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## MASONIC PANTOMIME.

AMONG the attacks made upon the ancient and honourable society of Freemasons none perhaps have been more severely felt than those which have taken the form of ridicule. Men who will defend a cause with their life, who will argue against unheard of odds in defence of what they deem to be right and proper, have been known to pause in front of the shaft of sarcasm, and flee from an outburst of ridicule. We believe it was a mock procession of Freemasons that led to the edict prohibiting all Masonic processions and public displays in London, and many a man who would have been a worthy addition to our ranks has shrunk from seeking a participation in the mysteries and lessons of the Craft because he could not stand the chaff or ridicule of his friends in anticipation of his proposed step. But ridicule and sarcasm are not alone to be found outside the Masonic Order. Within our ranks we have men who do lasting injury to the cause of Freemasonry by their ridiculous and absurd antics, bringing down scorn and sarcasm not only on themselves, but on all connected with the Order, as a result of their departure from the established customs and procedure of the Fraternity. Can anything more absurd or demoralising to the whole system of Freemasonry be imagined than the Masonic Pantomime to which our contemporary the *Keystone* drew attention, and in regard to which we quoted its remarks last week? The "full costume" of the third degree, to which our contemporary objects, is no part of Freemasonry, and to publish an account of its use at a Masonic gathering is only to bring down ridicule on the Craft and invite the sarcasm of the whole educated world. Our contemporary deserves the heartiest thanks of the Masonic community in calling attention to so gross an innovation, and we believe the *Keystone* will be generally supported in its endeavours to put an end to such tomfoolery as that under notice. Certain it is that all who have any regard for the ancient customs of Freemasonry, and their continuance without modern innovation or alteration, will swell the number of those opposed to the continuance or extension of such flagrant departures as have been exposed by our contemporary.

We advise our readers to refer back to last Saturday's issue, and read again the extract giving a description of the "full costume" in which the Masonic pantomime at Missouri Lodge was acted, and they must at once fall in with the views of our American contemporary, and feel inclined to raise their hands in Masonic horror, unless they feel disposed to sympathise with the weak minded brethren who form that Lodge, and who have evidently been led away from their true Masonic professions by the love of tinsel and display. We offer them our sincere sympathy, and earnestly hope they will speedily be restored to reason,

with the result that they will discard their "full costume" and settle down to the time-honoured insignia of the Craft—more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honourable than the Star, Garter, or any other Order in existence—the plain white Masonic apron, the bond of friendship and the badge of innocence.

American Masons are proverbial for their love of display, and it would be most undesirable on our part to offer any criticism against the exercise of their particular desires, provided it did not interfere with the recognised systems of Freemasonry. There is nothing to be said about their periodical displays as Knights of this, that or the other, that is no part of ancient Freemasonry, and its several so-called degrees are only associated with the Craft in a very roundabout manner, but when it comes to the third degree of Craft Masonry there are certain rules and regulations to be observed which must not be lightly treated, much less wholly set aside, without some sort of protest being raised by those who recognise the unchangeable nature of our rites and ceremonies. Besides this, as our contemporary observes, the "crowning" of the Master of a Lodge, and the decking of his principal Officers with tiaras, must tend to create distinctions wholly foreign to the principles of the Craft, which recognises all men as equal within the portals of the Lodge, the Officers for the time being standing rather as tutors or instructors than actual chiefs in a dictatorial sense. We hope the brethren of the American Lodge we have referred to will at once see the absurdity of the course they have adopted, and will either sever their connection with Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry, or transfer their "full costume" to the lumber room of the nearest theatre, where it may come in handy to bedeck the performers in the next pantomime or comic opera to be performed there.

## ROYALTY AND FREEMASONRY.

THE present week has been a busy one for members of the Royal Family in their Masonic connection, two important ceremonies taking place on Tuesday, the one in London, when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was installed as Worshipful Master of the London Irish Rifles Lodge, No. 2312; and the other at York, where the Duke of Clarence and Avondale was presented with a Founder's jewel of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328. It has also been announced during the week that the Prince of Wales has decided that the ceremony of opening the new Hall at the Girls' School shall be performed by His Royal Highness after his return from Cannes, and before Easter, and not during the month of February, as originally contemplated.

The installation meeting of the London Irish Rifles Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Major C. W. Carrell Worshipful Master. The Lodge, which was consecrated 12 months ago, originated

from the London Irish Rifle Volunteers, of which the Duke of Connaught is Honorary Colonel. His Royal Highness was designated as first Master of the Lodge, but on account of his absence in India, his installation at the consecration was impossible, and Major Carrell was installed in his stead, and performed the duties of Master of the Lodge. He concluded a very successful year on Tuesday by, first of all, initiating into the Order Mr. John Hubert Griffin, L.R.C.P.L., V.M.S., Surgeon, London Irish Rifles, and subsequently performing two installations. A special dispensation had been obtained from the Prince of Wales, for holding the meeting on a day not fixed by the warrant of the Lodge, it having been found impossible to have it on the usual day. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., K.T., Past Grand Master, District Grand Master of Bombay, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, Past Grand Warden, was at the last regular meeting unanimously re-elected Master of the Lodge, and, having signified his intention to be present to be installed, a large number of Grand and Past Grand Officers were invited to meet him, and attended. Among these were Bros. Sir John B. Monckton Past Grand Warden, Augustus Harris Grand Treasurer, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Sir Polydore de Keyser, Peter de Lande Long, Robert Berridge, R. Clay Sudlow, George Cooper, C. Martin, F. R. W. Hedges, C. F. Matier, J. H. Matthews, and E. Letchworth, and among other brethren were Henry Sutton, Captain Ward, E. M. Money, General Ford, and W. Lake Past Provincial Grand Registrar Cornwall. The Duke of Connaught entered the Lodge, escorted by the Grand Officers, headed by Bro. C. F. Matier, who acted as Director of Ceremonies. Shortly after his entry His Royal Highness, who wore the clothing of a Past Grand Master, was duly obligated and installed as Master of the Lodge by Major Carrell, and he was then saluted according to ancient custom. His Royal Highness appointed Colonel James Ward as Deputy Worshipful Master, and Major Carrell, assisted by the Grand Secretary, afterwards installed Colonel Ward in his position. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the Duke of Connaught, for which he expressed his thanks. The Officers appointed for the year were Major C. W. Carrell I.P.M., Surgeon-Major Bigg Senior Warden, Major R. L. S. Badham Junior Warden, Major W. R. Inglis Treasurer, Surgeon Bateman Secretary, W. B. Billingham Senior Deacon, E. M. Money Junior Deacon, Colonel Rowland Roberts Inner Guard, Captain Ward Director of Ceremonies, and Charles Patrick Past Master No. 1227 Tyler. Colonel Ward presented Major Carrell with a Past Master's jewel, and Major Carrell, after thanking the Lodge for the gift, said that he had received letters of apology for not being present from the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Earl of Lathom, Lord Euston, and the Marquis of Hertford. The Lodge was then closed, and a superb banquet followed, at the Freemasons' Tavern, but the Duke of Connaught, having another engagement, was unable to preside.

