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## REFORM AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

WE do not know who was responsible for the publication, in the daily press of the Metropolis and elsewhere, of particulars of the first six months working of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys under the Provisional Management Committee, but we unreservedly question the accuracy of the statements that have been made, and which point to an immense reduction in the expenses of the Institution. The information given is too good to be true. We are told that a saving at the rate of £11 11s per boy per annum has been effected under the new régime, the expenses per head for the six months ending 31st December last being at the rate of £39 5s per annum, as compared with £50 16s which was shown to be the average at the time the Committee of Investigation was conducting its inquiries. We are not told how the saving has been brought about; presumably because every subscriber to the Institution has had a copy of the accounts for 1889 sent him with the ballot paper for the coming Election. Without a doubt these accounts show a reduced outlay for the last half year, and—on paper at least—there is a large reduction in expenditure; but does the saving really exist in hard cash, or is it the outcome of a “more efficient” system of book-keeping? We know figures cannot lie, but they are the most deceptive things imaginable. Any one with a knowledge of accounts can produce a statement which at first blush shall prove anything that is desired; and, strange as it may seem, two most opposite results can often be proved from the same set of figures. We do not for one moment imagine that the account of the expenses of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for the half year to 31st December last has been prepared with any other object than to show the subscribers what is being done with their money; the “new régime” had to prove great economies, and they have done it—at least to their own satisfaction; and we yet hope it will be possible to prove to us and other critics that the saving has an actual existence, rather than what we are afraid will prove to be the case—an imaginary one, the outcome of the numberless books and voluminous account-keeping lately introduced into the offices of the Institution.

The Provisional Management Committee, in its report, submits “Statements of Accounts for 1889 in two parts, viz., A. an Account of Receipts and Payments for the six months to 30th June last, prepared by the Officials of the Institution; B. Income and Expenditure Account for six months to 31st December 1889, and Balance Sheet,” and “congratulates the friends of the Institution upon what must be regarded as a successful financial result.” We hope so, but we must confess that the more we look into the figures set before us the more confused we get. To begin with, it should be pointed out that the payments for the half year to 30th June last, as “prepared by the officials of the Institution,” show an average cost per boy of £48 0s 5d per annum, a considerable falling off as compared with the total of £50 16s as shown in the Report of the Committee of Investigation, submitted 26th April 1889. So that, even if the Provisional Committee has brought the average cost down to £39 5s, they must not take all the credit of the £11 11s per head difference.

We will now turn to the “B” accounts, which possess some new features which will no doubt be appreciated by

the subscribers. The item that forcibly strikes us appears as the first line in the Balance Sheet, and is “Dr. to Sundry Creditors, £1448 3s 10d.” Now what does this represent? The accounts are made up to 31st December, and we imagine this debit of £1448 3s 10d represents outstanding amounts due by the Institution. If so, do they belong to the six months under review, and is it the custom to bring forward so large an amount of liabilities? In fact, does it correspond with the indebtedness taken over on the 1st July? If not, this will make a wonderful difference in the average; it will run it up, indeed, to £50 6s per boy. It was in view of this consideration that we expressed ourselves as we did at the opening of our present remarks; we are still undecided as to whether we are to believe the good news—a saving of £11 11s per boy per annum—or not, and await with anxiety the explanation of the accounts which we hope is forthcoming.

Turning to individual items, we find radical changes have been introduced. In olden times the provisions for the Institution cost £3019 9s 3d per annum, now they are set down at £1071 11s 9d for six months. Considerable reduction may have been possible, considering the unsatisfactory condition of affairs exhibited by the Investigation Committee, but could this be brought about to the extent of 33 per cent.? Was there any part of the six months provision account unpaid on the 31st December? We ask this because the next item in the accounts is equally mysterious, but rumour has supplied the Craft with a solution of the problem which there presents itself. Clothing, under the old conditions, is set down at £1704 10s 11d per annum; under the “new régime” £314 11s 7d suffices for six months; but what about the jackets, vests, trousers, &c. for that period, and which we are told only cost £94 9s 7d, as compared with £464 8s 9d the preceding six months? The gossips among us declare that the usual payment for these articles is not included in the expenditure—the account having been overlooked somewhere. Is this a part of the £1448 3s 10d appearing in the Balance Sheet as due to Sundry Creditors? If so, is the balance made up of similar items? Because in that case the average cost per boy goes up, as we have said, to £50 6s per annum. These are a few of the doubts existing in our mind in regard to the wonderful change that has come over the expenses of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and until they are explained to us we fear we cannot do otherwise than advise our readers to accept the congratulations of the Provisional Committee with caution. We hope we may be proved to be wrong, but we fear a rude awakening is in store for those who believe in the new condition of affairs, as set forth in the glowing accounts of improvement to which we have referred.

A word now in regard to ourselves and the position we have taken up on this subject. We do not criticise merely for the sake of doing so. We are as anxious as any one can possibly be to see a reform brought about in the conduct of the Masonic Boys' School, but we are not yet convinced that reform is being attempted in the right way. It is all very well to state that everything was bad under the old management, but it will be a miracle if everything turns out right under the system now being advocated by some of the more energetic reformers. We should not be surprised if results prove very different to what is generally expected, and that the remedy will ultimately appear worse than the evil it was intended to remove.

A medium course will then be adopted, and in time the average cost per boy will be reduced; but not, we fear, to the low figure now claimed of £30 5s per annum. To reach that average will be a work of time—at least such is our opinion—but in expressing such opinion we repeat that it will afford us the greatest gratification to have to announce that we are wrong. We hope we have said enough to secure some sort of explanation from the champions of the “new régime,” whose efforts in the good cause we fully appreciate. We hope they will not consider our remarks as in any way reflecting on their labours. Really we are so taken aback at the results claimed for their exertions that we have thought it best to boldly challenge them to prove the correctness of what is stated on their behalf. They can easily answer our queries, and we are convinced that in doing so they will be supplying information that is eagerly sought by the supporters of our Charities.

### THE LATITUDINARIAN MASON.

THE amplitude and scope of Freemasonry are so remarkable that the Craft is fully justified in requiring its initiates to circumscribe their official and personal action as Masons within the boundaries which it has clearly indicated for itself and them. A world wide Fraternity in its *personnel*, it moves itself, a little world, in the larger world surrounding it. It is because Freemasonry is distinguished by this latitudinarian character, embracing, as it does, initiates selected from all nations possessed of the light of civilization, of all religions which acknowledge the one true and living God, and exemplifying in its symbolic and allegoric teachings a wealth of thought, artistic, scientific and theological, that it says to all its members, “Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther.” Masons are free, Freemasons, and the freedom bestowed upon them is of the noblest and most liberal type; but it is not license. There are Landmarks which designate the boundaries of this Masonic freedom. There are Constitutions which give their sanction to the preservation of these Landmarks. There are Usages and Customs which are in accord with these Constitutions and Landmarks. The purpose of all of these is to ensure the right enjoyment by Freemasons of the freedom with which they are endowed, and to restrain an unwarranted interpretation of liberty into license.

Some Freemasons commit the gross error of supposing that because the Craft is latitudinarian, therefore the individual Craftsman may be so likewise. Not so. He has no authority other than that accorded him. His liberty is a lawful liberty. Obedience is a Masonic virtue—obedience to the All-Ruler, God, to the civil ruler, established government, to the Craft in matters Masonic, always and everywhere. No laxity, no independence is permissible in Freemasonry. The Landmarks may not be removed, the Constitutions, Usages and Customs must be observed. With profane governments and courts, as Freemasons we have nothing to do. We do not ask the one to charter our bodies, nor the other to interpret our usages or customs. It is not proper for either to attempt to do this, and no Freemason who properly apprehends our Fraternity will invoke their aid. No Masonic body should ever petition either legislature or court for a profane charter, since it is needless, for any legitimate purpose for which a Masonic body exists. Such a charter may be obtained, but it is always a delusion and a snare, and any Grand Lodge is worse than unwise which permits its subordinates to become formally interlinked with and subjects of the State. Likewise, no Freemason should appeal from a Masonic to a civil court, and if he does, the latter will forthwith relegate him to his appropriate tribunal, informing him that it will not judicially interpret the jurisprudence of Freemasonry.

Probably the most frequent transgression, in some jurisdictions, of the freedom with which Craftsmen are gifted, is in the matter of their variation and enlargement of the ritual of the Fraternity. Some Brethren cannot resist, or do not wish to resist, the temptation to beautify and adorn (they so express it) the work of the degrees. They have a dainty piece of poetry which they would like to insert here, or a nicely-rounded sentence which they desire to interject there. This phrase is too bald, and that redundant. They are wiser than their fellows, wiser than

their predecessors; but how would they regard their successors, if they knew how their own choice additions to and subtractions from the ritual will be treated in the future, when other Solomons arise! No, there is no license to tamper with Masonic work. Over it the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master have exclusive authority and control. To permit any other course is to remove the ancient Landmarks, to give a constituent Lodge the authority of a Grand Lodge, to give any Brother who works a degree the authority of a Grand Master in the Craft.

