thanked the W.M. on behalf of the Officers for the honour he had done them in appointing them to office. The W.M. suitably acknowledged the vote of condolence, and expressed his regret that he was unable to remain to the banquet. The Lodge having been duly closed the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was of a choice description, and was served and personally supervised by Bro. E. Booth, of East Street. The I.P.M. Bro. E. S. Medcalf, presided, and remarked as a musical evening was intended he should not occupy much time in making speeches. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the Rev. J. Pattick Prov. G. Chaplain, responding for the Provincial Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was drunk in his absence, with much regret that he was unable to be present. Bros. Dr. H. E. Price, F. G. C. May, and W. Carless responded for the Visitors, and expressed their pleasure both with the working and the banquet. There were fifteen W.M.'s of the Province present, but many were compelled to leave before the toast was reached, responses being given by Bros. J. H. Whatford, Anscombe, and Dowell. The Past Masters, proposed by Bro. J. W. Stride, was acknowledged by the Chairman and Bro. L. R. Styer. Bro. Du Pont responded to the Officers, the Tyler's toast completing the list. The musical programme was carried out under the direction of the Organist, Brother J. Crapps, assisted as accompanist by Bro. W. N. Ree. The vocalists were Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Hands, Mrs. Alfred Roe, Mr. G. Welling, and Mr. Pilbeam; violin solos being given by Mr. H. Crapps (from the Brussels Conservatoire), and recitations by Bros. J. A. Thilthorpe and J. J. Clark.

#### Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839.—

A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 31st December, at the Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside. Bros. Dixie Preceptor, Cox W.M., Scherer S.W., Davison J.W., Williams Treasurer, Miller Secretary, Ashby S.D., Lowry J.D., M. Hart I.G., and several others. After customary formalities the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Culver acting as candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked. The Fifteen Sections will be worked here by the members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday, 14th January 1890. The Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

#### THE THEATRES, &c.

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AVENUE.—One of the most successful of the numerous burlesques produced at the "merry little Strand" was Brough's "Field of the Cloth of Gold," and by its revival at this theatre we are enabled to perceive how the public taste has changed with regard to this form of amusement. Capitally acted and brilliantly mounted, with new songs and dances, it nevertheless did not go with that verve that made the fortune of the Swanborough management, though it is quite possible it will be witnessed and enjoyed by numerous visitors during the holidays. Mrs. Malaprop justly says, "comparisons are odorous," and it would be manifestly unfair to compare the present company with that which was so thoroughly schooled in the art of burlesque of one and twenty years ago. Mr. Chevalier and Mr. Geo. Capel represent the rival monarchs, with considerable humour, and their laughable encounter in the ring was heartily applauded. Miss Amelia Grubb sang well as Anne Boleyn, Miss Minnie Byron was a dashing Earl of Darnley, and Mr. Julian Cross scored well as the cripple Sir Guy. Henry's first spouse Katherine, here represented as a very strong minded lady, is cleverly sustained by Miss Maria Davis, while Miss Marie Linden, Miss Violet Evelyn, together with Messrs. Alec Marsh, J. Tapley, G. Sinclair and W. Warde

entered heartily into the fun of the piece, indeed the only fault really to be found is that the burlesque is too short for modern audiences. It is decidedly well worthy of a visit, if only to show the present generation what pleased and delighted their fathers.

**Toole's.**—The welcome extended to Mr. J. L. Toole last Tuesday, when he made his reappearance for a short season of seven weeks, was doubtless all the more hearty on account of the favourite comedian's avowed intention of leaving England next February for a tour in Australia. He certainly could not be more warmly received, though owing perhaps to its being Christmas Eve the audience was not so large as might otherwise be expected. The piece was appropriate to the occasion, being Dion Boucicault's version of Dickens's charming Christmas story, "The Cricket on the Hearth," and once again did the veteran actor move us to smiles and tears with his pathetic rendering of old Caleb Plummer. Once more did Mr. John Billington present that cheery character John Peerybingle, and again did Eliza Johnstone delight as Tilly Slowboy, though she is becoming rather too developed to look the part. Mr. G. Shelton played the old curmudgeon Tackleton with due regard to the author's text; and Miss Mary Brough prettily represented Dot, after whom the play is called. Miss Irene Vanbrugh was thoroughly commendable as the blind girl Bertha; Miss F. Henry was well placed as May Fielding; and Mr. C. M. Lowrie made the most of the disguised Edward. The piece, though not calling for elaborate scenery, is admirably mounted. The rattling farce of "The Steeple Chase," with Mr. Toole as Tittums, brought the entertainment to a merry conclusion.