The meeting at York, on the same day, was a large and representative one. The brethren assembled in the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, the special object of the meeting being the presentation of a founder's jewel by the brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328, to His Royal Highness Albert Victor Christian Edward, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G. Bro. T. B. Whytehead W.M. and Grand Sword Bearer England, opened the Lodge, after which His Royal Highness was introduced by Bro. W. T. Orde-Powlett Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings, and Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G. Chaplain. His Royal Highness was received with the usual Masonic honours, after which Bro. Whytehead rose and said, the Albert Victor Lodge was honoured that day by the presence of a brother of the most distinguished rank, one of its Founders, and after whom the Lodge itself was named. When the formation of the Lodge was proposed. His Royal Highness signed the petition to the Grand Master, and gave his permission that the Lodge should be called after his name, as well as accepting honorary membership. He was, therefore, one of the founders of the Lodge, the formation of which was a desire to constitute a perennial Masonic memorial of the prolonged residence in York—that mother city of Freemasonry, as they now had it throughout the world—of the eldest son of their beloved Grand Master of English Freemasons, the Heir Presumptive to the throne of England, and one who, they anticipated, might some day occupy the position in Freemasonry now held

by his august father. That meeting would be an historic event in the annals of Masonry, for it had been but seldom, until of late years, that members of the reigning family had honoured York Masons by their presence. Their traditions told them—and their most orthodox historians inclined to the belief that the legend was based upon truth—that the Royal Athelstan held a General Assembly of the Craft there in 926. From that period until 1841, when the Duke of Sussex presided over a Grand Lodge held in the Mansion House of York, no member of the ruling House had visited them Masonically. In 1883 their present Grand Master held his Grand Lodge in York, and laid the foundation-stone of the Institute; and two years ago their Royal brother who was with them that day graced their first provincial educational festival by his presence. That day he was with them as a member of the Albert Victor Lodge, and they received him with that loyalty and affection which all true Masons cherished towards the family of which he was so prominent and distinguished a member. Referring to the principal object of the meeting, Bro. Whytehead remarked that it had been designed by their beloved and honoured brother the Dean of York, and explained that it consisted of the arms of the Duke, suspended from a bar, bearing the title of the Lodge, by a network of gold, embracing twenty-five white roses, emblematic of the twenty-five members now forming the Albert Victor Lodge, who thus desired to express their loyalty and fraternal affection for His Royal Highness. On the back of the jewel was a Latin inscription, the English version of which was—“To our illustrious brother and founder, Albert Victor Christian Edward, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Prov. G. Master of Berks, &c. &c. &c., the 25 brethren of the Lodge, Yorkshiresmen, grateful and loyal, present this offering, 27th January, A.D. 1891.—A.L., 5891.” Bro. Whytehead then attached the jewel to the Prince's coat, over the left breast, concluding by expressing the sincere wish and prayer of every brother present that the Great Architect might grant him good health, length of days, and great happiness. His Royal Highness in reply said: Worshipful Master and Brethren, I have to return you the warmest thanks for the great honour done me in presenting, through your Master, this beautiful jewel I now bear. It is the greatest pleasure possible to be present to-day, and take part in joining the Lodge, which was formed through the good will of those about me, and which was named after me. The greatest thanks are due to the Dean of York for the clever design of the jewel. I shall value it very much indeed, and I again thank you all for the honour you have done me.

The Lodge was then called off, and the proceedings terminated.

#### DEGREE OF PAST MASTER.

THIS degree has never held a very high rank in the Masonic system. It deserves no special commendation for what it is in text and ceremony, nor can it justify its claim for respect by reason of its long continued use and general recognition. Chase in his Digest says, “The Past Master's degree is not older than the last part of the last century.” Thomas Smith Webb had a good deal to do with shaping the degree as we now have it in the usual form of presentation. Before his time there had been some sort of a private ceremony connected with, or preparatory to, the induction of a brother into the Master's chair, and what Webb did was to make a *degree* out of the forms and practices which had come into use in some localities, if not generally. He formulated the Past Master's degree and made it a part of the Capitular system of Freemasonry, as it exists in America. It is not needed there. It is of doubtful utility either in the Lodge or the Chapter. As a modern writer has said, “The Past Master's degree seems a propos of nothing before it or that comes after. Where seriously conferred it has but little interest—generally it has been much abused and becomes a nuisance to an earnest Companion seeking in all ceremonies the high symbolism of the Craft.”

Masonry is intended for intelligent and thoughtful men. It would be well, therefore, to prune the system of all excrescences. We need not fear the cry of innovation when such work of elimination is being done—work that is most essential for the removal of frivolous and useless

features from the Masonic institution in order that its true glory may appear and its highest mission be fulfilled.

Brother Rice, editor of the *Masonic Advocate*, has been expressing his opinion in criticism of the Past Master's degree, which, he well says, is "lacking in those elements that shall entitle it to a place in the series of degrees now incorporated in the beautiful system of York Rite Masonry. Its allegorical allusion to King Solomon in his infirm age is an absurdity. That Solomon died in the prime of manhood is historically established beyond a doubt, and his alleged infirmity is a myth without the semblance of reality. Besides, the Past Master's degree is a sort of nondescript affair, having no connection with what precedes or follows it."

In pronouncing against the conferring of the degrees upon a newly elected Master, by a "Convocation of Past Masters," editor Rice declares that whatever of wholesome instruction or suggestion belongs to it should be given in an open manner to the newly elected Worshipful Master. "The instruction and reminders should be made a part of the installation ceremonies, and given in the presence of all the members of the Lodge. In fact, most of them are worthless if not made known to the members, and there is nothing in them that might not be said in the presence of even those who are not Masons. Then why not adopt the better plan of obligating and installing the new Master in the presence of all the brethren, that they may learn how to submit and obey while he is being taught how to rule and govern? We can see no good reason why this should not be done."

Further on in the article to which we refer, mention is made of the fact that formerly the degree in question was conferred only upon Master Masons elected to preside in a Lodge. So far as the Grand Lodge recognises the degree, this is still the rule. Grand Chapters, however, have abolished this prerequisite, and every Mason who joins a Chapter has the degree conferred upon him. Hence, concludes the *Advocate*, "Grand Lodges can, with equal propriety, confer it upon all Master Masons, or abolish it so far as pertains to Lodges, as they may deem best."

We are quite in agreement with the several conclusions put forth by the *Masonic Advocate* on this matter. Our thought is that the Past Master's degree is in no sense helpful to the interests of the Craft. We would have it thrown out by Grand Lodge and then eliminated from the Capitular system. Such of its obligations and lessons as are deemed appropriate to the installing of a Worshipful Master of a Lodge may find use in a service of that nature. The rest is surplus material—weak and frivolous—and had better be discarded.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

#### SINCERITY CHAPTER, No. 189.

THE installation meeting was held on the 26th inst., at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. A brother having been exalted, ex-Comps. Hendry as Z., Moulder jun. as H., and Thomas as J., were installed in the respective chairs, the work being most ably carried out by ex-Comps. Rae P.Z. P.P.G. 3rd P., Croydon P.Z., White P.Z., and the Rev. Dr. Lemon P.Z. P.P.G. 3rd P., all of 189. The Officers invested were:—Ex-Comps. Dunsterville I.P.Z., Rae P.Z. Sc. E., Comp. Dunsterville Sc. N., ex-Comp. White P.Z. Treas., Comps. Stowell P. Soj., Harrison 1st Assist. Soj., Major May 2nd Assist. Soj., ex-Comps. Croydon P.Z. Dir. of Cer., the Rev. Dr. Lemon Org., and Comp. Duff Steward.

The Mark Master Masons of the East End of London will be gratified to learn that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex and Surrey (Bro. Charles Hamerton), accompanied by some of his Provincial Grand Officers, will visit the Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 350, at Poplar, on Wednesday, 11th February, on the occasion of its installation meeting. As this will be the first visit of the D.P.G.M. to the East End of London since his appointment to that office, he will, no doubt, be supported by a large number of M.M.M. We observe with pleasure that in the distribution of Grand Mark Lodge honours, as well as those of Provincial Grand Lodge, the Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 350, stands well to the fore, no less than three of the P.M.'s being Grand Lodge Officers, while several of the members hold Provincial rank.