On the border lands of every jurisdiction, especially, it is required to be understood that individual latitudinarianism is not permissible in Freemasonry. Where the local usages of two jurisdictions differ, those of our own must prevail. Where the local work differs, the foreign work may not be introduced. It may be all right for them, but it is all wrong for us. Our autonomy must be preserved.

The latitudinarian Mason has no proper place in the Craft. As the free-thinker in religion is apt to be an atheist, as the socialist in the State is apt to be a nihilist, so the latitudinarian in Freemasonry is likely to be a Masonic destructionist. There is safety only in conformity to Masonic usage, custom and Landmark, equally in the work of the Craft, in Lodge proceedings and in individual Masonic action.—*Keystone*.

### RITUALS IN FREEMASONRY.

ARE rituals essential to the preservation of the practical unity and universality of Freemasonry?

This question comes naturally when one hears the flip-pant sneers of certain brethren who seem to find nothing so utterly useless and reprehensible as an absolute fidelity to the ritual. “The parrot-like repetition of the ritual” comes easily from the lips of those who, having a ready flow of language, seem to believe that they are the only thoughtful and intelligent men in the fraternity, apparently unmindful of the fact that many a long address contains but a grain of thought in a great mass of verbosity. The men who have left their impress on the great Institution from the earliest times have believed in, and been active in favour of a ritual in every Masonic body of either Rite. Not that the ritual is all there is to Masonry by any means, but that a ritual is essential, if the Institution is not to be allowed to degenerate into a mere series of social clubs, thereby losing that which more than any other one thing has preserved its real unity throughout the whole civilized world. It is easy for the fluent and indolent man to talk of the uselessness of committing the ritual to memory, when the great trouble is that he is too indifferent to learn, though his assurance is so great that he thinks his own weak words will convey more meaning than the language of the ritual. Too many men of this class are in the Institution, and they do it injury by their vapourings.

The fact is that the ritual carefully learned and earnestly rendered will always make an impression, even though the Officer has not had the advantage of a college education, or the gift of oratory. Wherever and whenever the Officers of any Masonic body render their work with fidelity to the ritual, there, always and without exception, will be found a prosperous body, with good attendance, even when the Officers are not men of brilliant attainments, for the earnestness and thought they have given to memorising the ritual manifests itself in the rendition of the work, and real earnestness is always impressive. Any Mason who has been an attendant on the meetings for many years can instance from his own recollection the truth of this statement, and he may also remember where the prosperity of such a body has been seriously injured by having at its head some naturally brilliant man, too indolent to learn the ritual, who substitutes his own flashy and vapid utterances for the stately, solid and thought-inspiring language of the ritual. It is not claimed that the phraseology of the ritual in any of the degrees is absolutely perfect by any means, but it is the language that the great mass of the Craft has decided should be used, and no man has any right to accept office unless he means “in good faith and conscience, and to the best of his ability” to give the work correctly.

A paper was quite recently read before a Masonic assemblage in which the author took occasion to speak sneeringly of Grand Lecturers and of their efforts to have the Officers of subordinate bodies endeavour to conform to

the ritual as adopted by the Grand body. The oft-repeated statement was made that the Officer that repeats his ritual correctly gives it in "a meaningless and parrot-like manner." Among those who were present as listeners on the occasion referred to were a considerable number of brethren who have been careful, painstaking and accurate ritualists, who have for years been noted among the Craft, not only for their fidelity to the ritual in the various bodies which they have served, but also for the intelligent and effective manner in which they worked, conveying to the thoughtful listener the deep meaning of the spoken words. Yet the author of the paper referred to made frequent and uncalled-for allusions to Grand Lecturers and their work, as though a man ought to take upon himself this most important and laborious office and teach, not the Ritual, but whatever might suggest itself to his mind. And after all this talk against correct rendering of the Ritual, stated that he was much in favour of a "General" Grand Lodge in order that there might be a greater uniformity of work throughout the country.

Those who have for years been active and painstaking in behalf of uniformity in Ritual, believe rather in encouraging careful and earnest study among the office-bearers, firm in the faith that those who know the Ritual thoroughly are the ones who may be depended upon to teach the lessons which the work is intended to convey, in the most intelligent manner, impressing candidates and members with the beauty of Faith, Hope, and that Charity which is synonymous with Brotherly Love, strengthening in the minds of all a firm belief in the great and fundamental truth of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.—*Seranus Bowen, M.D.*

### MASONRY MORE THAN A BENEFIT SOCIETY.

HOW infinitely removed from the true conception of the Masonic essence are those who see or expect in Masonry nothing but a society for ameliorations and benefits. These are temporal concerns; material objects, sought according to convenience and circumstances. Far be it from my thoughts to detract, by remotest insinuation or inference, from the merit of those institutions which men have organised for mutual benefit. They are praiseworthy; they are useful; they relieve distress and shelter against poverty and want. But they are neither a substitute nor an equivalent for Freemasonry. They are as far removed from it as the image of some partial superstition is removed from the One Infinite. Masonry is more than "a beautiful system of morality." No definition can lay down its scope or measure its extent. Its soul is truth; its mission the brotherhood of man; a vague generality, perhaps, to the superficial mind. But a well-defined substance to the thoughtful and the earnest. Ordinary morality, uprightness of life, charitable impulse, these are the common attributes of all good men, be they Masons or no. But Freemasonry combines them into higher uses and nobler purposes. It teaches not only morality, but also equality; not only charity, but also toleration; the fraternity, not of Masons, only as such, but the fraternity of the human race. When we speak of the "universality of Masonry," we assume something more than a mere historic or geographical fact. We do not mean only that Masonry can and does flourish everywhere; but that in its essence, it is universal; in its nature, benevolent; in its objects, ideal; striving to fit man for a condition of perfect moral and social communism where geography traces no boundaries and history erects no boastful monuments; where we are content to forget and forgive, remembering only the points of fellowship, our fears, our hopes, our common struggle and our common destiny.—*Charles F. Buck, G.M. Louisiana.*

A warrant has just been granted by the Grand Lodge of England for a new Lodge to be held at Dore, in the Province of Derbyshire, to be called the Chantrey, No. 2355. Bro. William Boden P.M. 353 P.P.G.J.W. of Derbyshire is to be the first Master. The Lodge is named after the eminent sculptor, Sir Francis Chantrey, R.A., who was born and buried in the district. Meetings will be held at the Licensed Victuallers' Institution, Dore.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

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#### LOYAL BRUNSWICK PRECEPTORY.

A CONVOCATION was held on the 20th ult., at the Sincerity Masonic Hall, Plymouth, when the E.P. elect Sir Knight John Du Pré was installed for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the V.E. Sir Knight the Rev. Dr. Lemon P.E.P. P.G. Prior of Devon, in the presence of Sir Knights S. Jew P.E.P., J. R. Lord E.C., Veterans G. R. Barrett P.E.C., W. F. Wescott P.E.C., P. B. Clemens P.E.C., and E. Davies P.E.P. A Companion having been installed, the E.P. appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—D. Cross I.P.E.P., F. Crouch C., F. R. Thomas M., Dr. Lemon, D.D., P.G.P. Chaplain, J. H. Keats P.E.P., Treasurer, J. R. Wilson Registrar, G. Dunsterville sub-M., J. Leonard C. of G., A. J. Verdi Almoner, A. Trout Staud. Bearer, J. Holland Stand. B. V.B., E. Aslat P., J. Gidley Guard. Regret was expressed at the enforced absence, through illness, of Sir Knights J. H. Keats and D. Cross. The Knights afterwards adjourned to the Freemasons' Club in Princess Square, Plymouth, where they sat down to a *récherché* banquet, which was well served under the direction of Bro. Harvey. A very pleasant evening was spent. Sir Knight Du Pré was also installed E.P. of the Priory of Malta.

### THE TWO GLASSES.

There were two glasses, filled to the brim,  
On the rich man's table, rim to rim;  
One was ruddy and red as blood,  
The other was clear as a crystal flood.

Said the glass of wine to his paler brother,  
"Let us tell the tales of the past to each other;  
I can tell of a banquet and revel and mirth,  
And the proudest and grandest souls on earth  
Fell under my touch, as though struck by blight,  
Where I was king, for I ruled with might.  
From the heads of kings I have torn the crown;  
From the heights of fame I have hurled men down.  
I have blasted many an honoured name;  
I have taken virtue and given shame.  
I have tempted youth with a sip, a taste,  
That has made his future a barren waste.  
Far greater than a king am I,  
Or than any army beneath the sky.  
I have made the arm of the driver fail,  
And sent the train from the iron rail.  
I have made good ships to go down at sea,  
And the shrieks of the lost were sweet to me.  
For they said: 'Behold! how great you be!  
Fame, strength, wealth, genius before you fall,  
For your might and power are over all.'  
Ho! Ho! pale brother," laughed the wine,  
"Can you boast of deeds as great as mine?"