**Alhambra.**—The average Londoner who frequents the Alhambra, if asked to define the plot of a ballet would probably reply, in the words of Canning's organ grinder—"Story? God bless you, I have none to tell, Sir." If further questioned as to the cause of the amusement he derived from it, he would give much the same reason as the child does for his liking of the kaleidoscope, that wonderful toy in which pieces of painted glass assume fantastic shapes and varying combinations of colours. Pretty faces, lissome bodies, dancing feet, gorgeous dresses, to the accompaniment of the always tuneful music of M. Jacobi, constitute a spectacle which satisfies the senses, if it make no appeal to the mind. But Signor Casati has successfully demonstrated that, without derogating from the satisfaction of the senses, it is possible to produce a ballet telling a consistent, and even an interesting story, in dumb show. To do this he has gone to Le Sage's famous "Diable Boiteux" for inspiration. It would be interesting, by the way, to know how many plays and dramas, not to mention burlesques and pantomimes, would have remained unwritten if Le Sage had not created that lame imp of mischief—Asmodeus. But we digress. The story as told runs as follows. In radiant halls Don Pedro (Madame Roffey) receives the suitors for the hand of his daughter, Donna Serafina (Signorina E. Bessone). Among these is the wealthy Count Lusana (Madle Saracco), who presents many precious gifts. The most splendid is a gift of eight slaves, who afterwards dance in most admirable fashion one of the most effective and beautiful dances in the ballet. But Donna Serafina prefers the attentions of her student admirer, Don Cleofas (Madle Marie). Complications ensue, owing to the wiles of Asmodeus (Signor Vincenti), who causes Don Cleofas to be accused of the theft of Donna Serafina's jewels. Don Cleofas, by drawing his sword, manages to keep his enemies at bay, and the first tableau ends. The second tableau discloses the study of the astrologer and magician Artudez (M. Marra). Asmodeus, always up to mischief, assumes to be a fly, and annoys Artudez, till he is caught and placed in a large bottle on the shelf. Don Cleofas enters at this point, having escaped his pursuers. Seeing the cloak of Asmodeus, he proceeds to don it as a disguise. Hearing strange cries and groans, he accidentally frees Asmodeus from the bottle, and the grateful imp promises Don Cleofas his restoration to the Court of Don Pedro and the hand of Donna Serafina. Asmodeus and Don Cleofas fly away together, and the second tableau ends. The third tableau shows a fête given by Don Pedro, which Count Lusana attends in order to sign the marriage contract with Donna Serafina. Asmodeus, true to his word, appears with Don Cleofas, uses his magic power to magnetise everybody, demonstrates the innocence of Don Cleofas and the guilt of Count Lusana, who is, however, pardoned, and the betrothal of Donna Serafina and Don Cleofas takes place amid general rejoicings. With such a story, it is necessary to criticise the performers, not only as dancers, but also as actors. And they all come out of the ordeal well. Place aux dames. Signorina Bessone, deservedly a great favourite with Alhambra audiences, excelled herself, and it says a great deal for her dancing that it did not suffer even by comparison with that of Signor Vincenti, to whom we shall shortly refer. A magnetic dance with which she closes the second tableau is the very poetry of motion, and must be seen to be appreciated. In the final scene, poised upon the toes of one foot, she is slowly pulled across the stage. This is a remarkable and clever, but can never be a graceful feat. Her pantomime is adequate. But the best acting was that of Madlle. Marie, who shows a great advance in this part of her business, and whose dancing has not lost its old grace. Signorina Spotti has but few opportunities, unfortunately, but she makes the most of them. Her Moorish slave dance solo is capitally done, and her costume is charming. Madame Roffey and Signorina Saracco were adequate representatives of their rôles. Miss Minnie Thurgate's dance in the last scene hit the public taste, and is bound to be popular. Signor Vincenti is a wonder—an acrobat as well as a dancer—and his acting was perfect of its kind. We confess we have never been enchanted with men dancers, but Signor Vincenti thoroughly deserved the tumult of applause he received. We have now exhausted the list of principals. But it would be unfair not to refer to the eight coryphées whose Moorish slave dance deservedly won the first encore of the evening. Appearing as flies in the second scene, and again in the last, their dancing throughout was admirable. It would be a graceful recognition of their efforts if their names were

given in the same way as at the Empire. When we pass from the acting and dancing to the dresses and scenery we confess that our powers of description fail us. To say that the action takes place in sunny Spain is to indicate the scope allowed to the costmiser. All the colours of the rainbow are blended, by means of rich materials, into a harmonious whole. If we wished to be critical we should suggest that the whole is just a little too garish and that the blaze of colour is too much for the quiet eye. But no doubt the management understands to a nicety the public taste. We respectfully ask one question. We should like to know what thing that flies, whether large or small, has wings so situated as the wings in the otherwise pretty dresses worn by the eight coryphées in the last scene? Their effect is grotesque and ugly. They ought to be taken off. And now, whilst in critical mood, we venture the opinion that the Christmas pantomime business in the second scene is out of place, and would be better omitted. But, after all, these are only flies in amber. And now, what shall be said of M. Jacobi's tuneful setting of the story? All the music is delightful. M. Jacobi has never done better. The overture is a sufficient foretaste of what follows it. The Moorish slave dance, and the entry of the guitars and mandolines in the first tableau, the magnetic dance in the second, and the grand march in the third, show M. Jacobi at his best. The music is distinctly Spanish throughout, and the clink of castanets in many places adds to its effect. At the conclusion of the ballet, the whole of the principals, as also Signor Casati, M. Jacobi, and Mr. Morton, were called and re-called; and rightly. The capitals of Europe may be searched in vain for a better ballet than Asmodeus.

**Mohawk Minstrels.**—The ever-increasing popularity of this troupe of minstrels is hardly to be wondered at when one looks at the kind of entertainment that is supplied. As Christmas, Easter, or Whitsuntide comes round, new and appropriate songs are introduced, while at other times of the year complete changes in the "bill" are made. The programme arranged for this present Christmas is certainly a good one, and with all the old favourites well to the fore an enjoyable evening is assured. Messrs. Frank Elsworth, J. Russon, Thos. Campbell, R. Oliver, Warren Lawson and Master F. Bentley all lend good aid, while the comic songs and frolics of Messrs. Sambo Sutton, G. D'Albert, J. Drew, Walter Howard, Johnny Danvers, Johnny Schofield, T. Alders and Little Thomas cause endless fun. "The Mohawks' Christmas Tree" is a capital little comicality, that brings the first part to a close. In the second half of the programme we have a lively skit on the strong man business, by Johnny Danvers and Johnny Schofield; a double dance by Sambo Sutton and George D'Albert; some clever drolleries by Drew and Alders; a cornet solo by Celian Kottaun; a new parody on "The song that reached my heart," by Little Thomas; and a screaming Christmas sketch, by Mr. G. D. Fox, entitled "Mister Robinson Crusoe," which is performed by the whole company. By this means the Mohawks have managed to amuse crowded audiences during the Christmas, and we feel sure will do so for some time to come.