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## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Globe.**—Mr. Norman Forbes has entered upon his duties as manager of this theatre with a liberality that will certainly commend itself to the playgoing public. The house has been prettily redecorated, the electric light substituted for gas, and altogether it presents a bright and comfortable appearance. Further, the obnoxious fee system is abolished, programmes and cloak rooms being alike gratuitous. Mr. Forbes proves his versatility by appearing as Gringoire in Mr. Willis' pathetic version of Theodore de Banville's play of that name, and in a farcical comedy, entitled "All the Comforts of Home." It must be confessed that he is seen to greater advantage in the first piece, though repeated performances in the latter will doubtless add to his rendering the necessary lightness to the character he assumes. The performance of "Gringoire" was indeed perfect, Mr. Forbes playing the part with a force and pathos that speedily met with recognition by the audience. Mr. Jan Robertson, as Louis XI., showed the various phases of the character with admirable skill, Miss Mary Ansell was charming as Louise, while Messrs. George Bernage and S. De Lange as Simon and Oliver assisted materially in filling in the picture. The scene, after a painting of the period (1649) by Mr. Edwin Abbey, enables us to follow the details of the story with greater accuracy, and must be specially noticed. The farce suffers from the usual malady of pieces of this description by being too long drawn out, and starts off at such a rapid rate that the pace cannot be maintained. The fun is caused by Alfred Hastings, the impecunious nephew of a peculiarly jealous man, being left in charge of his uncle's house while his relative takes his young wife abroad, to escape, as he imagines, the attentions of an admirer. Being pressed for money he determines to raise the wind by letting the house off in furnished apartments, and an incongruous company is soon assembled. There is a musician, a ballet girl, a retired grocer with his wife and daughter, and a hard-up swell, who subsequently get mixed up in a most extraordinary manner. The story of course does not bear criticism, but the roars of laughter with which the play is greeted proves that it was to the taste of the audience. The burden of the piece falls on Mr. Forbes as Hastings, Mr. Harry Paulton, who once more comes among us, Miss Fanny Coleman, Miss Ansell, Miss Lily Linfield, and Mr. W. Phillips, all of whom work hard to achieve the desired end. If good wishes be of any avail Mr. Forbes will have a successful career.

On the 22nd inst., the members of the Leeds Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society repeated a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's famous comic opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore," given by them the previous night, in aid of the Workpeople's Hospital Fund. The Victoria Hall was again crowded. The proceeds of this second night's entertainment will be added to the funds of the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, whose object is the formation of a Charity Fund amongst the Leeds Lodges for the education, partial maintenance, and advancement in life of the orphans of deceased brethren and of the children of brethren who have become incapacitated by sickness or accident from properly providing for their families. According to the last report, the capital account of the Institution stands at £1650, and there are on the funds ten children. By the performance a considerable addition will be made to the fund, and Mr. W. Warren, who is the President of the Institution, took an opportunity during the evening of cordially thanking all present for their patronage, and the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the opera for their valuable services. Mr. Warren was probably not far wrong when he declared that it was the finest amateur interpretation which "H.M.S. Pinafore" had yet received.

The Barnato Ball, which is to be given by Bro. E. J. Aoworth W.M. and the members of the Barnato Lodge at the Hotel Metropole, on Thursday, the 12th prox., promises to be a brilliant success. Among those who have recently accepted invitations to be present are Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris G.T. and Mrs. Harris, Bro. Edward Terry P.G.T. and Mrs. Terry.

On Wednesday, the 21st inst., a ball was held in the Assembly Rooms, Malton, under the auspices of the W.M. and brethren of the Camalodunum Lodge, No. 660. The ball proved quite a success, nearly 100 people being present, including visitors from York, Driffield, Hovingham, and many places in the district.

A ball in connection with the Parrett and Axe Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Crewkerne, on Thursday, 20th inst., in aid of the Masonic Charities, about fifty attending. Cheek's band from Taunton supplied the music. The ball-room was nicely decorated and the floor in capital condition. The catering of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison gave great satisfaction.

On the 23rd inst., the brethren of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, held their annual ball at the Queen Hotel, Harrogate, under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Thompson W.M. Upwards of 120 guests were present. Bro. J. M. Pratt Secretary acted as M.O., being assisted by the other Officers of the Lodge as Stewards.

The Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355, will hold its installation meeting at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, 3rd February, at 6 o'clock. Bro. George Mordey is the W.M. elect.

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## RISE AND DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICAN RACE MASONS IN AMERICA.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

PRINCE HALL, and about a dozen other coloured men, were initiated in an English Military Masonic Lodge in Boston in 1775. In 1784 Prince Hall obtained a charter from the Grand Master of England, the Lodge was named "African Lodge, No. 459," and in 1792 its place on the English Lodge list was raised to No. 370. While Prince Hall was in good health he interchanged letters with the Grand Secretary of England, and even remitted on several occasions contributions to the English Masonic Charity Fund. But after Hall's death, in 1807, his successors ceased to write to the Grand Secretary of England; so, at the Union of the "Moderns" and "Ancients," in 1813, when the English Lodge list was revised, all the Lodges chartered for America in the last century were erased from the English Lodge list, including the African Lodge of Boston. Now, a white Masons' Grand Lodge was organized in Boston, in 1792, and if the said white Masons had enrolled the African Lodge under its jurisdiction, Coloured or African Masonry would have been confined to Boston; but the Boston white Masons deemed themselves too good to associate with coloured Masons; hence, for self preservation, the Boston African Lodge eventually formed itself into a Grand Lodge, from which, direct and indirect, African Lodges and Grand Lodges have since then been scattered all over North America.

Prince Hall, who was a soap manufacturer, was a very remarkable man. I saw a book containing some hundreds of extracts from histories, sermons, poems, &c., all copied by the hand of Bro. Prince Hall, which proves Bro. Hall's taste for book reading. Two or three of his Masonic orations were printed, which may be seen in the Grand Secretary's office in London; and the Boston coloured Masons donated the following sums of money, to assist their poor English white brethren, viz., 25th Nov. 1789, £2 2s; 18th April 1792, £1 1s; 27th Nov. 1792, £1 5s 6d; 22nd Nov. 1797, £1 5s. On the other hand, neither Henry Price nor any of his white Masonic successors have ever sent a penny to the English Masonic Charity Fund, and, beside which, they have failed to send up to the Grand Lodge of England above sixty guineas for Lodges they chartered in America. But yet, the successors of Henry Price in the last century, as well as now, pretended and pretend to the highest kind of Masonic legitimacy, and denounce the successors of Prince Hall as illegitimate, bogus, clandestine, and what not.

The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Belknap, of literary fame, one of the founders of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in answer to inquiries of Judge Tucker, of Virginia, in 1795, says:—"One of my informants, Prince Hall, a very intelligent man, aged fifty-seven years, thinks that they (negroes) were most numerous in 1745." As Judge Tucker requested information about the status of the coloured people in Boston, Dr. Belknap goes on to say:—

Perhaps it may be more agreeable to transcribe what was given to me in answer to this query by the aforesaid Prince Hall.

Harmony in general (says he) prevails between us (blacks and whites) as citizens; for the good law of the land does oblige every one to live peaceably with his fellow citizens, let them be black or white. We stand on a level, therefore no pre-eminence can be claimed on either side. As to our associating, there is a great number of worthy good men and good citizens that are not ashamed to take an African by the hand; but there are to be seen the weeds of pride, envy, tyranny, and scorn in this garden of peace, liberty, and equality.

Dr. Belknap continues:—

Having once and again mentioned this person (Prince Hall), I must inform you that he is a Grand Master of a Lodge of Masons composed wholly of blacks, and distinguished by the name of African Lodge. It was begun in 1775, while the town was garrisoned by British troops, some of whom held a Lodge, and initiated a number of negroes. After the peace, they sent to England and procured a charter, under the authority of the Duke of Cumberland, and signed by the late Earl of Effingham. The Lodge at present consists of thirty persons, and care is taken that none but those of good moral character are admitted. (*Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society*. pp 195-211.)