Said the water glass, "I cannot boast  
Of a king dethroned or a murdered host;  
But I can tell of a heart, once sad,  
By my crystal drops made light and glad—  
Of thirsts I've quenched, of brows I've laved,  
Of hands I've cooled and souls I've saved.  
I've leaped through the valley, dashed down the mountain,  
Flowed in the river and played in the fountain,  
Slept in the sunshine and dropped from the sky,  
And every where gladdened the landscape and eye.  
I have eased the hot forehead of fever and pain.  
I have made the parched meadow grow fertile with grain.  
I can tell of the powerful wheel of the mill  
That ground out flour and turned at my will;  
I can tell of manhood debased by you,  
That I lifted up and crowned anew.  
I cheer, I help, I strengthen and aid;  
I gladden the heart of man and maid;  
I set the wine-chained captive free,  
And all are better for knowing me."

These are the tales they told each other—  
The glass of wine and its paler brother,  
As they sat together, filled to the brim,  
On a rich man's table, rim to rim.

—*Maine Farmer.*

We have to record to-day the death, which occurred on the 2nd instant, of Mr. J. C. O'Reilly, chief clerk in the Office of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Freemasons' Hall. During his term of office (some 12 or 13 years) Mr. O'Reilly had gained the respect of a numerous band of the supporters of the Institution.

Authentic details of the inner life of the Court are so rarely published, that an article dealing with the question, "What does the Prince of Wales do?" which appeared in the last number of *Cassell's Magazine*, from the pen of Mr. Edwin Goadby, merits special attention. The Prince, whose relations with the press are always pleasant, gave special facilities for the illustrations accompanying the article to be obtained; and the views of his study, both at Sandringham and Marlborough House, have been engraved from original photographs taken for the purpose.

## THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT.

*A discourse delivered in St. James' Church, Vancouver, before the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, by the Right Rev. Bro. A. W. Sillitoe, D.D., Lord Bishop of New Westminster, Grand Chaplain.*

The Letter killeth but the Spirit giveth life.—2 Cor. iii. 6.

**T**RUST, brethren, that I may not be deemed impertinent if I venture to break away, this morning, from a line of thought which has almost become consecrated by long use on these occasions, viz., the historical view of Masonry, and devote my time, and ask your attention to the consideration of the practical teaching of Masonry; the beauty of its precepts, and the nobility of its purpose, and the influence which these ought to exert upon the lives of Masons, when due diligence is applied to the study of them. This, it appears to me, will be more profitable to us than a dissertation on the antiquity of Masonry, about which we are all of us agreed. We are familiar with its claim in this respect, and we are not concerned with those who doubt it; but not the antiquity of the world itself would lend lustre to any Institution, irrespective of its teaching and practice, and the consideration of these, therefore, will be both more instructive, and more interesting, as well to yourselves, brethren, as to others who hear me. Not that I will be guilty of the presumption of supposing that with regard to the moral precepts of Masonry I can teach anything to those who are so much more competent to be my teachers, or that I can throw new light upon, or add new force to those sublime lectures wherein its beauties are gradually unfolded to the inquiring mind, but a truth is often emphasised by being presented in a new aspect, and I can, at least, point out the practical application to the personal life, without which the truth, however beautifully portrayed, or perfectly illustrated, fails in the accomplishment of the Will of its Divine Author. For Masonry is excellent, not only, and even not so much, in its conception, or in its plan, as in its effects. It was the completed Temple that excited the wonder and admiration of our ancient brethren, and it is the perfect and upright man, true to his Maker, true to himself, and true to his brother, who demonstrates in his daily life the truth of those principles which constitute the foundation stones of the progressive teaching of our art. For it is not enough that no atheist, or wantonly irreligious man can find a place amongst us; nor is it enough that the doctrine of the resurrection to a future life is embodied in the landmarks of our Order. Something more than this is necessary. We want the superstructure as well as the foundation; we want the pinnacle as well as the cornerstone. And my anxious desire to-day is to impress upon you all the solemn obligation that is laid upon each of us by the true spirit of Masonry of making daily progress with the spiritual temple of the heart, the moral edification of a perfect man. Not a mere progress of degrees, or of offices, as if these could in themselves supply a deficiency of honour or dignity in the order of them, but a progress of the inner man in knowledge and virtue, the gradual subjugation of every evil thought and unruly passion, the preparation of the heart as a fit dwelling place for the All Holy God.

Let me take now three several points, and, briefly noticing what Masonry teaches with regard to them, examine the practical application of its teachings to our lives. And, first, the teaching of Masonry as regards the Holy Name, and the word of God. At the very threshold of their Masonic career are our candidates taught that the blessing and protection of the Almighty are necessary to the successful prosecution of every work. And acting upon this principle, and believing that where two or three are gathered together in His name, He will be in the midst of them, we make our supplications, and offer to Him our thanksgivings for the light and knowledge He vouchsafes to us. And so inestimably do we regard the Sacred Name, that it is with the utmost caution and the most profound reverence that we approach the utterance of it, veiling it, indeed, in its most sacred form, till, after many a probation and trial, a brother has been found worthy to be entrusted with it. With equal regard and reverence do we esteem the Word of God. So that no Lodge of Masons is complete without the sacred volume, and we apply to it the highest title we possess in the description of the place it occupies in the science of Masonry. It is the first thing upon which the eye of the newly initiated

rests, and it is the last thing to which the attention of the brethren is directed when they rest from their labours. Brethren nothing can be more true, nothing can be more profitable than this teaching. But then my duty is to ask you, as brother Masons, not, do you accept this teaching outwardly, because I know you do, but do you act upon it? Do you carry away this teaching in your hearts, as you are intended to do, and apply it, as a rule, to every action of your life? Is God in all your thoughts? Is He so set always before you that there is nothing your hand findeth to do but what His blessing shines upon you, His sustaining arm strengthens you? I am speaking of your secular life, not your religious life; and I ask you, do you, in every new enterprise, or in the pursuance of every old one, in every fresh undertaking, do you acknowledge Him as the only Giver of blessing, the only Author of success, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy? Do you so live in his presence, that without an effort, as it were by very instinct, your heart and mind are lifted up seven times a day in acknowledgment of His Sovereignty, and in recognition of His care? This indeed is to "walk with Him," and to walk with Him is to walk securely, to fear no evil, and to have the assurance of success. But this hourly uplifting of the heart to God, this delight in His presence is a matter of cultivation; and it is not of natural growth, but of spiritual. It is the result of an intimate acquaintance with God as He reveals Himself in His word; and it is by making that word a "light unto our feet, and a lantern unto our paths," that we learn the pleasure of serving Him, and the joy that flows eternally from His love. Every Mason, therefore who would be true to his profession is bound to be a diligent student of the Holy Book; not satisfied with merely gazing on it as it occupies its conspicuous position of honour in the midst of the Lodge, but truly making it the handbook of his daily life, learning therein the beginning of wisdom, which is the fear of God, not a servile or conscience-stricken fear, but a holy, reverential awe, such as is due from a creature to his Creator, from a son to the Almighty Father of all, and learning so to fashion his life according to its precepts, that, when the time of eternal refreshment arrives, he may receive his share of the inheritance of "Just men made perfect."

My second point is the teaching of Masonry in regard to brotherly love; and about this, thank God, there is but little to say, inasmuch as, whatever may be our failings and shortcomings in other respects, love is the predominating character of Masonic life, whether we view it in the calm serenity of the Lodge, or in its relation to worthy distressed brethren without. I know nothing that so truly emphasises the good that still remains in our fallen and corrupt nature as the mutual forbearance, the patient tolerance, and the harmony that distinguish meetings of the Fraternity, even on occasions when there is room for wide divergence of opinion. The very atmosphere of the Lodge seems laden with good-will, and it is as if the Spirit of peace and of love made this His special dwelling place. A part of this is due, no doubt, to the solemn dedication of our halls in the name of the Most High, and to the honour of His glory; but I believe that in greater measure it is due to the spirit of Masonry itself; to those cords of love which bind us together more firmly than could any material bands, and which, if they only prevailed more generally, would make "wars to cease in all the world, and break the bow, and snap the spear asunder," and bring in the reign of peace and purity and love. This reign, dear brethren, you and I may not live to see, though I for my part do not deem it very far distant; but, at least, it is our duty each to do his part, according to his vocation and ministry, to prepare the way for the Prince of peace, and the accomplishment of God's great design in the ultimate unity of creation. And to this end we need do no more than steadfastly and faithfully carry out the precepts of our Order. Our obligations as Masons extend to all mankind. We are in an especial manner, no doubt, bound to our brethren in the Craft, but all others are our brethren besides. Love is an infinite thing, and it is beyond our power, as it is beyond our prerogative, to limit it; for, if we limit it, it ceases to be. And, therefore, the love wherewith we love our brethren of the mystic family must be ready to include all men alike, and to exert itself on their behalf freely and ungrudgingly even as the love of God is bountifully poured out upon ourselves.