Miss Annie Irish will produce her new play at Terry's, at a matinee, on Tuesday, 21st January, in which the following ladies and gentlemen will appear:—Mesdames E. H. Brocke, Le Thiere, Josephine St. Ange, Roma and Annie Irish, Messrs. Fred Terry and Henry Pagden. The play will be stage-managed by Mr. W. H. Vernon, and the business arrangements will be looked after by Mr. H. T. Brickwell.

On Saturday evening, 1st February, "Sweet Lavender" will be played at Terry's for the 690th and last time. After that date, the house will be temporarily occupied, for eight months, by another management. In the meanwhile Mr. Edward Terry will take a pleasure trip to India, returning in the autumn to produce a new play.

We are glad to notice that the auditorium of the Crystal Palace pantomime, "Aladdin," has been completely transformed. Hitherto, the seats have been on the same level, thereby causing great dissatisfaction. A new sloping floor has, however, now been laid, which enables every seat-holder to have a perfect view of the performance. The pantomime is performed every afternoon at 3.0, and also on Thursday and Saturday evenings at 7.30.

Sussex Freemasons will learn with interest that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, is about to appoint the Right Hon. Sir William Thackeray Marriott, Q.C., M.P., to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the place of the late Bro. Gerrard Ford. Sir William, who is a Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of England, first became connected with the Province of Sussex as one of the founders of the Earl of Sussex Lodge (so named from the minor title of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who, on 15th June 1886, was installed by the Prince of Wales as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex), which was consecrated by the Duke of Connaught, at Brighton Pavilion, on 15th July 1887. The first Worshipful Master of the Lodge was the late Bro. Gerard Ford. Sir W. T. Marriott was S.W. In the following year he was duly installed in the chair, and, having completed his year of office, was in October last, appointed Prov. G. Senior Warden, and in that capacity became temporary head of the Province, and accordingly presided at the banquet which followed the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. Sir William's appointment is likely to prove popular. Amongst those who have previously filled the office are Bros. Thos. & Ed. Kemp, M.P., (founder of Kemp's), from 1880 to 1884; Colonel McQueen, 1884 to 1888; the late Colonel Dalby, 1888 to 1889; Bro. E. J. Fowler, 1889 to 1897; Bro. John Henderson Scott, and Bro. Gerard Ford.—*Sussex Daily News*.

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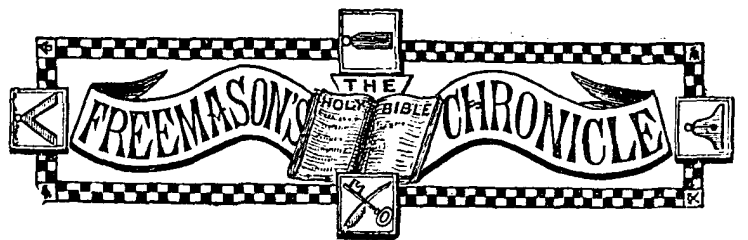
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## THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

NOTWITHSTANDING the gloomy forebodings and pessimistic croakings of those who are ever ready—at all times, and in all seasons—to throw cold water upon, or wrap in wet blankets every hopeful anticipation, the Craft is in a position to congratulate itself on the results achieved on behalf of its Chari-



ties during the year which ended on Tuesday last. The total amount contributed to the three Masonic Institutions, though it falls short of that secured in 1888 by something approaching £34,500, is fully equal to what the most sanguine of us could have anticipated. The supreme effort made in 1888, on the occasion of the celebration of the Girls' School Centenary Festival, without question had to a certain extent exhausted the soil, and, like good husbandmen, our Masonic brethren must not relax in their endeavours to nourish the ground, and await patiently the day when recuperation will assert itself. Another potent factor must be taken into consideration when we look carefully and critically at this "terrific" falling off. We use the word terrific, as it has been exercised very freely by an esteemed correspondent, who, in spite of a few eccentricities and a vast amount of half heartedness, is not a bad fellow, though no one can disabuse him of the idea that we are all going to the bad. But to return; the factor we allude to, and as we have already said, a potent factor, was the Special Grants by United Grand Lodge in recognition of the Queen's Jubilee. These grants (£2000 to each of the Scholastic Institutions, and £2000 to the Benevolent) swelled the total to the tune of £6000. If we deduct this amount from the comparative falling off in the two years we have but £28,500 to account for, and surely this may with every desire to argue plausibly be placed to the "Special Effort" made on behalf of the Girls on the occasion of their Centenary, and to facilitate the fervent desire expressed for increased accommodation at their headquarters at Battersea Rise.

The Benevolent Institution heads the List, and here much may be urged in advocacy of the appointment of a Collector for the other Institutions, but our space to-day will not permit us to venture on the consideration. The amount standing to its credit represents £18,729 18s 7d. The Girls' School comes second, with £14,986 9s 6d, while this is, roundly, 250 a-head of the Boys' Institution, where £14,727 10s 2d is the amount supplied. We repeat, all concerned have reason for congratulation, and so long as prudence and caution prevail in regard to the expenditure, we feel assured the Institutions will retain the confidence of the Masonic Brotherhood.