Dr. Belknap was not a Mason, but his intimate friend, the Rev. Dr. John Eliot (who was also one of the founders of the Massachusetts Historical Society) was a Mason, and even delivered a St. John's Day oration. Bro. Dr. Eliot seems to have entertained a more correct idea about what

Masonry ought to be. He believed that Masonry makes no distinction between *white* and *black*, as far as mere colour is concerned; and from Dr. Eliot (I have every reason to believe) Dr. Belknap derived the following information. Dr. Belknap goes on to say:—

I shall add the following note, written by a white gentleman of the Craft, of good information and candour, viz.:

"The African Lodge, though possessing a charter from England, meet by themselves, and the white Masons, not more skilled in geometry, will not acknowledge them. The reason given is, that the blacks were made clandestinely in the first place, which, if known, would have prevented them from getting a charter. But this inquiry would not have been made about white Lodges, many of which have not conformed to the rules of Masonry. The truth is they (the white worthies) are ashamed of being on equality with the blacks. Even the fraternal kiss of France, given to merit without distinction of colour, doth not influence Massachusetts Masons to give an embrace less emphatic to their black brethren. These on the other hand, valuing themselves on their knowledge of the Craft, think themselves better Masons than the whites, because Masonry considers all men *equal* who are free; and our laws admit of no kind of slavery. It is evident from this that neither avowedly nor tacitly do the blacks admit the pre-eminence of the whites, but it is evident that pre-eminence is claimed by the whites." (*Ibid.*)

That Dr. Belknap was acquainted with Prince Hall before 1795 the following letter from Dr. Belknap to, I believe, Dr. Benjamin Rush, of Philadelphia, President of the Anti-Slavery Society, will show, viz.:

I have one piece of good news to tell you. The negroes who were kidnapped from here (Boston) last winter are returned. They were carried to St. Bartholomew's, and offered for sale. One of them was a sensible fellow, and a Freemason. The merchant to whom they were offered was of this Fraternity. They were soon acquainted. The negro told his story. They were carried before the shipmaster and supercargo. The story of the negroes was that they were decoyed on board under pretence of working. The story of the others was that they were purchased out of goal, wherein they had been confined for robbery. The Governor detained them. The vessel put off immediately from the island. They (the Bostonians) were kept within certain limits, and a gentleman of the island was bondsman for six months, in which time they sent here for proofs, which arriving, they were liberated.

The morning of their arrival here they made me a visit, being introduced by Prince Hall, who is one of the head men of the blacks in this town. "There," said Prince Hall, "this is the gentleman who was so much your friend, and petitioned the Court for us," alluding to the share which I had in the petition against the slave trade. They joined in thanking me, and really, my dear sir, I felt, and do still feel, from this circumstance, a pleasure which is rich in compensation for the curses of the tribe of African traders, aided by the distillers, which have been liberally bestowed upon the clergy of this town for their agency in the above petition."—(*New Haven Gazette*, 4th September 1788.)

In a letter from Dr. Belknap to Mr. Hazzard, dated 17th February 1788, he said:—

Yesterday's [Boston] *Centinel* contained an account of the kidnapping of three negroes, and of the excitement created in Boston thereby.

On comparing therefore the above dates it is evident that the three poor victims must have been away from their families more than six months.

I must here add that on the 27th of February 1788 Prince Hall headed a petition to the Massachusetts legislature, signed by twenty or more other coloured citizens, asking its assistance to get the three unfortunate kidnapped negroes back to Boston.

The record of the African Lodge informs me that Prince Hall died 7th November 1807, after which the Lodge continued to meet regularly until 1826; and, if I recollect right, about eighty-two were initiated during that time, including two clergymen; but in 1826 Bro. John T. Hilton, the W.M. of the Lodge, delivered an address in which he pointed out the necessity of forming a Grand Lodge; and in 1827 the Prince Hall Grand Lodge was organized, and since then the coloured men, in I believe every State in this country, have organized Lodges and Grand Lodges. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has eighteen Lodges on its roll, but in Ohio (according to Bro. Brennan) there were ten thousand coloured Masons in 1877. Little, however, was known about the origin of the coloured Masons in America until 1845, when Dr. Winslow Lewis, of Boston, received a letter from Grand Master Tucker, of Vermont, inquiring about the origin, legality, &c. of the negro Masons. Dr. Lewis asked Bro. C. W. Moore, and then wrote to the Vermont Grand Master that the negroes obtained a charter from England through some misrepresentation, but as soon as the English authorities discovered the fraud Prince Hall was requested to return the charter, in order to make some necessary alterations, and after taking a copy of it, the coloured Masons returned their charter. The English authorities, however, never sent to the Africans, in Boston,

another charter, and hence the African Lodge worked under a mere copy of a charter. Dr. Lewis's letter was published by Moore in his magazine, and all the white American Masons believed it, and every spouting American Grand Master repeated it. The Master of the African Lodge was, however, informed about the new *fib* of Moore's invention, and in the minutes of the African Lodge of 12th January 1846, I found recorded as follows:—

An article was read from the *Freemasons' Magazine*, Vol. V., No. 2 (edited by C. W. Moore), 1st December 1845, stating that the African Lodge was not a legal body. A history of the whole transaction was given by the Master, to the satisfaction of the Lodge.

As the coloured Masons had no access to Masonic publications, the fact that the story in "Moore's Magazine" was an invention remained known to the coloured Masons only. In 1867 I learned from Bro. Findel's History that the African Lodge possessed its original charter. In 1868 the late Bro. Lewis Hayden, then Grand Master of the Prince Hall G.L., showed me the original African Lodge charter. I told Dr. Winslow Lewis about it. He said that he was very sorry that he had been misinformed, in 1845, and gave me leave to state his confession openly whenever I thought proper to do so.

I must here add that the year 1868 forms an epoch in the history of African Masonry in America. First, in 1868 a coloured man was for the first time since 1755 initiated in a Lodge (composed of white men) in Boston; and second, in 1868 the coloured Masons were somehow induced to petition the G.L. of Massachusetts to acknowledge their legality as Masons, and for the first time the said Grand Lodge showed good manners by performing the *farce* of referring the coloured Masons' petition to a committee. These events soon became known in other American Masonic jurisdictions, which of course created a stir among our Masonic jurisprudence-mongers. In January 1869 Bro. Gouley, G. Sec. of Missouri, fired off his battery against the coloured Masons, not forgetting to make a point out of the African Lodge possessing only a copy of a charter, and challenging every Mason in creation to disprove it, when I replied by first calling his attention to Bro. Findel's "History of Masonry," second I added my own evidence that the African Lodge charter was in existence, and third I appealed to Dr. Winslow Lewis for confirmation of the fact that he was misinformed in 1845 about the said charter, and that he was sorry for it. Bro. Gouley would not print my reply, but it was printed by Bro. Brennan, in the *American Freemason*, at Cincinnati, in the June and July numbers of 1869.

Bro. John T. Heard was chairman of the committee on the coloured Masons' petition. I know that he took the trouble to examine the record of the African Lodge. Indeed I happened to come into Bro. Hayden's office a few minutes after Bro. Heard left, and saw the records which were examined by Bro. Heard. In December 1869 Bro. Heard read his report to me *privately*, when he said, "You see the committee would not concede to acknowledge the coloured Masons, but I insisted in stating that I saw the *original* African Lodge charter." I then suggested that he ought to have inserted that he examined the African Lodge records, and that the meetings of the Lodge were continuous from its beginning to the present time. He answered, "So I ought, but it is too late now." The report of the committee was, of course, *unanimously* adopted, and no one who was acquainted with American Grand Lodge tactics was disappointed or surprised thereat.