My third point concerns the teaching of Masonry re-



garding man's duty to himself. We descend here to a lower plane than those we have occupied hitherto, and yet, when we remember the end and purpose of our being, viz., the glory of God, it is scarcely possible to regard this branch of our subject as of lower importance than the others. It is a difficult thing, no doubt, when we look around and see the lives that are being lived by multitudes of our fellowmen, to realize that the image of God is stamped upon us, and that for his glory we are and were created; but this is so, and the fact discloses the terrible and incomprehensible truth, that every wasted life robs God of a proportion of His eternal glory. Yes, brethren, and it discloses this truth as well, that every life that falls short of the possibility of attainment wherewith God has endowed it is a humanly wrought failure of the omnipotent design and will. There are those who, in His inscrutable wisdom, He has left in the darkness of ignorance concerning themselves and Him; for them he will make excuse. It is not so with ourselves. We have the light. We make our boast of the light. And, therefore, if we be not walking in the light, we are stultifying ourselves, we are doing violence to our consciences, and we are mocking the Author of light. What then does our light teach us in this respect? It teaches the necessity and importance of self control. It teaches us to put such constraint upon our affections and passions as will bring the body into subjection, and set the mind and spirit above all the allurements of vice. It warns us of the weakness of human nature, unable of itself to withstand the power of darkness, and needing the assistance of that "Power which is from above." It teaches us that life is a school of discipline whereby the rough corners of our characters are to be broken off, and every jagged edge and rude unevenness made smooth; that so we may be fitted to take our places as "living stones" in that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." It teaches us, moreover, that this task of self-improvement is a hard and difficult and weary one, like the toilsome ascent of a winding stair, up which, step by step, we must go, daily being strengthened by an increase of knowledge, and the increase of virtue that comes from the nearer approach to God. It teaches us that the Masonic life is a life of special dedication to the service of God, that it is so confessed in the first prayer offered a candidate within the Lodge; and it is further so implied in the fact of the dedications of our halls; for if the material building be dedicated, how much more should they themselves be who dare to dedicate a building to the Most High? For if the temple be holy, so must they be who serve therein. And, brethren, the holiness which we are taught to cultivate within our Lodges must sanctify our whole life in the world, as well as in the Lodge. We cannot pretend to have a dual existence, one as Masons, another as men. We must be upright men, altogether, and at all times, or we are not true to the Craft, to ourselves, or to God. And this, then, is the conclusion I wish to draw; there must be a reality in all that we do. Masonry must not be a mere profession of morality with the lips, without the solid foundation of moral life. We must not clothe ourselves with the emblem of innocence, and then put off innocence when we put off the emblem. We must not one moment be giving expression to the sublimest sentiments of religion and morality, and the moment after become mere children of this world. Masonry is not a pastime, nor the Lodge a club. We are souls in search of the light whereby we may see and know God, and it is by keeping this object in view that Masonry will prosper, and Masons be built up in virtue and in truth. Even our best endeavours will but ill prepare us for the presence of the Grand Master, but half-heartedness and lukewarmness, and unreality doom beforehand to disappointment hereafter, and only merit here the contempt of all earnest and straightforward men. A Mason at certain times must needs be slipshod, but Masonry itself should never be slipshod. With a perfect being to glorify, and perfection to aim at in ourselves, how can we be anything but profoundly and solemnly in earnest? Let the spirit of Masonry, then, prevail in our hearts and in our lives. Let the beauty and harmony and unity of our Order be conspicuous in all we do. Let all the world be better for the good that resides in Masons. Let us in the Lodge and in the world be real, and true to God, to our neighbours, and to ourselves.—*Freemason's Repository.*

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## NEW ZEALAND.

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**A** MEETING of the Provincial and District Grand Masters of the various Constitutions of Freemasonry throughout New Zealand was held in the Masonic Hall, Moray-place. There were present:—Bros. G. S. Graham D.G.M. E.C. Auckland (in the chair), Pierce P.G.M. I.C. New Zealand, Thompson D.G.M. E.C. Canterbury, Bevan D.G.M. E.C. Westland, J. Gore D.G.M. S.C. New Zealand South, and T. S. Graham D.G.M. E.C. Otago and Southland. Sir Harry Atkinson D.G.M. E.C. Wellington, Sir F. Whitaker P.G.M. S.C. North Island, and L. Louisson D.G.M. S.C. Canterbury, were unable to attend. The conference dealt with a number of matters relating to Freemasonry in the colony, and with reference to the proposed Grand Lodge of New Zealand, adopted the following resolution:—"That this conference of Provincial and District Grand Masters commend the action of the Masonic Union in postponing their proceedings, and consider that in the best interests of Freemasonry, and with the view of preserving harmony in the Craft, it is not desirable to form a Grand Lodge of New Zealand at present, so that time may be allowed for a better understanding between the various Lodges of the several constitutions, and a greater unanimity arrived at upon such a vital question to Freemasonry in New Zealand." A special meeting of the English and Scottish District Grand Lodges was held on the same evening, for the purpose of receiving and welcoming distinguished visitors. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, and the Lodge was opened at eight o'clock p.m. The District Grand Master E.C. occupied the chair, and he and his Officers took their places in the Lodge, after which the R.W. D.G.M. Bro. James Gore, and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge S.C. were announced and admitted in due form. Bro. W. Roebuck P.G.S.B. Grand Lodge of England, J. C. Remington G.S.W. Grand Lodge of New South Wales, J. Bevan P.G.M. Westland, E. T. Gillon D.G.M. N.I. S.C., G. D. Pierce P.G.M. N.Z. I.C., Graham D.G.M. E.C. Auckland, and Bros. Aitken, Martin, and Ingram, members of the Victorian Grand Lodge, were also present. The Chairman said it was with mingled feelings of pleasure and gratification he had to welcome so many distinguished brethren to Dunedin from all parts of the Colonies and England. In looking at the advance of Masonry during the last twenty years, in New Zealand, it was always a pleasure to visit a Lodge working under either of the Constitutions, because they were always sure to meet a Visitor or two from what he called foreign countries. On behalf of the brethren over whom he had the honour to preside, and the District Grand Lodge of Otago, and Southland E.C., he most heartily welcomed the Visitors. Bro. James Gore R.W. D.G.M. S.C. said he would like to say a few words. During a recent visit to Victoria he was very cordially treated, and he took this opportunity to thank the brethren from that Colony for the honour done him while there. Bro. Graham (Auckland) said it was with great pleasure he received the invitation to attend the meeting, as it was quite unexpected on his part. If any of the brethren present ever visited Auckland he would do all in his power to return the compliment. Bro. Bevan D.G.M. E.C., of Westland, said he always looked upon it as a pleasure to visit outside of his own district. He had travelled a great deal, and visited many Lodges. He felt he would not be doing his duty if he did not express his warm sentiments to those of the Craft, that should any of them ever pay his district a visit they would meet with that hearty welcome which was characteristic of Masonry. He had met brethren on his visit whom he had known 25 years ago, and he returned sincere thanks for the grand reception they had received that night. Bro. Roebuck P.G. Sword Bearer England expressed great pleasure in receiving the invitation to be present that evening, because he had found so many true friends amongst his Masonic brethren. When he came to Dunedin he thought he was a stranger in the city, but he found that he had made a mistake. He then referred to the advantages which were derived from the Masonic Girls' and Boys' Schools at Wandsworth (Clapham Junction) and Wood Green, in England, and said they had about 500 pupils in those schools. There were Masons' children in those Institutions from all parts of the world—even from India; and it continued to do a vast amount of good work. He would report, when he returned to England, the hearty reception accorded him in New Zealand. Bro. J. Pierce, Pro G.M. New Zealand, I.C., gave an illustration of some good work done through Masonry. He also spoke at some length on the advisability of founding orphanages for Masons' children, and homes for aged and infirm Masons. Bro. E. T. Gillon (Wellington) apologised for the absence of his superior officer, Sir F. Whitaker, owing to illness. He regretted that so many of the old and respected Masons had departed this life, amongst whom he might mention Bro. Harvey. But he was extremely gratified to see a few old friends amongst them yet, notably Bros. T. S. Graham, Gore, James, Court, and others who had been identified with the Craft for many years. Bro. Remington G.S.W. of New South Wales said he had heard it mentioned since his arrival that New Zealand was little thought of on the other side; but, whilst he did not wish to try and contradict this idea, he could talk for half an hour to the contrary effect. He at least could assure them that as regards Masonry those in New South Wales watched keenly the actions of their brethren in New Zealand, and took great interest in their doings. Bro. Aitken echoed the previous speaker's sentiments. They in Victoria also watched with the greatest interest the advancement which the Craft was making in New Zealand. He tendered those present a hearty welcome should they visit any of the Lodges in his district, and had great pleasure in specially referring to the kind welcome accorded him by Bro. James, whose brother holds a very high position in Masonry in Victoria. Bro. James said it was a very long time since he had been in Victoria; he thanked Bro. Aitken for so kindly alluding to him and his brother. Apologies were made on behalf of Bro. Sir R. Stont and Bro. Thompson, District Grand Master of Canterbury. After some routine business had been done the Lodge adjourned.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should be glad if you would allow me, through the medium of your column, on behalf of my mother, to thank sincerely those kind, sympathising friends who have so generously given their support to the above fund by performing, and assisting in other ways, at the benefit matinée, giving donations, and purchasing tickets. The trustees, Mr. E. J. Acworth, Mr. G. Coop, Mr. J. M. Chamberlin, and Mr. E. M. Lander (representing the West Middlesex, Queen's Westminster, Asaph, and Carnarvon Lodges respectively) who spared neither time nor expense in arranging the many details, have purchased a business for my mother at 37 Uxbridge Road, Shepherd's Bush, which has every prospect of proving successful.