We have now only to refer to the grants made from the Fund of Benevolence. During the year these have amounted to the substantial sum of £9,144, and 429 recipients have participated. In 1888 the total amount granted was £11,468, while there were 436 applicants relieved. The Fund is carefully administered, and every confidence is placed in the worthy brethren who conduct its management. May these happy results long continue.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	15118	16	8
Dividends	1752	13	10
Grand Lodge	1600	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Interest on Cash at Call	108	8	1
	18729	18	7

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	11073	8	5
Donation from Grand Lodge	150	0	0
" " " Chapter	10	10	0
Part Payment North Wales Life Presentation (Centenary)	250	0	0
Dividends on Stocks and Interest on Deposits	3014	2	7
Miscellaneous Receipts	488	8	6
	14986	9	6

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	13303	12	4
United Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Music Fees	95	11	0
Mrs. Cama to "Prize Fund"	5	5	0
Legacies	17	10	0
Board of Stewards, Annual Festival	57	11	4
Sale of Cows	28	8	0
Sale of Lists of Subscribers	7	0	0
Sundries	3	13	0
	14179	0	8
Dividends	548	9	6
	14727	10	2

The Board of Benevolence.

Month.	Cases relieved.	£	s	d
January	44	1180	0	0
February	38	845	0	0
March	44	1085	0	0
April	42	802	0	0
May	40	725	0	0
June	25	510	0	0
July	37	660	0	0
August	23	485	0	0
September	15	260	0	0
October	44	1005	0	0
November	33	805	0	0
December	39	782	0	0
	429	9144	0	0

REVIEWS.

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

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"Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for 1890." London: Spencer's Masonic Depot, 15 Great Queen Street, W.C.

This well known Calendar is once more before us, and as heretofore contains every thing that is useful to the Craft. Among the principal items of interest we may mention that there is a complete list of all the regular Lodges and Chapters, with their places and times of meeting, corrected from the books of the United Grand Lodge and Chapter; the list of London meetings for each day; full information about the Masonic Institutions; a full list of all present and past Grand Officers, with the year in which they served, and to those who have passed away the year of their death. Then follows a list of Provincial and District Grand Masters, the members of the Board of General Purposes and Colonial Board; a list of remarkable occurrences in Masonry, dating back as far as A.D. 287, and being brought up to date; a list of grants made by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter to the several Institutions and deserving objects. At the end some information is given in respect to the different Grand Lodges other than the Grand Lodge of England, which is followed by particulars generally to be found in calendars. From this it will be seen that the book will rank among its predecessors, and, published as it is for the benefit of the Charity Fund ought, and we have no doubt will, add something substantial to the coffers of Grand Lodge.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1890." London: George Kenning and Co., 16 and 16A Great Queen Street, W.C.

THE twentieth issue of this book is filled with useful information, and deals with every kind of Masonic body. Lists of Lodges with dates (ancient and modern), Chapters, K.T. Preceptorates, Conclaves, Colleges, and Grand Councils are all supplied, while the names of the Officers in England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, United States, Central and South America, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Hamburg, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, Greece, Roumania and Bulgaria, Turkey, Peru, Netherlands, Luxemburg, Egypt, &c., so that it will be seen not an omission has been made. The list of Lodges for each day has been carefully compiled, while the months of meeting for each Lodge or Chapter, &c., are given. The charges in each degree, and the Entered Apprentice song is given at the end, which makes the "Cosmo" one of the most comprehensive Calendars yet brought before the Craft.

We have received, from Mr. W. Sarvent, of Broad Arrow Court, Milton Street, E.C., a very handsome Portable Date Almanac. The days, months, and years are well printed, in black and white on a tinted ground. The figures are splendidly proportioned and stand out with a prominence that will make them distinguishable at a considerable distance. The whole are enclosed in a metal frame, which is mounted on a substantial card. Mr. Sarvent's Almanac, we venture to predict, will be much sought after.

## GOSSIP ABOUT FREEMASONRY; ITS HISTORY AND TRADITIONS.

*A Paper read by Bro. S. Vallentine, P.M. and Z. No. 9, to the Brethren of the Albion Lodge of Instruction, 2nd November 1889.*

THERE has not been any part of that which I am now about to present to your notice that has caused me so much difficulty as the choice of its title.

I have had no intention to attempt the production of an ambitious work; my aim and hope has been to produce a something which might, within certain limits, present some small amount of interest, sufficient to induce you to search some of those fields from which I have culled so many of my "simples," that yourselves may gather and imbibe some of those I have passed by, strengthening that healthful Masonic tone you exhibit by your membership of this Lodge of Instruction, and your honouring me with your presence this evening.

Of necessity I have been compelled to depend so largely on "information I have received," that no better name than "Gossip" occurred to me; it enables me, should I fail to instruct, improve, or interest you, as mayhap unfortunately may be the case, to appeal to you not to be too censorious on my indulgence in—what so many are prone to, with less innocent intentions than mine—Gossip.

The History of Freemasonry presents a most interesting study to its followers; the mystery that surrounds its foundations, the uncertain traces of its progress, the changes that have taken place in the character of its ritual; now a pure and simple system of allegiance to God, then Jewish, then probably allied to Catholicism, then of a Protestant character, and now happily cosmopolitan. Yet notwithstanding its all importance; notwithstanding the benign influence of its teachings; notwithstanding its sowing broadcast the seeds of Love, Charity, and Truth, those powerful factors in humanity and influencing the affairs of mankind, there is no art, no science, no discovery, no invention, no history, of which so little is known as is that of Freemasonry.