In December 1870, Grand Master Gardner tried to prove from the American Masonic jurisprudence standpoint, with the addition of a little sophistry and quibble, the illegitimacy of the coloured Masons or of Prince Hall Grand Lodge. A reply to Bro. Gardner's mode of reasoning may be seen by my English readers, in the *Masonic Monthly*, Vol. 7, pp 216 to 221, in *Freemasons' Hall*, in London. One statement of Bro. Gardner I entirely overlooked, he said, that the African Lodge was dormant from the time of Prince Hall's death until 1826, when it was revived by John T. Hilton, I remained ignorant of my oversight until I received a letter, dated 25th January 1876, from the Rev. Charles Griswold, Grand Master of Minnesota, inquiring about the alleged dormancy of the African Lodge. And I must here add, that between 1870 and 1876 the Masonic Temple of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge was destroyed by fire, together with the African Lodge records, which were examined by Bro. John T. Heard, in 1869. Bro. Heard, however, was

too honourable to deny the fact that he had examined the records of the period in question, so I called upon Bro. Gardner, and told him all I knew, and appealed to Bro. Heard for confirmation, that the alleged dormancy of the African Lodge was a mistake, and subsequently I found out how the mistake was made by Bro. Gardner, viz., John T. Hilton's statement in 1826, that the African Lodge had made no progress since the death of Prince Hall, was transformed in Bro. Gardner's imagination into dormancy, and as soon as I explained it to Bro. Gardner, he frankly confessed that I was right. I must here further add, that in the Proceedings of the Minnesota and of the Ohio Grand Lodges for 1874 and 1877, the reader will find ample evidence that the African Masonic organisations in the United States of America are just as legitimate as the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, or any other Grand Lodge in North America. Indeed, whatever reasons the white Masonic luminaries have brought forward to prove the illegality of the coloured American Masons, can with equal justice be brought forward to prove the illegality of the Masonry of the whites in America. As far as legality and illegality is concerned between the white and coloured Masons in America, it may be briefly summed up, as "six of one and half a dozen of the other."

I gave above two reasons for regarding the year 1868 as an epoch in the history of the African Masons in America, and I will here add a third reason, even more important than the former ones, viz., when Bro. Hayden showed me, in 1868, the original African Lodge Charter, I showed him Bro. Findel's "History of Freemasonry." Bro. Hayden was of course highly gratified with the part therein referring to the African Lodge. I then advised him to write a letter of thanks to Bro. Findel, which he did, and this was the beginning of a correspondence which eventuated in the acknowledgment of Prince Hall Grand Lodge by the United Grand Lodge of Germany, and by some other European Grand Lodges. This fact is corroborated by Bro. Findel, in an obituary notice of the late Bro. Lewis Hayden, in the *Bauhutte*, of 27th April 1889, and reprinted in the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Proceedings of the same year, on page 75, as follows:—

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Boston has suffered a severe loss. One of the most meritorious members, our oldest friend there, Bro. Lewis Hayden has entered the Eternal Ease. Having his attention drawn to our History of Freemasonry, by Bro. Jacob Norton, he commenced communication with us, that resulted in the recognition of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. He reached a remarkable high age. Even the political papers in Germany consider him worth noticing.

Bro. Gould devotes but a short space to the subject of the African Masonic organisations in America. He says:—

Thirty-one Grand Lodges in different States of the Union are mentioned in the statistics before me, which show a total of 694 Lodges and 17,909 members. These coloured or lesser Grand Lodges have been more or less recognised as legally constituted bodies in France, Germany, Hungary, Peru and Siberia, and in Ohio a resolution by the white [Masons] acknowledging the regularity of the Black Grand Lodge in that State was only lost by fifty-eight votes, the numbers being 332 to 390 in 1875. The case of the "Negro Masons in America" has been ably stated by Mr. Samuel Clark, Grand Master of the coloured Masons of the State of Ohio, from whose pamphlet and the other authorities at my disposal I am inclined to think that the claim of the black Mason to be placed on a footing of equality with the white one is destined to pass through a somewhat similar ordeal in America to that which has been (in part) undergone by the famous Jewish question in Germany.

The fact is "Masonic universality" in America is a *sham*, and *truth* and *justice* are discarded when either of these clash with American prejudice or pride. Thus, first the coloured Masons were snubbed by the white Masons, because they were not legally initiated, and later on because the G.L. of England recalled the African Lodge charter. Having disproved these statements, it was next argued that the coloured Masons had no right to rebel against the Grand Lodge of England. The rebellion against the Grand Lodge of England by the white Masons of Massachusetts in 1792, without having paid some sixty or more guineas which was due to the G.L. of England, *was all right*, but the rebellion of the coloured Masons in 1827, when they owed *nothing* to the G.L. of England, *was all wrong*. Quibbles and lies satisfied the conscience of the white American Masonic luminaries to violate their Masonic obligation to thousands of Masons, because their skins were a shade darker than their own. The Grand Orient of France, the United Grand Lodge of Germany, and, I believe, the Grand Lodges of Switzerland and of the Netherlands, and other Grand Lodges, have, however,

acknowledged the legality of the coloured Masons in America, in spite of the blustering of American luminaries, and I can see no reason why the Grand Lodge of England should not do the same. It may, indeed, be argued that a Grand Lodge cannot acknowledge two rival Grand Lodges in the same jurisdiction. But, on the other hand, be it remembered that the fault of disunion here rests on the white Masons' shoulders *entirely*. I know that some Masons who stick more for jurisprudence than they do for justice may say, "It is not right to acknowledge two independent Grand Lodges in the same jurisdiction." I can, however, point out a precedent. I remember about forty or more years ago two rival white Grand Lodges in the State of New York accused each other before the Grand Lodge of England of illegitimacy, &c., and the delegates of each of the rival New York Grand Lodges tried hard to convince the Grand Lodge of England that it would be an *awful Masonic sin* on her part to permit Masons from the other New York Grand Lodge to visit English Lodges. The Grand Lodge of England, however, decided to admit into her Lodges, members hailing from both of the New York Grand Lodges, and to treat both parties with the same courtesy; and the same course the Grand Lodge of England ought to adopt now towards the rival Grand Lodges existing in the United States of America, and I am satisfied that beyond some blustering from our over-scrupulous jurisprudence-mongers no harm whatever will follow the event.

Boston, U.S., 9th January 1891.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### ROYAL KENT LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 20.

THE installation festival of this ancient Lodge, premier in the Province of Kent, was held at the Sun Hotel, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., and the proceedings connected therewith were of a most interesting character. The handsome and spacious Lodge room was filled to its utmost capacity consistent with comfort, and presented a very imposing appearance during the ceremony. Amongst the numerous assemblage were the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. Cobham, Clibbon, Funnell, Webb, Naylor, Lewis, Wiggins, Collins, Field, Cockburn, Skinner, Church, Warne, Levy, Hearn, Thomas, Mathison, Tomlin, Munro, Cooper, Payne, Atkins, Sir J. E. Gorst, Wooley, Gill, Day, MacDonnell, Burgess, Brown, Heath, and Smith. The long list of Visitors included Bros. Griffin, Lewis, Clark, Stevens, Fernouth, Champion, Wilson, Lloyd, Baldwin, Gobling, Goodfellow, Dr. Griffiths, Morris, Pope, Seagar, Black, Gardiner, Nash, Dunn, Gen. Forbes, Gilbert, Baker, Gittings, Rix, Reid, Lloyd, Green, Smith, Cobley, Morgan, Snow, Forss, Lyell, Salari, White, Bassington, Stuteley, Whitfield, Bagshaw, Bentley, Walthew, Pattison. The Lodge having been opened by Bro. Cobham, and the customary preliminaries disposed of, the W.M. elect Bro. W. T. Wiggins was presented by Bro. Naylor for installation by Bro. C. R. Cockburn P.M. and Sec., by whom he had been initiated into the Order, and in the presence of a Board of 32 Installed Masters. In due course the newly installed Master received the greetings of the brethren below the chair, and a very effective ceremony was completed by the able addresses of the Installing Master, whose services met with cordial appreciation from all present. The newly installed Master, having first presented to Bro. G. R. Cobham I.P.M. a valuable jewel in recognition of his past year's successful ruling of the Lodge, proceeded to appoint his Officers for the ensuing year in rotation, and evinced by the calm earnestness of his remarks to the several brethren as they received investiture his personal fitness for the Masonic work now before him. Several propositions for initiation were submitted, and some routine business disposed of, after which the Lodge was closed amidst expressions of general satisfaction from members and visitors alike. A liberal banquet was served by Bro. Spurrier, the host of the *Suu*, which, whether in respect of quality and quantity of viands, excellent service, or vintage of generous wines, left nothing to be desired. A string band, under the direction of Mr. Willbye Cooper, late R.M. Baud, was placed in the western gallery, and discoursed excellent music during dinner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards honoured. That of the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past being responded to by Bro. Sir John E. Gorst G.J.W., a member of the Lodge, who, after a few humorous remarks, which met with ready acceptance, expressed his satisfaction at seeing the chair of No. 20 occupied by an old townsman, whom he personally greatly respected, and who would, he felt confident, satisfy the utmost expectations of the Craft in Kent by excellent work during his year of office. The Worshipful Master's response to the toast in his honour, and that of Bro. T. S. Warne, in reply to the Past Masters and Officers, in the course of which he referred to the W.M. as being the one hundred and seventeenth ruler of the Lodge, were the next two most important speeches, but their chief interest centred in matters particular to the Lodge and not generally to the Craft. For the Visitors, Bro. James Stevens P.M. led the responses, and expressed on their and his own behalf their deep sense of the admirable working and unbounded

hospitality they had respectively witnessed and received. The formal post-prandial proceedings were agreeably interspersed with songs, and several extremely well-rendered recitations by Miss Clare Finnes, who succeeded in obtaining more genuine encores in appreciation of her high ability than we can remember having ever heard in connection with a Masonic meeting. We left her again "obliging" when the latest London train was announced, and left most unwillingly, for we have not often been called upon to attend a more thoroughly enjoyable evening than that of the installation festival of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20.