It is important to mention that this fund originated, and was chiefly supported by Freemasons, of which Order my father was a respected member for many years, and it has been a great consolation to us, his family, to know how highly he must have been regarded to have occasioned such sympathy and kindly interest, at which we are all truly gratified.

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19th March 1890.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

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Terry's.—The 50th performance of "New Lamps for Old" was marked by the production of a new lever de rideau which, however, cannot be pronounced altogether satisfactory. The subject of this dramatic episode, as it is called, is a disagreeable one, and requires very skilful treatment on the part of the playwright to prevent its becoming nauseating. This being so, it is unfortunate that its author, the late Sir Charles Young, left an unfinished and incomplete sketch—and we do not think Miss Cissy Grahaue was well advised

in producing it. A mere enumeration of the characters in "For Her Child's Sake" will justify our criticism. A deserted wife, a daughter in love with the son of the woman betrayed by her father, that son in love with the daughter of the man who not only betrayed his mother but caused the death of his father; a husband, who had acted thus, re-appearing after an absence of eighteen years, and using his influence against his wife's natural repugnance to the union; and a cheery, breezy, grandfather happily thrown in to relieve the gloom of the whole episode—these are the characters. Miss Helen Leyton was excellent as the daughter, and hers was a perfect piece of acting for a part which did not give much scope. Mr. A. Ellis made a capital grandfather in every way. The rest of the caste was not so satisfactory; there was a lack of spontaneity about the acting of Miss M. A. Gifford and Messrs. Oscar Adye and J. Nelson, though in justice to the former gentleman it must be admitted he was suffering from a bad cold, while the latter would be well advised in letting his face assume a less ruddy hue. If the first piece was gloomy and disappointing, it only served to bring out more clearly the brightness and sparkle of Mr. Jerome's "New Lamps for Old," which went well from start to finish, and seems likely to do so for some time to come.

The following artists will appear in "Dick Venables," which is due at the Shaftesbury to-night (Saturday):—Messrs. Willard, Alfred Bishop, Elwood, E. W. Garden, H. Caue, Esmond, Royston Keith, E. W. Thomas, Harting; Mrs. Canninge, Miss Annie Rose, and Miss Olga Brandon. The curtain will be raised at 8 o'clock.

On Monday next, 7th inst., and following afternoons (except Saturdays), a new play entitled "Nixie," by Mrs. Hodgson Burnett and Stephen Townsend, will be given at Terry's. Mesdames Helen Forsyth, Ruth Rutland, Caroline Ewell, Charlotte Morland, Lucy Webbling, Messrs. Lewis Waller, Julian Cross, Walter Russell, Wm. Herbert are in the caste.

The following are the prospective arrangements for the Lyceum:—"The Dead Heart" will terminate on 9th May, its 184th representation. "The Bells" will be given on seven consecutive nights, commencing 10th May, and also on Whit Monday evening, 28th May. "Louis XI." will be played for five nights—19th to 23rd May—and at two matinées, 3rd and 24th May. "Olivia" will be played for five nights, viz., from 27th to 31st May (the last night of the season). During the month of June Mr. Irving and Miss Ellen Terry will give Ten Readings of the Tragedy of Macbeth, with selections by full orchestra from Sir Arthur Sullivan's music to "Macbeth," expressly composed for the Lyceum production. The following cities will be visited:—Liverpool, 3rd June; Manchester, 5th June; Hanley, 6th June; Bradford, 9th June; Birmingham, 11th June; Sheffield, 13th June; Glasgow, 17th June; Dundee, 19th June; Edinburgh, 21st June; London, St. James's Hall, Wednesday, 25th June, and Wednesday, 16th July. Mr. Irving and the Lyceum Company will play 12 nights at the Grand Theatre, commencing 30th June. Mr. Augustin Daly will occupy the Lyceum Theatre for the months of June, July, and August; and in September Mr. Irving will re-open the theatre with a new play by Mr. Herman Merivale.

Northern Counties Lodge of Instruction.—On the 25th ult., the members and other brethren met at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, in order to mark their appreciation of the excellent manner in which Bros. Duncan MacDonald and Thomas Dinning, P.M.'s, had discharged the arduous duties of their offices of Treasurer and Secretary respectively, by making a substantial recognition of their services. Bro. W. Brown W.M. 48 presided. Amongst the large number of brethren present were Bros. Faraday Speuce P.G.S.W., W. F. Carmon P.G. Standard Bearer, John McKay P.G. Standard Bearer; and amongst the committee of management were Bros. Jno. Patterson W.M. 1342, Edward Turnbull I.P.M. 481, R. Harris J.W. 406, T. R. Short J.W. 424, T. R. Jobson J.W. 1664, and W. J. Jobson S.D. 48. Bro. G. R. Harbottle W.M. made the presentation, which consisted of a gold watch and seal to Bro. Dinning, and a time-piece and marble ornaments to Bro. MacDonald.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—The usual meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 27th ult. This being Officers' night, the following brethren officiated:—Bros. W. Brindley (Preceptor) W.M., C. O. Burgess S.W., J. D. Graham J.W., R. E. Cursons S.D., E. Bromley J.D., Joseph Greenway Deputy Preceptor, F. M. Noakes Assistant Secretary, John S. Carter I.G., T. C. Weeks Tyler; G. H. Foan, J. Gluckstein, J. B. Grieve, A. Cogliati, F. W. Buxton, W. J. Tharswell, G. A. Bergholtz, E. Jessarum, Dr. R. Millican and W. Hoggins. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Deputy Preceptor worked the fourth section of the first lecture. Bro. Dr. R. Millican offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Dr. Millican and Bro. W. Hoggins answered the questions leading to the second degree, in a satisfactory manner. Lodge was opened in the second, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Dr. R. Millican 1604 was elected a member. Brother Cursons will preside at the next meeting, when the ceremony of raising will be rehearsed.

Bro. William Liddle, the Dunbar centarian, was entertained to a banquet on Tuesday, the 18th ult., by the brethren of Dunbar Castle Lodge. Masons were present from various parts of Scotland and England. Bro. Liddle became a Freemason on the 13th March 1822.

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And that the Trustees of the Institution be and are hereby authorised and empowered to do all necessary acts and join in all necessary documents for the purpose of carrying such agreement into effect."

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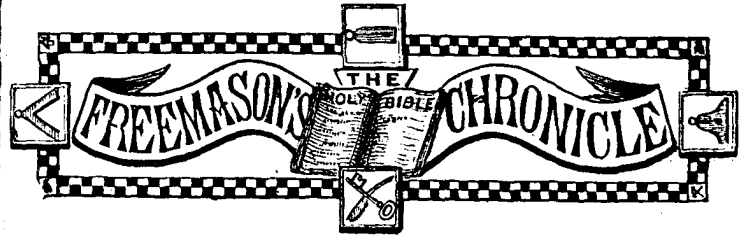
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### CONSECRATION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CHAPTER, No. 2191.

THE remarkable success which has attended the Anglo-American Lodge during its short career of nearly three years prompted a desire on the part of many of the members to have a Royal Arch Chapter attached, in which the duties of Arch Masonry could be carried out, and where American and English Masons who have attained this degree could fraternise as in the parent Lodge. A petition was presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, First Principal, and in due time a charter was granted, which was carried into effect on the 31st ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, in the presence of many distinguished American and English Masons. The consecration ceremony was performed by Comp. Frank Richardson Past Grand Deacon, in the regrettable absence of Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., through ill-health. The Consecrating Principal was assisted by Comps. Rev. H. Pope, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Frank Matthews, and G. Cooper. Amongst the numerous Masons present were Comps. J. C. New, Consul-General, U.S.A., Maj. Frigout Deputy Consul-General, Richard Eve, Dr. J. G. Wedgwood, Major George Lambert, F.S.A., Dr. I. Zacharie (California), and Brackstone Baker. The impressive ceremony was beautifully rendered, an eloquent oration being delivered by Comp. Rev. R. J. Simpson, in the course of which he alluded to the fraternal feeling existing between the two countries, and which he trusted would long continue. The anthems and musical portions of the service were sung by Comps. Schartau, F. Bevan, and A. Kenningham. On the completion of the ceremony Comps. Adolphus Clark, J. J. Woolley, and Captain C. Lambert were duly installed as the three Principals for the ensuing year, and the other Officers were duly elected and invested. The Consecrating Officers, Consul-General J. C. New and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, were elected honorary members, General New being warmly welcomed as the successor to Consul-General Waller, who was a highly esteemed member and took an active part in the Lodge. Numerous distinguished Masons were proposed as members, and the Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The health of the President of the U.S. was given by Comp. Brackstone Baker, who represents 22 out of 48 States in America at the Grand Lodge of England. He said this was a toast commanding reverence and respect, being that of the first magistrate of the first country in the Western World. If he was not an Englishman he should wish to be an American. He had had so many opportunities of exhausting adjectives and superlatives in connection with this toast that he would sum it up in one word, and say that blood was thicker than water, and that the same feeling existed in the two countries although the water separated them. Consul-General J. C. New, in response, said that personally the President of the United States was his boyhood friend, his young man's companion, and his friend in maturer years, and was the equal in every respect of any man who had been President of the United States. He was a man of honour, education, of liberal minded views, who represented his country as well as any other man. The President was a Christian, a scholar, and a soldier. He did good service at the time when soldiers were needed. If America claimed to be the equal of the British Isles, it also claimed to be their friend, and the President was endowed with more power than the Queen. If England ever got into difficulty, America would rally to the support of the old mother country, for the English-speaking people dominated the world. There was not in the United States a well-thinking man who did not believe in the integrity of Great Britain, and who was not in favour of maintaining the ascendancy of Great Britain in those parts she claimed. The Consecrating Officers was next given, and duly responded to by Comp. Frank Richardson, who, after expressing the pleasure it had afforded them to perform the ceremony, proposed the health of the First Principal, installed that evening to preside during the ensuing year. Comp. Adolphus Clark replied, and other toasts having been given, the proceedings terminated with the full conviction by all present that the events of the evening marked a new epoch in the Masonic relations between England and America.—*New York Herald.*