It may be true that Freemasonry is a system veiled in allegory, but when we attempt to lift that veil we find a seeming impenetrable darkness beyond it, the sands that have covered great cities and monuments of old are being removed, but the light sufficient to enable us to trace the early history and progress of our Order has not yet reached us. The student of other arts and sciences has some glorious memories, that shine like stars, guiding and encouraging him on his path, increasing his devotion to the pursuit he loves. The painter can refer with glowing pride in his art to his Apelles; the sculptor to a Phidias; the geometrician to Euclid; the mechanician to Archimedes; the physician to Galen; the lawyer to Justinian; the orator to Demosthenes; the poet to Homer; but alas for ancient Freemasonry, its history depends upon its traditions, and its traditions too often, often too justly, are regarded as fables. Of it may be repeated those lines in Ecclesiastes, i. 11, "There is no remembrance of former things," and doubtless many might add from the 8th of the same Chapter, while thinking of much relating to our Order, "the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing."

As regards Freemasonry, from mediæval periods to the present day, the Masonic student is more fortunate, for thanks to the energy and perseverance of such writers as Gould, Hughan, Lane, Oliver, Sadler, and others, much of its history from those times is so delineated as to be more easily grasped by those who covet its possession. But there are still many crannies and many corners in which it would be well if the light could reach.

As to the commencement of the Order, and by whom it was founded and propagated, we have many suggestions—Adam, the Patriarchs, Solomon King of Israel, the ancient operative Masons, Cromwell, Charles Stewart, Sir Christopher Wren, and a long list of others. The most important theory, however, was (and it was propounded, too, by men whose learning and whose genius is beyond all doubt, and whose opinions demand respect) that Freemasonry existed before the creation. Dr. Oliver, one of the most devoted, erudite and loving of Freemasons, writes:—"Ancient Masonic traditions say and think justly that our science existed before the creation of the globe, and was diffused amidst the numerous systems which the grand empyreum

of universal space is furnished." Our talented but erring and unfortunate Bro. Dr. Dodd, in a Masonic oration said, "Though it might owe to the wise and glorious King of Israel some of its many mystic forms and hieroglyphical ceremonies, yet certainly the art itself is coeval with creation, when the Sovereign Architect raised on Masonic principles the beautiful globe, and commanded that master science geometry to lay the rule to the planetary mould, and to regulate by its laws the whole stupendous system in just unerring proportion rolling round the sun." Preston is of opinion that Masonry existed from the creation of the world. Mackay says, "Freemasonry is in its principles undoubtedly coeval with the creation, but in its origination as a peculiar Institution such as it now exists we dare not trace it further back than the building of King Solomon's Temple. To Noah God was merciful, and to the Patriarch and his posterity was to be entrusted the knowledge of the true God." Smith, Grand Master of Kent, claims for Freemasonry an existence at this same early period, and quotes, referring to Paradise, the lines:

"Here, Masons first their secrets did impart,  
And to man's hand revealed their sacred art."

From the extracts I have read of the opinions of Drs. Dodd and Oliver you will perceive the importance attributed to geometry in the construction of this our world. But they are not alone in these opinions. Josephus writes, "Let no one upon comparing the lives of the ancients with our lives, and with the few years which we live, think that what we have said of them is false, or make the shortness of our lives at present an argument that neither did they attain to so long a duration of life, for those ancients were beloved of God, and lately made by himself, and, because their food was then fitter for the prolongation of life, might well live so great a number of years; and besides God afforded them a longer time of life on account of their virtue and the good use they made of it in astronomical and geometrical discoveries."

The importance given to geometry reaches a high point of absurdity when we read that Boresius, a Chaldean writer, apparently well known to ancient historians, says, "Shortly after the creation there appeared, out of the Red Sea, an animal like a fish, called Oannes. This animal conversed with mankind in the daytime, and delivered to them the knowledge of various arts and sciences. He taught them to erect Temples, and instructed them in geometry." Mackenzie says this fish was afterwards worshipped as the god Dagon, and was also considered to be the whale of Jonah. I may here notice that one of the Anglo-Saxon Gods represented a man standing on a fish. Whether this has any allusion to this particular fish must of course be but conjecture. However, the god Dagon was represented as being half man, half fish. I may here note that Ovid, in his "Metamorphoses," Fable 5, Book 2, represents Jupiter, after Heaven and Earth had been nearly destroyed by Phaëton's powerlessness to control the Horses of the Sun, as "surveying the vast walls of Heaven, and carefully searches that no part impaired by the violence of the fire may fall to ruin."

Grand Master Nimrod, as he has been termed by some writers, is given by them as the first founder of Masonry. He is said to have sent 60 Masons to the King of Nineveh, his cousin, "and then was the Craft first founded there, and the worthy Master Euclid gave it the name of Geometry." In this statement there is some little difficulty in reconciling dates, the period of Nimrod being about A.M. 2000, and Euclid not having been born until about A.M. 3700. But as I will show you directly, dates appear hardly ever to have been an obstacle to the old historian, and particularly as regards this same "Master Euclid."