### SOCIAL LODGE, No. 62.

AT the Queen's Hotel, Manchester, on the 26th inst., Bro. H. Leslie Jones was installed Worshipful Master. The Lodge was constituted in 1738, and is numbered 62 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Jones's Officers for the ensuing year were invested in the following order:—Bros. George A. Southam I.P.M., Harvey Goodwin S.W., Fritz Roiss J.W., Ralph Y. Sidebottom Treasurer, Harold Radford Secretary, Herbert Lund S.D., Frank A. Janion J.D., Taylor-Evans I.G., James M'Laren Steward, E. De Cantillon Tyler. Following the ceremonies there was a celebration of the festival of St. John, by a banquet.

### LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 205.

THE annual installation festival of this ancient Lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when a numerous company assembled to witness the ceremony. The W.M. Bro. M. J. Emanuel P.M. presided and was supported by Bros. Edward Terry P.G.T., Richard Eve P.G.T., John L. Mather P.G.D.C., Chas. F. Hogard P.G.St.B. Secretary of the Lodge, T. H. Edmonds P.G.S., Frederick Binckes P.G.S.B., N. Gluckstein P.P.G.J.W., E. C. Mulvey P.G.S.B. Surrey, A. J. Henochsberg P.P.D.C. The following Past Masters were also present:—Bros. H. M. Harris, Herman Archer, M. Hart, H. P. Phillips, J. C. Hayes, A. Bassington, S. W. Harris, I. P. Cohen, L. Norden, I. Cohen, E. H. Norden, E. J. Aoworth, C. Mornington, and Morris Abrahams. The W.M.'s of the Barnarto, Asaph, Joppa, Tranquillity, and other sister Lodges likewise attended, and the following brethren:—Angel, Harris, Massey, Weigel, Goodrich, Bash, Levy, Gluckstein, Shanley, Friedlander, Schumann, Marcus, Samson, Leapman, Brandon, and Cooper. The only business before the Lodge was the installation of Bro. Samuel Dancyger, who had been previously elected Master by the brethren. The ceremony was suitably conducted by the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. Eve as S.W. and Bro. Mather as J.W., and a board of Installed Masters. Upon their return to the Lodge, the brethren duly saluted the new Master in the various degrees; and subsequently the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. Bash S.W., Levy J.W., Hogard P.M. Secretary, Gluckstein S.D., Marcus J.D., Harris P.M. D.C., Dancyger I.G., Samson Assist. D.C., Berlyn and Smith Stewards. Bro. Cohen P.M. (re-elected Treasurer) was absent through illness, but Bro. Morley was invested on his re-election as Tyler. Bro. Emanuel I.P.M. was presented with a bar to his P.M.'s jewel for having served as W.M. of the Lodge for the second time; but the brethren took advantage of the occasion to mark their recognition of his services by the addition of a very handsome liqueur stand. The Secretary announced two candidates for initiation at the next meeting, and the labours of the evening being finished, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a *rôcherché* dinner was served. The banquet was succeeded by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Eve P.G.T. responding for the Grand Officers, and congratulating the Lodge upon having such an excellent Master. Bro. Emanuel, in asking the brethren to drink to the health of the W.M., said that it was a great gratification to have such a worthy brother to fulfil the duties of the chair, and he was sure that he would maintain the dignity of the Lodge. The W.M., in an exceedingly modest and well-phrased speech, returned his sincere thanks to the brethren for electing him to the high office, and promised to do his best to give satisfaction and uphold the fame of the Lodge of Israel. Bro. Harris, Treasurer of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, acknowledged the toast of the Masonic Charities, and in response to his appeal for funds the brethren subscribed a substantial amount. In reply to the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Asher J. Myers, as W.M. of one of the sister Lodges, objected to the term Jewish Lodge, as being un-Masonic. Masons were of all nationalities, and the installation of Bro. Dancyger that evening pointed a special moral of Freemasonry that ought not to be overlooked. It was well known that in Russia Masonic Lodges were not allowed to be held, and every one was aware how the Jews were treated in that country, yet their present master was a Russian Jew, who had left his native country in order to live in a free country, and enjoy those privileges that were denied him in Russia. Bro. Fredk. Binckes also spoke to the toast, and said he was full of gratitude to the brethren for permitting him to be present, for no Lodge better understood the duties of Freemasonry. The Craft brought together all nations, and had for its object the happiness of humanity and the relief of distress. They met there as a section of undivided humanity, whose members were a cosmopolitan body, and he trusted the day would be far distant when they should be denied the pleasure of one genial hearth. The special features surrounding the present W.M. would enable him to maintain the traditions of their ancient Lodge, and conduct it in a truly cosmopolitan spirit. Brother Emanuel acknowledged the compliment paid him as Installing Master, and thanked the brethren for their very handsome present, which he should value highly. Bros. Hogard, Bash, and Levy suitably responded to their respective toasts, and the company separated at a late hour. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Wright P.G. Org. Middx., were of a high order, Miss Annie Abu being in excellent voice, and with Bro. Curtis Dalton was received with loud applause. Miss Frances Littaur artistically played some selections on the piano, and Miss Emanuel gave a couple of recitations that were gracefully rendered.

## UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

ON the 22nd inst., Bro. Strawbridge Senior Warden was installed in the chair by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Else, in the presence of a large number of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. Amongst those present was Lord Dangarvan the Provincial Grand Master. The Worshipful Master appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Strawbridge W.M., Aveling I.P.M., Hume S.W., Chaffin J.W., Wake Chaplain, Villar Treasurer, Hammett Sec., Hartnell S.D., Lewis J.D., Barrett D.C., Potter I.G., Read Organist, Roberts, Loveday, Bere, Goodman, Kite Stewards, and Tidbury Tyler.

## TRUE AND FAITHFUL LODGE, No. 318.

THE members met at the Masonic Hall, Helston, on the 23rd inst. to instal the W.M. elect Bro. Trevenen S.W. The ceremony was performed by the W.M. Bro. Pascoe, assisted by Bro. Trembath and others, in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. The newly installed W.M. invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Pascoe I.P.M., Hall S.W., Rosewarne J.W., Hudson P.M. Chaplain, Ellis P.M. Treasurer, Taylor P.G. Treasurer Secretary, Willey P.M. Assistant Secretary, Eva S.D., Dudley J.D., Radcliffe I.G., Brewer D.C., James A.D.C., Ralph and Dunstan Stewards, and James Tyler. Bro. Trembath P.P.G.J.D., was elected Steward of C.M.A. and B. Fund and Lodge Almoner. The sum of £10 10s was voted to the funds of aged Freemasons and Widows. On the Lodge being closed, the Brethren adjourned to Brother Blackwell's Angel Hotel, where an ample repast awaited them. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drank, interspersed with harmony, and a pleasant evening was spent.