The brethren of Boscawen Mark Lodge, No. 101, Chacewater, have unanimously elected Bros. Grose S.W. as W.M. for the coming year, W. A. Bennett P.M. P.G.J.W. Treasurer, and Lear Tyler. Bros. Mills W.M., T. Mitchell, and W. A. Bennett were appointed a Committee to arrange the installation festival, which will take place in June.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 48.

ON Monday, the 24th ult., the annual meeting was held in the Lodge-room, Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, Gateshead, when Bro. W. F. Raeburn was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. Brown I.P.M. The annual banquet was afterwards held in the hall adjoining the Lodge-room.

## COMBERMERE LODGE, No. 605.

THE annual installation took place on the 20th ult., at the Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Bro. P. Duff W.M. occupied the chair. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, amongst the latter being Brothers W. Hopkinson I.P.M. 477, W. A. Kemp Secretary 477, J. M. Hogarth W.M. 1473, J. S. Jolly 1505, R. Jones P.M. late 1276, James Greenlees J.W. 1505, C. H. Smith 1576, A. Williams 249, Thos. C. Thorburn P.M. D.P.P.G.S.W., James T. Thompson P.M. 477, Amos A. Gass P.M. 477, John Lee P.P.G.S.W. 1289, R. Parry W.M. 1276, J. Clarke W.M. 1576, and E. K. Stevenson P.M. P.P.G.J.W. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Charles Roberts, Worshipful Master elect, was presented for installation by Bros. M. M'Nerney and J. Sillitoe. The installation ceremony was performed by Bros. G. Grant and J. Gamlin. The newly-installed Master invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Duff I.P.M., A. Moore S.W., J. Watt J.W., J. R. Simm Treasurer, O. Jones Secretary, J. Frazer S.D., J. P. Leech J.D., J. Woodcock I.G., J. H. Jackson Organist, J. Hamilton S.S., T. Lawson S.S., W. H. Reinhardt J.S., and R. W. Thompson A.S. The brethren, to the number of about eighty, dined, under the presidency of Bro. Charles Roberts, after which an excellent musical programme was rendered, by Bros. Kirkham, N. F. Burt, C. Smith, E. Edwards, J. Greenlees, and J. Higgenbottom. Bro. Sillitoe presented Bro. P. Duff I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, for his services in the chair during the year.

## METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE members held their annual banquet on the 18th ult., at Bro. Routley's Farley Hotel, Plymouth. Seventy brethren were present. Bro. A. W. King the W.M. presided, supported by his Officers:—Bros. D. Cross P.P.G. Treasurer, T. Gibbons P.P.G.O., T. E. Peek, R. Dickson, P. J. Dunn, W. Kennedy, H. E. Sitters, A. Trout, Bros. G. Perring S.W., G. Perkins J.W., E. Hughes S.D., J. T. Facey J.D., W. Williams D.C., J. E. Skellern A.D.C., J. Soper I.G., A. E. Maddock, J. Maunder, J. Wills, W. Webster Stewards, J. Gidley Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Major M. Tracy, R.A., P.P.G.S.W., S. Jew P.P.G.T., J. B. Gover P.P.G. Secretary, E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G.S. Works, J. M. Hifley P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Pike P.P.G.O., E. J. Knight P.P.G. Purs., W. Allsford 202, R. Blight 223, J. Duckett 893, and T. Parker W.M. 156. A Past Master's jewel was presented by the Lodge to the I.P.M. Bro. A. Trout. The usual toasts, interspersed with music, followed the banquet. Among the brethren who thus assisted were Bros. Kennedy, Dunn, Douglas, E. Hughes, T. E. Peek, W. H. Chanter, J. Soper, and H. E. Sitters.

## CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1208.

AT the first monthly meeting (since the installation of Bro. W. W. Burkett as W.M.) of this Lodge, held on Monday, the 17th ult., there was an unusually large muster of the brethren. The three degrees were worked in an excellent manner by the newly-elected Master. Amongst those present were the Rev. Vickers Chaplain; Bros. W. O. Kennett, Dr. Best, J. W. Bussey, Dr. Fenn, Dr. Walter, Lewis Adams, W. A. Smeeth, Marsh, Marsh, G. R. Igglesden, Wright, and others. Two local gentlemen were balloted for and initiated; there was also a passing and raising, and the election of a joining member.

## PEMBROKE LODGE, No. 1299.

BROTHER A. Harrison was, on Thursday, the 20th ult., at West Derby, installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. F. Booth W.M. assisted by his Officers. Bro. Harrison was presented to the Installing Master by Bros. W. S. Vines and J. J. Ramsey. The ceremony of installation was impressively and well performed by Bros. S. H. Jones and J. J. Ramsey. The following brethren were afterwards invested as Officers:—J. F. Booth I.P.M., T. S. Ramsey S.W., W. Pearson J.W., W. S. Vines Treasurer (for the 10th time), J. Leach Secretary, G. R. Jones S.D., J. Jones J.D., D. Higgins I.G., D. Davis Org., W. Coulthard, Dr. S. M. Higgin, and W. Baker Stewards. A handsome P.M.'s jewel and apron were presented to Bro. J. F. Booth, together with an artistic tea and coffee service for Mrs. Booth. A very pleasant musical evening was spent, Bros. Barry Stuart, S. H. Jones and W. Baker contributing greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren.

## ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE, No. 1360.

THE ceremony of installation took place at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon, on Wednesday evening, the 19th ult. Bro. Hoey was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Marsh P.M. was presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of his services during the year. The full Lodge, to the number of between 50 and 60, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Gould. The new Officers for the year are Bros. J. W. Wade S.W., T. R. Porter J.W., Driver S.D., Baker J.D., and Tomlin I.G., the Stewards being Bros. Hawes and Cawse. Some good songs were well rendered, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## STIRLING LODGE, No. 1989.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on the 26th ult. There was a good muster of the members and a large contingent of visitors present to do honour to the occasion. The following brethren signed the attendance book:—Bros. J. M'Harry W.M., R. Walker I.P.M., J. Dickinson S.W., W. Heathcote J.W., H. Ward Treasurer, C. Gowan Secretary, R. Rothery J.D., L. Rummey I.G., W. Kewley Steward, T. Temple Tyler, R. Baxter P.M., J. Bewley P.M., D. Anderson, J. Telford, G. Aplin, J. D. Nichol, Isaac Frears, George Greggans, Joseph Elliott, William Thornthwaite, A. J. Rea, J. S. Moffat W.M. 872, W. D. P. Field P.G.D.C., T. Brakenridge P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, W. H. Ainsworth, W. H. Brockbank, D. Atkinson, A. W. Johnstone all of 872, R. Jakes 1267, John Wilkinson S.W. 1660, H. Hartley W.M. 1660 P.G.S., and James Garnett. Bro. Joseph Dickinson S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. of the Lodge. Bro. H. Ward was also unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Temple Tyler. After the business part of the meeting was over, a most enjoyable hour was spent in the banqueting-room.

## CROOK LODGE, No. 2019.

ON the 26th ult., a meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Crook, for the purpose of installing Bro. Robert W. Wraith S.W. into the Worshipful Master's chair. The Lodge was opened by Bro. E. Milburn W.M., who conducted the ordinary business of the Lodge. Bro. Thomas Hardy P.M. P.P.G.P. then performed the installation ceremony, after which Bro. Wraith appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Milburn I.P.M., J. Joel S.W., George Emmerson J.W., R. Proud Treasurer, A. Y. Talbot Secretary, R. J. Robertson S.D., John Potts J.D., Myles Taylor D.C., Jno. Hughes Organist, W. T. Wanless I.G., W. Turner Senior Steward, T. Linton Junior Steward, John Dowson Tyler. The brethren and a large number of visitors subsequently retired to the upper room, where a banquet was provided in celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Edward Milburn, the retiring W.M.