Perhaps ancient Masonic records may have contained more facts as to the connection between the Freemasonry of the Pre-Adamite and Adamite periods and geometry than now appear to exist, but fire has proved a terrible enemy to the transmission of Masonic knowledge. Freemasonry is said to have been brought into England by the Monk Austin, sometimes called St. Austin, A.D. 597, he probably being one of the missionaries sent by Pope Gregory for the conversion of England to the Catholic faith, although some writers have claimed its introduction for St. Alban A.D. 300; but for this I cannot find graver authority than the old MS. statements which set forth that "St. Alban was a worthy knight and steward of the king's household, and loved Masons well, and cherished them in their pay right good standing."

the realm did, for he gave them 2s 6d a-week and 3d to their cheer, for before that time throwe land a masson had but a penny a day and his meat." It is written that at the period of Austin that "the clergy found it also convenient to study geometry and architecture as well as divinity, and came to be very expert masters and great designers, and the Lodges and assemblies of the Freemasons were always kept in monasteries, which at that time were only built of wood." From this representation of the then status of English Freemasonry, the date being given A.D. 600, three years only after its introduction, the monks of those days must have been apt and quick students, it would appear to be regrettable that the buildings in which the masons met had not been constructed of some material more substantial and less inflammable than wood, for in the reign of Atholstan, during an invasion by the Danes, the MS. and documents relating to Freemasonry were placed away in what was thought to be safety, but notwithstanding this care, they were destroyed by fire by the invaders. If, however, we take the introduction of the Craft in this country as from St. Alban, who is reputed to have been a skilled architect, ecclesiastical architecture could have made but small progress during the period between him and Austin, but it must not be forgotten that during a great portion of this time Christianity had, through the continued internecine wars, been driven from the Saxon Heptarchy, and Paganism again held sway, but not apparently by very strong bonds, for when the Northumbrian King Edwin called a council of his notables to advise with them as to the putting down their false gods and the establishment of Christianity, Coifi, chief priest of Northumbria, is said to have spoken thus: "As to what the religion is which is now propounded to us, Oh, King, see to it. For my part I will assert what I certainly know, that which we have hitherto held is good for nothing, for among all thy people there is no one who has given himself more diligently to the worship of our Gods than I, and yet many have received greater benefits, and obtained higher dignities, and prospered better in whatever they undertook, but if these Gods had possessed any power they would rather have assisted me."

(To be continued.)

The *Western Morning News*, which devotes a considerable amount of its space to recording Masonic events, gives the following interesting summary:—

There is not much of a special character to chronicle in reference to the Masonic Craft in Devon and Cornwall, save that in literary matters the former county continues to more than hold its own. Bro. Hughan has published two more works of importance, viz., one relating to the unique copy of the Engraved List of Lodges for 1734, and the other a complete history of the old Apollo Lodge, York; the latter, by request, being dedicated to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland and Provincial G.M. of North and East Yorkshire. Bro. John Lane has also issued a very valuable handy book to the study of the Lists (dedicated to Bro. W. J. Hughan), which has already been most warmly welcomed at home and abroad. The "Masonic Orations," by Dr. Metham, edited by Bro. Chapman, completes the list. The sale of this has been of such a gratifying character that a substantial sum is likely to be handed to the Orphan Asylum at Stoke, on whose behalf the volume was published. Singular to state, these three brethren reside at Torquay.

The Prov. G.L. for Devon was held at Seaton, on 6th November, by Lord Eltrington, M.P., the Prov. G.M., a grandly mustered being present. The number of brethren returned by the 52 Lodges amounted to 2871, being slightly in advance of last year. All the reports were favourable, and testified to the zeal and efficiency of the fraternity under the genial rule of his lordship. The Prov. G. Chapter met at Plymouth on the 30th July, and was largely attended, as might have been anticipated, owing to the majority of the companions being within easy distance of that populous neighbourhood. The chair was taken by Major Davis, in the unavoidable absence of the Grand Superintendent.

Owing to the lamented decease of Bro. C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., the D. Prov. G.M. for the Mark Degree, the Mark Prov. G.L. was held at Taunton, on 23rd October, by authority of the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Prov. G.S.W. Captain Strode-Lowe was nominated for the office of Prov. G.M. now vacant, the final decision being in the hands of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M.

The Cornish Prov. G.L. assembled at Liskeard, on 27th August, under the chairmanship of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and passed off with great éclat, the entire being Lodge being St. Mark's, No. 510. The Prov. G. Chapter, convened at Falmouth, was again presided over by Lord Mount Edgcumbe, and proved a most pleasant meeting. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., held the Mark Prov. G.L. at L., the number of members recorded being 321, with 1000 Lodges. The following is a list of the Lodges and their members:

the 1500 brethren subscribing in the Craft Prov. G.L. Of course, Sir Charles Sawle was again nominated as Prov. G.M., a better choice not being possible, nor could any ruler be more popular. The degree of Knight Templary still languishes, so it is hoped that the effort now being made by Bro. John Chapman to secure a return to the old régime will prove successful.

The support of the Charities by the two Provincial Grand Lodges was fair, but certainly not at all profuse or generous. The Benevolent in February, which realised over £13,000, was chiefly aided by the stewardship of Bro. G. B. Pearce, of Hayle, who took up £157 10s. For the Girls, the Rev. T. W. Lemon for Devon, and Major J. J. Ross for Cornwall, had each about £100 on their respective lists, the grand total obtained being £5354. This comparatively small sum is due to the £50,000 secured during the previous year. The Boys' raised fully £13,000. Bro. Lemon for Devon, and Bro. F. W. Thomas (Camborne) for Cornwall, having each some £100 as stewards, and Bro. C. Truscott, of St. Austell, also obtaining from the same county a list of donations to the extent of £82. Most of the sums from Cornwall were due to the "Charity Associations."

The educational funds in Devon and Cornwall are doing well, especially in the former, during the past year, for as the merits of the Devon fund become better known, the subscriptions will surely increase from year to year; added to which, the expenses of management are practically nil, and the subscriptions are thus wholly devoted to the purposes of education and maintenance, besides being spent in the locality from which they are raised.

The Masonic Casual Relief Fund for the Three Towns has done good service, and for the small sum of £25, needful aid has been rendered in a systematic and discreet manner to worthy applicants.