## WESTERN DISTRICT UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 2258.

THE members of this Lodge, at their monthly meeting held on Wednesday, the 19th ult., presented Bro. Major M. Tracy, R.A., I.P.M. of the above Lodge with a very handsome jewel as Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Devonshire. Major Tracy's career in Freemasonry is highly distinguished. He was initiated in the Island of Jersey in August 1861, in the Yarbrough Lodge, No. 244, and was "thrice" W.M. of that Lodge, and the brethren, to mark their high estimation of his services, presented him with a valuable P.M.'s jewel. He also served the office of Prov. Grand Secretary of Jersey, and on his promotion to Great Yarmouth he received the thanks of the Provincial Grand Master (Col. E. C. Malet De Carteret) for his zeal and attention to the important duties annexed to that appointment. Also served as Worshipful Master in the following Lodges, viz.:—No. 100, Friendship, Yarmouth; No. 36, St. David's, Edinburgh (twice); No. 2253, United Service, Plymouth; was also a member of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, for eight years. He is P.Z. of the H.R.A. Chapter, No. 84, Guernsey. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire (Lord Ebrington), to testify his appreciation of Major Tracy's Masonic services, conferred upon him the collar of Grand Senior Warden. Major Tracy is also Past Sovereign of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, as well as a Commander of K.H.S. and Knight of the Holy Order of St. John the Evangelist; he has worked with untiring zeal for the Craft generally, whereby his valuable services have been frequently acknowledged by the brethren (in England and Scotland), in the presentation of handsome testimonials of plate, jewels, and certificates on vellum. The handsome jewel voted unanimously by the members of the United Service Lodge to this worthy brother was presented, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Brother Colonel (2nd Commandant) J. Phillips, C.B., R.M.L.I., by Bro. D. Cross P.M. P.P.G.T., in most eulogistic terms of fraternal good wishes towards the recipient. Bro. Major Tracy acknowledged the gift with heartfelt expressions of gratitude, and his earnest desire to do all in his power for the interests of Freemasonry. The jewel bears the following inscription:—

"Presented by the members of the Western District United Service Lodge to W. Bro. Major M. Tracy, R.A., P.M. P.P.G.S.W. and first W.M., 1889, as a mark of their fraternal regard and high esteem for his great zeal in Freemasonry."

At the regular meeting of the Jordan Mark Lodge, No. 319, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Wednesday, the 19th ultimo, Bro. Thomas Prust W.M. in the chair, Bro. William Taylor was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Thomas Taylor Treasurer, and Bro. J. E. Newton Tyler.

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## FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 66.

THE annual meeting was held on the 24th ult., to instal Bro. W. F. Westcott S.W. as the W. Master for the year ensuing. The installing Officer was Bro. H. Langmead P.M. 16 P.P.G.P., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. S. Jew, J. B. Gover, W. Allsford, H. Holman, J. R. Lord, James Gidley, Archeleus Trout, James Holland. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. J. Hicks S.W., P. B. Clemens J.W., T. Gray I.P.M., H. F. Hearle M.O., Vincent Bird S.O., W. S. Hearder J.O., the Rev. W. Whittley Chaplain, S. Jew Treasurer, J. B. Gover Secretary, Isaac Latimer Registrar of Marks, G. Whittley S.D., S. G. Baker J.D., J. H. Keats D.C., J. G. Kevern Organist, E. Coppin S.B., G. Whittley I.G., J. Gidley Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the refectory room at the Club, where an excellent banquet was prepared by Bro. Harvey, and a pleasant evening was spent.

## CHELMER LODGE, No. 342.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford, on the 25th ult., Bro. T. Rymer Jarvis W.M. presiding. The ballot was taken for Bro. Wm. Flanders Howard Flanders, which proving unanimous the candidate was regularly advanced by the W.M. The working tools were presented and the charges impressively given by Bro. J. P. Lewin P.M. P.P.G.J.W.

## FOR FELLOWSHIP SAKE.

THERE was recently completed, at the Delaware Avenue Cemetery, a plain but stately granite monument. This memorial, erected by the Masonic Board of Relief of Buffalo, stands for a noteworthy fraternal and philanthropic work, which is of such wide interest as to warrant a few words of history and description. We cannot do better than quote from a historical report prepared by Secretary (now ex-Secretary) Charles R. Fitzgerald, and deposited with other papers in a copper box in the base of the monument:—

During the early history of Masonry in Buffalo no particular plan had been devised for the distribution of charity to the needy and helpless sojourning brethren, or their widows and orphans.

It was the custom of the Lodge, to whom application was made by an afflicted sojourning brother, to bear the burden of his necessities. This was considered unjust, proportionately, and furnished no safeguard against impostors. Feeling the necessity of a rigid plan for the detection of the unworthy, as well as for a uniform and judicious system of aiding the needy sojourner, a call was issued to the Officers of the different Lodges to meet for the purpose of organising a body to provide for the control and distribution of a fund proposed to be raised for purposes of relief; and, accordingly, early in June 1858, the "Masonic Board of Relief of the City of Buffalo" was duly established and organised by the election of Officers and the adoption of suitable by-laws providing for its government.

A fund was established by each of the Lodges agreeing to donate to the Board of Relief a certain sum annually, based upon a pro rata assessment on the number of members each Lodge returned to the Grand Lodge; and by that body making a liberal annual donation, thereby regarding Buffalo as next in importance to the City of New York in caring for the wayfaring brother in distress.

The plan thus established proved of great benefit to the Craft, both to the contributing Lodges and to the worthy sojourner seeking assistance, and continued in operation until the 14th of May 1870, when, through some diversity of opinion, it was deemed advisable to re-organise the system then in use on a more economical basis, in order to furnish greater safeguards against imposition, and make better provision for the interment of deceased sojourners, and their widows and orphans.

The new system, possessing additional features for the maintenance of its fund, being deprived of the liberal donation by the Grand Lodge was regarded by many of the original members as insufficient to meet the demands made upon it for aid; but, by a careful and judicious distribution of charity to those considered worthy, and the detection of impostors, it has been demonstrated, that with the present resources of the Board, and the absence of epidemic, we are in possession of as complete a system for the object in view as the existing circumstances require.

The Board consists of the following Lodges:—Hiram, No. 105; Concordia, No. 143; Erie, No. 161; Washington, No. 240; Parish, No. 292; Modestia, No. 340; Queen City, No. 358; De Molay, No. 498; Harmonie, No. 699; and Occidental, No. 766, who regularly respond to the assessments made in due form, and who furnish each three delegates as the working membership of the Board.

On 15th April 1882, the board took steps towards the purchase of a desirable lot in the Delaware Avenue Cemetery. On 3rd May 1884, the board entered into negotiations for the purchase of the lot, and authorised the officers to incorporate the board in order that it might hold real estate, under the State laws as an incorporated body. The incorporators were Charles F. Bishop (now Mayor of Buffalo), John H. Doyle, Charles R. Fitzgerald,

James P. Gething, William J. Donaldson, Henry Zipp, and Philo W. Dorris, who constituted the board of directors for that year. The certificate of incorporation states that the particular business and object of the Masonic Board of Relief of the City of Buffalo is "to provide for and relieve needy and distressed sojourning Free and Accepted Masous, their widows and orphans."

The lot which was bought is finely situated at the corner of Delaware and Hertel Avenues, and thereon has been erected the monument. It is of granite, 25 feet 8 inches high, and cost 1000 dollars. The front face of the die is polished, with a raised Masonic emblem, and the inscription:—"Erected by the Masonic Board of Relief. A.L. 5889. A.D. 1889." The contract was entrusted to Wor. Bro. Peter Frank, of this city, and the finished work is regarded as highly satisfactory.

The first burial in the society lot was that of Bro. Karl Petzke, member of a Lodge in Berlin, Austria, who died suddenly in the New York Central Depot in this city on 20th January 1885. Modestia Lodge gave the stranger a burial with Masonic honours.

On the 13th day of May 1885, it was conceived by Secretary Charles R. Fitzgerald that the formation of a National Masonic Board of Relief for the United States and Canadas would be most conducive to the best interests of the Craft. Consequently, by the aid and assistance of Bro. D. F. Pennington, President of the Masonic Lodge of Relief, of Baltimore, Md., a circular letter was issued and sent out to Boards of Relief, Grand Lodges, &c., throughout the United States and Canada, for a conference upon the subject, to be held at Baltimore, Md., on the 31st of August 1885. On 1st September 1885, the "National Masonic Board of Relief" was organised, and the Buffalo board made its first payment of dues to that body on 17th October 1885, for one year to 1st September 1886.

On 17th April 1887, the general good effects of the organization and operation of the National Masonic Board of Relief were manifested by the reduction of the per capita assessment upon each Lodge membership of the Buffalo Board from 25 cents to 12½ cents.

At the end of ten years of service as Secretary of the Relief Association, Mr. Fitzgerald has resigned. His term of office has seen much substantial work done. As General Secretary Pennington has lately stated, in a circular letter, it was largely through Mr. Fitzgerald's individual efforts that this final resting place and monument have been provided for indigent Masous who die in Buffalo; he has been instrumental in reducing the assessments upon the Lodges, and has been successful in bringing about such action between Masonic organizations in the various cities that the Masonic tramp, impostor, and adventurer, may be watched and guarded against. It is for such work as this that the General Masonic Relief Association and other bodies have testified in hearty appreciation of his services, and in regret at his retirement.—*Buffalo Sunday Express*.