Lectures have again been delivered on points of Masonic ritual and history, presentations have been made to distinguished and zealous brethren, and many have been the pleasant visitations between the Lodges and Chapters.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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### "HOLES IN MASONRY."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I notice in your issue of this day that you have published a copy of an article which has recently appeared in an American Masonic paper called the *Keystone*, under the heading of "Peep Holes in Masonry," in which it is stated that "the Grand Secretary of England" appears to have issued printed rituals to the Lodges in New South Wales.

My attention had already been called to the original article, and I have lately written to the editor of the *Keystone* to inform him that the statement therein made is entirely untrue, and to point out that had he carefully read the paper from which he quotes, the *Sydney Freeman* of 7th September last, he must have seen that the person referred to therein was the Grand Secretary of the Independent Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and not the Grand Secretary of England. As you have reproduced the incorrect statement, I have to request that you will now publish this contradiction of the alleged proceeding on my part, which would have been quite contrary to the distinct ruling of Grand Lodge.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE,  
Colonel,

Grand Secretary.

Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

28th December 1889.

### A MASONIC VAGRANT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On Sunday last an individual, who gave the name of Robert Anderson, of Lodge Prince of Wales, No. 426, Renfrow, called on me for relief. He stated that he was a printer seeking employment. He had heard that the local printer wanted a hand. This was the case, but up to Monday night he had made no application. He has no certificate, and I would therefore suggest to Lodge Almoners not to relieve him. He is about 5ft. 7in. in height, and says he was initiated 24 years ago, and talks about having attended a meeting at Glasgow of 4000 Masons, &c., &c.

I have written to the Secretary of his Lodge for information, and will communicate the result to you. He informed me he was on his way to Chichester, where he had requested his certificate to be sent, so in all probability by the time this communication reaches your readers he will have passed into Surrey, or beyond the borders of Kent.

I remain, yours fraternally,

THOS. FRANCIS.

Havant, 31st Dec. '89.

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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, 4th January.

General Committee Boys' School, F.M.H., 4  
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill  
1458 Truth, Whentsheaf Hotel, Manchester  
1466 Hoya Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## Monday, 6th January.

25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
144 St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1924 Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley  
R.A. 23 Old King's Arms, Freemason's Tav, W.C.  
M.M. 139 Panmure, 84 Red Lion Square, W. C.  
37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton  
53 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath  
61 Probity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston  
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven  
133 Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
154 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield  
156 Harmony, Huysho Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
251 Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle Street, Barnstaple  
264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
338 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
361 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwon  
395 Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
408 Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields  
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightingsea  
441 Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hot, Camb.  
467 Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
478 Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth  
520 Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester  
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton  
694 Oakley, Masonic Hall, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke  
850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
923 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield  
1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester  
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altonham, Cheshire  
1050 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
1051 Rowley, Athenium, Lancaster  
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
1103 Royal Wharfedale, Private Rooms, tiey  
1124 St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry  
1180 Forward, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham  
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
1239 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield  
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1302 De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax  
1380 Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot, Waterloo, Liverpool  
1434 Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Accrington  
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford  
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea  
1575 Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypriid  
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle  
1798 Zion, Masonic Rooms, King St., Manchester  
2163 Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall  
R.A. 262 Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
R.A. 330 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
M.M. 12 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull  
M.M. 37 Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke

## Tuesday, 7th January.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4  
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
166 Union, Criterion, W.  
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
255 Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey  
765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
1381 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich  
R.A. 1538 St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav, E.C.  
M.M. 1 St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth  
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford  
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham  
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness  
209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor  
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough  
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley  
364 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath  
373 Socrates, George Hotel, Huntingdon  
393 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick  
403 Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford  
444 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
493 Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester  
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskard  
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone  
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay  
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
794 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield  
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant  
847 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon  
949 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton Buzz rd  
974 Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford  
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Hall, Cocker-mouth  
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Meldon  
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
1161 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H., Manchester  
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar

1290 Walden, Rose and Crown Hot, Saffron Walden  
1332 Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1336 Square & Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham  
1489 St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea  
1619 Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead  
1674 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl  
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon  
1799 Arnold, Dorling's Hotel, Walton on the Naze  
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk  
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
1993 Wolsey, Town Hall Buildings, Manchester  
2032 Richmond, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon  
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool  
M.M. 69 United Serv., Assembly Rooms, Chatham

## Wednesday, 8th January.

Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 4  
11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
13 Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, Woolwich  
15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
87 Vitruvian, White Hart, Lambeth  
147 Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford  
749 Bolgrave, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road  
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
1306 Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate  
1694 Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane St., Chelsea  
1718 Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
1936 Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak  
R.A. 1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 1305 St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.  
R.A. 1446 Mount Edgecombe, St. Botolph Chambers  
R.A. 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel  
M.M. 284 High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot, Tottenham  
K.T. 129 Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.

54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale  
125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe  
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire  
146 Antiquity, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
191 St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury, Lancashire  
204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
225 St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch  
281 Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Church St., Lanes.  
288 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
483 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
567 Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
606 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
686 Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town  
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton  
852 Zealand, Albert Hotel, Salford  
854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1080 Marmion, Ma-onic Rooms, Tamworth  
1064 Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1101 Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
1342 Walker, Hope and Anchor, Byker, Newcastle  
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
1393 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hot, Ormskirk  
1424 Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton  
1431 Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham  
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock  
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1592 Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes  
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Habburn-on-Tyne  
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Brimley, Kent  
1731 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh  
1797 Southdown, Huestierpoint, Sussex  
241 West Kent Volunteer, M.H., Wilmington  
2046 Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent  
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton  
R.A. 24 De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle  
R.A. 86 Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott  
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop's Stortford  
R.A. 462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel  
Accrington  
R.A. 809 Etheldreda, Rose & Crown Hot, Wisbech  
R.A. 1177 Dinbych, Masonic Rooms, Tenby  
R.A. 1345 Victoria, Cross Koyes Hotel, Eccles

## Thursday, 9th January.

91 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle, E.C.  
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
263 Bank of England, Albion Tavern, E.C.  
531 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
657 Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St., E.C.  
879 Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern  
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
1599 Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Ha, Notting Hill  
1708 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley  
1957 Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly  
2163 Derby Alcroft, Athenium, Camden Road, N.  
R.A. 73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.  
R.A. 140 St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath  
R.A. 538 Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 554 Yarbrough, Green Dragon, Stepney  
R.A. 610 Beaton, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
R.C. 42 St. George, 33 Golden Square, W.  
35 Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes  
97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland  
112 St. George, Masonic Hall, Exeter  
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield  
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
216 Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
349 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland  
349 United Brethren, Royal Oak, Clayton-le-Dale  
359 Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough  
369 Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Clitheroe  
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton  
449 Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin  
456 Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Hotel, Accrington  
469 Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, Spalding  
477 Mersey, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead

546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Seaford  
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
739 Temperance, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham  
784 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Deal  
786 Croxeth United Service, M.H., Liverpool  
915 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon  
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Batley  
991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay  
1035 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale  
1055 Derby, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Manchester  
1098 St. George, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar  
1125 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
1144 Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington  
1147 St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1204 Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern  
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne  
1369 Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala  
1416 Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk  
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.  
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley  
1533 Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
1587 St. Giles, Royal Oak, Cheddar  
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot  
1782 Machen, Swan, Colehill  
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hot, Shoburyness  
1911 De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton  
1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable  
R.A. 116 Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne  
R.A. 220 Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston  
R.A. 275 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
R.A. 307 Good Intent, White Horse, Hebden Bridge  
R.A. 509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton  
R.A. 613 Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport  
R.A. 807 Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
R.A. 818 Philanthropic, Mas. Hall, Abergavenny  
R.A. 889 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport  
M.M. 145 Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

## Friday, 10th January.

157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
177 Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
2000 Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square  
2242 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Hackney  
R.A. 33 Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
K.T.D. Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
36 Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Cardiff  
458 Aire and Calder, Masonic Hall, Goole  
526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot, Wolverhampton  
662 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, W. Bromwich  
815 Blair, Town Hall, Stretford Road, Hulme  
916 Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne  
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Mas. Rooms, Harrogate  
1087 Beaudesert, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
1102 Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield  
1121 Wear Valley, M.H., Bishop Auckland  
1289 Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry  
R.A. 119 Sun Sq. and Comp., M.H., Whitehaven  
R.A. 137 Amity, Masonic Hall, E.C.  
R.A. 601 Eytton St. John, Wreken Hot, Wellington  
R.A. 712 St. James's, Masonic Hall, Louth  
R.A. 993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
K.T. 4 Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield  
K.T. 126 De Warene Royal Pavilion, Brighton

## Saturday, 11th January.

176 Caveat, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street  
1323 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
1686 Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
2029 King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
M.M. 211 Hammersmith, Windsor Castle, King St.  
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
2095 Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey  
R.A. 1293 Burdett Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield  
R.C. 43 Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Brighton

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 4th January.

179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7  
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1864 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30  
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

## Monday, 6th January.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., 7  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
190 St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air St., W., 8  
249 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7  
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30  
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30  
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30  
1517 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30  
1545 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8  
1604 Kilburn, 46 South M. Iron Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, New Market Hot, Smithfield, 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30  
1707 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., 7  
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8  
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8



**Tuesday, 7th January.**

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8  
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
 65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7  
 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 8  
 177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30  
 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 463 East Surrey of Canord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 7-45  
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 8  
 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7-30  
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
 1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8  
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7-30  
 1446 Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
 1471 Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, 7  
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6  
 1510 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8  
 1639 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8  
 1830 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
 1919 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8  
 2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6-30  
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
 R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

**Wednesday, 8th January.**

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Bursbury, 8  
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7-30  
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7  
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
 533 La Tolérance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7-30  
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8

862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8  
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8-30  
 1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
 1475 Peckham, 51 Old Kent Road, 8  
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Hackney, 8  
 1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8  
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7-30  
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7-30  
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
 1791 Creation, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7-30  
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
 R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
 R.A. 933 Doric, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., 7-30  
 M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7  
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

**Thursday, 9th January.**

87 Vitruvian, White Hart, Lambeth, 8  
 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7-30  
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
 203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
 249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7-30  
 435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8  
 704 Camden, 305 High Holborn, 7  
 751 High Cross-Couch and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road  
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
 1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7-30  
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6-30  
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
 1571 Leopold, 7 London Street, E.C., 7-30  
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8  
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7-45  
 1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7-30  
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5-30

1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9  
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
 1892 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshalton  
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7-30  
 1993 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
 R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Deptford, 8  
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

**Friday, 10th January.**

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8  
 General Lodge Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8  
 453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7-30  
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30  
 749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermy's Street, W., 8  
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
 766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8  
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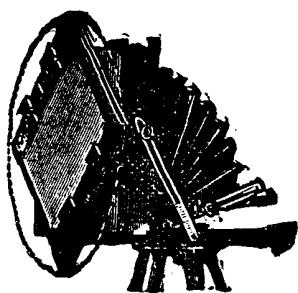
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