At a representative meeting of the brethren of the Three Towns, held on the 20th ult., Bro. J. R. Lord presiding, it was decided to hold an Easter ball in the Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on 16th April. The necessary arrangements were resolved upon, Bro. Lord being elected Chairman of the Committee, Bro. G. R. Barrett Vice-Chairman, Bro. John Leonard D.C., and Bros. Court, James, and Gibbens M.C.'s.

On the 27th ult., the Masous of Margate entertained 250 of the aged poor of the town at the Foresters' Hall. A bountiful dinner and tea was provided, and between the meals a capital programme of vocal and instrumental music was gone through. Short addresses were also given by the Mayor (Bro. W. Leach Lewis), who presided, Bro. Rev. W. Taylor Jones, and the Worshipful Master Bro. B. L. Moor.

We learn that a ball in aid of the Dublin Masonic Orphan Schools will be given in the new Leinster Hall, Dublin, under the auspices of Lodge No. 25, on Friday, the 25th April.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—*Confidential Advice* free per post to all in weak and failing health, with loss of strength and vitality. Fifty years experience in Nervous Ailments. Address, The Secretary, 3 Fitzalan Square, Sheffield. Form of Correspondence Free. Write to-day.



## 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, 5th April.

- 1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
1559 New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross  
1919 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston  
1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead  
1453 Truth, Wheatshen Hotel, Manchester  
1468 Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton  
1929 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

## Monday, 7th April.

- 12 Fortitude & Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall St.  
25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
69 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
83 United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, E.C.  
144 St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
256 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1625 Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road  
1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
1853 Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
2020 St. Botolph's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
2098 Harlesden, National School, Harlesden  
R.A. 28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tav, W.C.  
R.A. 1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton  
53 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath  
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, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
236 York, Masonic Hall, York  
251 Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle Street, Barnstaple  
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford  
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebdon Bridge  
339 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
381 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwen  
395 Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields  
441 Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hot, Camb.  
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth  
529 Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester  
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
694 Oakley, Masonic Hall, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke  
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury  
850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield  
1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester  
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
1050 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
1051 Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Private Rooms, Cleby  
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  
1477 Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
1510 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Accrington  
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea  
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd  
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle  
1798 Zion, Masonic Rooms, King St., Manchester  
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon  
2094 Elthorne and Middx., Town Hall, Hounslow  
R.A. 262 Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
R.A. 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
M.M. 9 Fort-cue, Masonic Hall, South Molton  
M.M. 37 Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke  
R.C. Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## Tuesday, 8th April.

- 96 Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street  
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.  
211 St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, City  
548 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
834 Ranelagh, Criterion, W.  
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon Street Hotel  
933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
1269 Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
1593 Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly  
2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.  
R.A. 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 185 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
M.M. 22 Southwark, Bridge House Hot, Southwark  
93 Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
126 Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Brunley  
131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Old Brompton, Kent  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
281 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick  
373 Socrates, George Hotel, Huntingdon  
443 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield  
503 Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead  
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
603 Zeland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton  
626 Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
650 Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich  
696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesday

- 726 Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hot, Staff.  
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup  
892 Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster  
903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St., Gosport  
1024 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Maldon  
1120 St. Miturga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge  
1250 Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Warrington  
1280 Walden, Rose and Crown Hot, Saffron Walden  
1114 Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks  
1465 Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex  
1509 Madioc, Queen's Hotel Portsmouth  
1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow  
1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Baildon  
1713 Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton  
1799 Arnold, Dorling's Hotel, Walton on the Naze  
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk  
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herno Bay  
R.A. 70 St. John's, Huyshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth  
R.A. 163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Keighley  
R.A. 268 Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne  
R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds  
R.A. 330 St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Bodmin  
R.A. 452 Frederick of Unity, 105 High St., Croydon  
R.A. 537 Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
R.A. 558 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone  
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter  
M.M. 152 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

## Wednesday, 9th April.

- Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 4  
3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
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 Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road  
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1306 Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate  
1538 St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hot, E.C.  
1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart, Upper Norwood  
1694 Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane St., Chelsea  
1718 Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
2272 Rye, Peckham Public Hall, Peckham  
R.A. 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel  
M.M. (L.T.) Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, E.C.

- 54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale  
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., Lancs.  
298 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
303 Keysone, New Inn, Whitworth  
43 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon  
493 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
567 Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
615 St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales, Erith  
625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
666 Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town  
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton  
852 Zetland, Albert Hotel, Salford  
854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1060 Marmion, Masonic 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, 10 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
1398 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hot, Ormskirk  
1424 Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton  
1434 Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham  
1503 Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock  
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1582 Llanidloes, Trevythen Arms, Llanidloes  
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne  
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
1734 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh  
2041 West Kent Volunteer, M.H., Wilmington  
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton  
R.A. 62 Social, Queen's, Piccadilly, Manchester  
R.A. 86 Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott  
R.A. 350 Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough  
R.A. 462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
R.A. 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 809 Etheldreda, Rose & Crown Hot, Wisbech  
R.A. 1177 Dinbych, Masonic Rooms, Tenby  
R.A. 1345 Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles  
M.M. 192 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Berwick

## Thursday, 10th April.

- 19 Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
91 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle, E.C.  
233 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
263 Bank of England, Albion Tavern, E.C.  
534 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.  
1216 Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
1558 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
1599 Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
1791 Creation, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 140 St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath  
R.A. 619 Beaton, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
M.M. 86 Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall Avenue  
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, Haslingdon

- 333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland  
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton  
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  
754 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Deal  
786 Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool  
945 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  
1114 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 Royal, 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.  
1457 Bagshawe, Public Hall, Loughton  
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley  
1535 Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot  
1782 Machen, Swan, Colehill  
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hot, Shoeburyness  
1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable  
R.A. 116 Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne  
R.A. 275 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
R.A. 307 Good Intent, White Horse, Hebdon Bridge  
R.A. 807 Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport  
M.M. 145 Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

## Friday, 11th April.

- 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.  
157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 33 Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
R.C. 9 Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W.  
36 Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Cardiff  
155 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
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  
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, Poole  
R.A. 408 De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Newcastle  
R.A. 601 Eytton St. John, Wrecon Hot, Wellington  
R.A. 712 St. James's, Masonic Hall, Louth

## Saturday, 12th April.

- 108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1446 Mount Edgecombe, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.  
1697 Loyalty, Loudon Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1612 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
1671 Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street  
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1928 Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon  
M.M. 211 Hammersmith, Windsor Castle, King St.  
1415 Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
1637 Unity, Harrow  
1999 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport  
2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon  
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 5th April.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730  
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,  
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 730  
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

## Monday, 7th April.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7  
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630  
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 27 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1419 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8  
1459 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 730  
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730  
1555 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8  
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 830  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Wallbrook, 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, 8th April.**

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.,  
 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  
 406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle, 7  
 463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel,  
 Croydon, 7-45  
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7-30  
 753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8  
 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7-30  
 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  
 1325 Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer St, Liverpool, 8  
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7-30  
 1446 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
 1471 Islington, Cook Tavern, Highbury, N., 7-30  
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8  
 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8  
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
 1940 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8  
 2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hill, Sarbiton  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6-30  
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8

**Wednesday, 9th April.**

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Bartsbury, 8  
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7-30  
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
 183 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7  
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
 538 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  
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
 1475 Peckham, 51 1/2 Old Kent Road, 8  
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
 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 Creakton, Wheatshaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
 1923 Earl of Latham, 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, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7-30  
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

**Thursday, 10th April.**

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  
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
 435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8  
 704 Camden, 305 High Holborn, 7  
 754 High Cross, Coach 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  
 1800 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, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
 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  
 1996 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, 11th April.**

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6  
 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, Jermyn Street, W., 8  
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
 766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8  
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30  
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1298 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8  
 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7-30  
 1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
 1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1901 Solwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8  
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7-30  
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.  
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8  
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.  
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
 M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall  
 M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7-30

**Saturday, 12th April.**

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's  
 Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7-30  
 170 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  
 1298 Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
 1624 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
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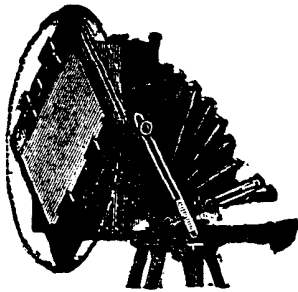
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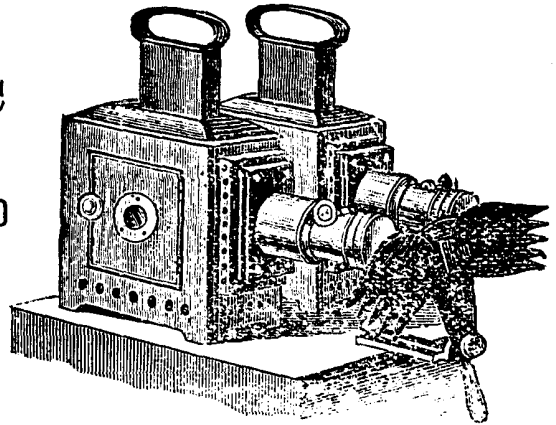
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