## BROTHERLY LOVE LODGE, No. 329.

ON the 14th inst., the installation of Bro. W. Marsh S.W., as Worshipful Master in succession to Bro. Raymond, took place at the Lodge room, Three Chonghs Hotel, Yeovil. Bro. Raymond W.M. presided, and the Installing Master was the Very Worshipful D.P.G.M. Bro. Else Past Grand Deacon of England. The following Officers were installed:—Bros. Raymond I.P.M., Rodber S.W., Whitby J.W., Gaylard Secretary, Damon P.M. Treasurer, Farley P.M. D.C., Hook S.D., Brook J.D., Foley I.G., Milborne P.M. Organist, Hulbert and Ford Stewards, Edwards Tyler. After the ceremony a large company sat down to an excellent banquet, at which a long toast list was gone through, many songs being interspersed.

## ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 384.

THE annual festival took place at Bangor, on the 20th inst., when Bro. Dr. Langford Jones J.W. P.G.S. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Colonel H. Platt having installed Bro. Langford Jones, the newly-installed W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Dougall I.P.M., Edwards S.W., Thomas J.W., Jones S.D., Gregory J.D., Morgan P.M. Chaplain, Williams P.M. Secretary, Roberts P.M. Treasurer, Thomas P.M. Organist, Clarke I.G., Matthews S.S., Ellis J.S., and Stubbington Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the members and visiting brethren—about sixty in all—banqueted at the Castle Hotel.

## LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place, on the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading, when the installation of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Tirbutt P.P.G. Organist, elected at the last regular Lodge, was carried out. There was a large attendance in the Lodge. Thirty Past Masters were present. The Installing Master was Bro. Dodd, who had filled the chair during the past year. The ceremony was performed with great impressiveness. Past Masters Wheeler jun., Sherwood, and Mount assisted. In the course of the proceedings in Lodge, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Dodd, and a warm tribute paid to the manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Dodd I.P.M., Hayward S.W., Millar J.W., Rev. Canon Garry Chaplain, Mount P.M. Treasurer, Parry Secretary, Galt S.D., Ruddock J.D., Withers P.M. D.C., Maurice I.G., Gilligan Organist, Bonny Steward, Hitchcock and Lawrance Assist. Stewards, Dowsett P.M. Almoner, and Hemmings Tyler. After the business of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a banquet took place. Upwards of seventy sat down. The W.M. presided, and after dinner the toasts were proposed. The Queen and Craft, and the Prince of Wales Grand Master, and Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England Past and Present, were cordially received. Bro. Barrett, Past Grand Organist, returned thanks for the Grand Officers. He spoke of the great interest taken in Masonry by the Grand Master, and said how proud the Grand Officers were to serve under so distinguished a chief. As to the Grand Officers, he might remind them that Shakespeare had said, "Of their own merits modest men are dumb." He had never met with a modest Grand Officer. For himself, he desired to magnify his office. However great in Grand Lodge other Officers might be, he had to represent that which was the greatest of them all. Other Officers were distinguished by honour and dignity, but it was the organist's which gave a "tone" to the proceedings. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master of Berks, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Moreland, and the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present. In doing so, the W.M. referred to the loss sustained by the death of the late Prov. Grand Secretary, and he asked those present to give a silent thought to the memory of Bro. Bradley. The W.M. went on to refer to the installation of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. He remarked that it was most gratifying to the Lodge that four of its members had recently received Provincial rank. The

were Bros. Dodd G.J.W., Stephens G. Treas., Canon Garry G. Chaplain, and Martin G. Secretary. These brethren obtained their appointments, not because they were members of the Lodge of Union, but because they were earnest and accomplished Masons, who deserved distinction. Bros. Kirchhoffer and Dodd returned thanks. Bro. the Rev. Canon Garry proposed the Masonic Charities, and Bro. Martin, who was received with much cheering, responded. In the course of his remarks he mentioned that the amount subscribed to the three great Masonic Charities last year was £55,500, and a further sum of £7,800 was paid from the Benevolent Fund, and that therefore the amount obtained for charitable purposes was £63,000. He mentioned that he had already gone up as a Steward for the Boys' School and the Girls' School, and he now proposed to represent the Lodge at the approaching Anniversary of the Benevolent Institution. With the assistance of the brethren he hoped to take up a handsome sum on that occasion. Bro. Mardock, M.P., who met with a most enthusiastic reception, gave the health of the Visitors. He was sure they were pleased with the dignity with which the ceremony in the Lodge was performed, and he was sure, too, that the visitors were pleased with the hearty welcome with which they had been greeted. Bro. Tomkins (Abingdon) and Bros. Penton and Higgs (Maidenhead) responded. The Immediate Past Master and other Past Masters of the Lodge of Union was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Dodd I.P.M. Bro. Smith P.M. proposed the Worshipful Masters and Brethren of the Grey Friars Lodge, and of the Kendrick Lodge. Bro. Greenaway W.M. of the Grey Friars Lodge, Bro. Stubbington W.M. of the Kendrick Lodge, and Bro. Welch P.M. of the Grey Friars Lodge, responded. The next toast was the Initiates, and Bros. Cooksey, White, and Allnatt returned thanks. The other toasts were the Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge of Union, for whom Bros. Hayward and Miller responded, and that of the Tyler. Not the least agreeable feature of the proceedings was the excellent singing of Bros. Bonny, Millar, Martin, and Strickland P.P.G.O., a Past Master of the Lodge of Union. The musical arrangements were under the sole direction of Bro. Strickland. The installation and banquet were, in their several ways, very successful and agreeable functions.

## SCIENCE LODGE, No. 437.

THE installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Wincanton. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Elie D.P.G.M. Somerset. There was unusual interest attached to the event, as Bro. Bewsey was inducted for the second time. A large number of brethren were present from neighbouring Lodges. The W.M. invested the following brethren with collars of office:—Bros. Bewsey I.P.M., Lintern S.W., Sandell J.W., Rev. M. Shackleton Chaplain, Hutchings Treasurer, Good Secretary, Hoyle S.D., White J.D., Lock I.G., Goodfellow D.C., Wadman Organist, H. Wadman and Simms Stewards. The banquet was held at the Greyhound Hotel, when about forty were present. The catering was carried out by Bro. and Mrs. Goodfellow.

## BENEVOLENCE LODGE, No. 489.

THE members have presented their Secretary Bro. H. M. Burrow P.P.G.A.D.C. with a portrait of himself as a mark of personal esteem and in recognition of his valuable services in the cause of Freemasonry. The portrait, the cost of which was unanimously voted out of the Lodge funds, was presented by Bro. W. C. Coles, the retiring W.M., on the occasion of the Lodge's annual festival, at Bideford, on the 15th inst., and both Bro. Coles and Bro. J. Brook, the newly-installed W.M., gave warm expression to the keen appreciation of the brethren of the admirable services Bro. Burrow had rendered.

## WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when there was a good attendance, amongst the Visitors being Bros. Venables D.P.G.M. Shropshire P.A.G.D.C. England, Merriman P.M. 1533 P.G.R., Seife W.M. and Chapman S.W. 632, and Salwey J.W. 611. The outgoing W.M. Bro. Froderick Sloper opened the Lodge, and after the usual preliminaries, assisted by Bros. Johnson P.M. and Hopkins P.M., installed his successor, the S.W. Bro. the Rev. Walter Humphreys. The usual addresses were delivered by Bros. Howse P.M., and Hopkins P.M. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Sloper I.P.M., Crees S.W., Martin J.W., Hancock Treasurer, Hopkins Secretary, Bingham S.D., Reynolds J.D., Howse Dir. of Cers., Baker Organist, Wyatt I.G., Owen and Rose Stewards, and Barnes Tyler. After the usual routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at the Bear Hotel, which was supplied by Bro. Reynolds, and gave general satisfaction.

## ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 667.

AT the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 20th inst. Bro. Thomas R. Williams was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Officers invested were as follow:—Bros. Bowyer I.P.M., Proctor S.W., Littleby J.W., Mason P.M. Treasurer, Colenso Secretary, Lloyd P.M. D.C., Parkin S.D., Grindley J.D., Mason I.G., Wright Org., Antwis S., and Pollard S. Upon the conclusion of the business of the Lodge, the annual installation banquet was partaken of, and an enjoyable evening spent, the musical contributions between the toasts being of a high-class order.

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SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY 1891.

**ROYAL ARCH.**

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**SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.**

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 4th day of February, at six o'clock in the evening.

**BUSINESS.**

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

Communication from the M.E. the First Grand Principal.

The United Grand Lodge of England having, at its last meeting on the 3rd December 1890, conferred the rank of Past Grand Master upon Lieutenant-General H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Sussex and District Grand Master of Bombay, on the occasion of his return from the East Indies, after completing a term of military service there as Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army.

His Royal Highness the M.E. First Grand Principal now recommends to Grand Chapter, that the corresponding rank of Past First Grand Principal be conferred by it on H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., who has for some years held the office of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in the District of Bombay.

**THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.**

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th October 1890 to the 20th January 1891, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter				Disbursements during			
	388	9	3	the quarter	538	5	0
Unappropriated Account				Balance	243	6	5
	179	14	1	„ Unappropriated			
Subsequent Receipts	396	9	2	Account	183	1	1
	£964	12	6		£964	12	6

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.



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

1st. From Companions William Webster as Z., Edwin Broadbent as H., James Henry Wells as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2109, Heaton Moor, to be called "The Prince Edward Chapter," and to meet at the Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor, Lancashire (W.D.)

2nd. From Companions John Keith as Z., Carl Heinrich August Ueckermann as H., Edmund Watts Sprawson as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Transvaal Lodge, No. 1747, Pretoria, to be called "The Transvaal Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, St. Andries Street, Pretoria, South African Republic.

3rd. From Companions Henry Thomas Odell as Z., William Macalister Duncan as H., Theodore Menne as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1778, Harrismith, to be called "The Sir John Brand Chapter," and to meet at the Good Templars Hall, Harrismith, Orange Free State, South Africa.

4. From Companions George Frederick Alexander Smythe as Z., Thomas Cuming as H., Gardiner Frederick Guyon as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Military Jubilee Lodge, No. 2195, Dover, to be called "The Military Jubilee Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Dover, in the County of Kent.

5th. From Companions Walter Wingham as Z., John Hattersley as H., Charles Richard Williams as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Dagmar Lodge, No. 2262, Wrybury, to be called "The Dagmar Chapter," and to meet at the Angler's Rest Hotel, Wrybury, Buckinghamshire.

6th. From Companions John Weighton as Z., James Henry Isaacs as H., John William Meason as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 956, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa, to be called "The Prince Alfred Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa.

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

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Companions of the Chapter of Judea, No. 265, Keighley, in the County of York (W.D.), praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence, which will complete 100 years on the 23rd of February 1891, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted, the Charter to be dated 23rd February 1891.

The Committee have also received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

The Portsmouth Temperance Chapter, No. 2068, from the Sailors' Institute, High Street, Portsmouth, to the Speedwell Coffee Palace, Commercial Road, Landport, Hampshire.

The Ubique Chapter, No. 1789, from the Café Royal, Air Street, Regent Street, to the Criterion, Piccadilly, London.

The Chapter of Good Intent, No. 307, from the White Horse, Hebden Bridge, to the Masonic Rooms, New Road, Hebden Bridge.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,  
President.

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21st January 1891.

## TORONTO.

THE Officers and members of Ashlar Lodge A.F. and A.M., No. 247 G.R.C., assembled at their Lodge-rooms on Tuesday evening, 23rd ult., in large numbers and welcomed the visiting brethren from all parts of Canada to do honour to the retiring D.D.G.M. Right Worshipful Bro. Roaf, and also to witness the installation of the Officers for the ensuing year by Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Blackwood P.D.D.G.M.

After the business of the Lodge had been concluded, Right Worshipful Bro. E. T. Malone addressed the brethren in reference to the sterling qualities of the retiring D.D.G.M. and the great work he had performed during his term of office, and presented him with a handsome Grand Lodge regalia. The recipient responded, thanking the brethren, and spoke of the valuable services rendered by his District Secretary, Bro. Benjamin Allen, in assisting him in the performance of the arduous duties of that office. Bro. Inwood, as a member of the presentation Committee, made a humorous speech.

Bro. Benjamin Allen then addressed the brethren regarding a member of Ashlar Lodge, who was esteemed above all others as the "Father of the Lodge," and called upon Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Blackwood, and presented him with the following address:—

To R.W. Bro. Thos. F. Blackwood P.M. and Treasurer Ashlar Lodge, A.F. & A.M. No. 247 G.R.C.:—

Right Worshipful Sir,—The Officers and members of Ashlar Lodge gladly avail themselves of the opportunity which this the closing year of the second decade of the Lodge's existence affords them of manifesting their warm appreciation of the many and valuable services which you have rendered Ashlar Lodge, and of testifying to the esteem in which both as a man and a Mason you are held by them.

To you, R.W. Sir, Ashlar Lodge owes its origin, and to you in no

small measure is due the success which has attended its efforts to inculcate the principles, to uphold the standards, and to maintain the prestige of our ancient and noble Order.

As the first charter member and the first W.M. of Ashlar, it was your privilege to launch upon its career a Lodge of which there is ample justification for saying that it has been and is an honour to Masonry, and a brilliant example of energy, ability, and zeal in all Masonic work.

It is now your still greater privilege in the twentieth year of that Lodge's history to look back over its record with entire satisfaction, and to be able to realize that the organisation which was founded by you, and which has since had the benefit of your earnest assistance and careful guardianship, has done honour not only to yourself but to the Craft.

From the first continuously up to the present time you have held office in Ashlar Lodge, several years as W.M. and for the past fourteen years as Treasurer, and you have ever made the interests of the Institution your special care, helping to guide it in its path to prosperity, and at all times cheerfully according it the benefit of your valued advice. You have also brought honour to it through your election to the high and important office of the D.D.G.M. of the Toronto district.

Therefore, R.W. Sir, Ashlar Lodge is not only grateful to you, but also proud to own you as one of its most distinguished members.

It observes with the utmost gratification that you have not grown weary in its service, long and faithful as your labours have been, and it requests your acceptance of the accompanying slight testimonial of its heartfelt appreciation of its indebtedness to you, of your high character as a man, and of your Masonic worth.

It hopes most sincerely that you will long be spared to take an active part in its affairs, and as you have done in the past, to do honour not only to it, but to the whole Institution of Masonry.

Signed on behalf of Ashlar Lodge, Benj. Allen Chairman, Sanderson Pearcy, W. R. Clarke W.M., John Littlejohn S.W., Angus Morrison J.W., H. B. Howson Secretary.

Toronto, 23rd December, A.L. 5,890.

The R.W. Brother responded, giving an outline of the beginning of Ashlar Lodge, twenty years ago, when the then village of Yorkville was a suburb some distance from Toronto, and thanked the brethren for their kindly expressions towards him.

The ceremony of installing the Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, by Bros. Blackwood, Pearcy, Allen, Vair, Best, Clarke and G. S. Pearcy, the following being the choice of the Lodge for 1891, viz.:—Bros. Littlejohn W.M., Clarke I.P.M., Morrison S.W., Howson J.W., Eastwood Chaplain, Blackwood Treasurer, Allan Sec., Morley Organist, Dennis S.D., Sparling J.D., Kent S.S., Ross J.S., McKnight I.G., and Poynton Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, which was elaborately decorated with flags, lanterns, and floral designs, and spent a pleasant hour.

## REVIEWS.

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

*Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for the Year 1891.* London: George Kenning, 16 and 16a Great Queen-street, W.C.

WE often hear that there is nothing original under the sun, and so we must console ourselves with this when we look at the Grand Lodge Calendar for 1891, and find nothing but what has already appeared in previous years. Of course the list of Lodges and Chapters and the other Masonic bodies recognised by Grand Lodge have been posted up to date, but in other respects there is nothing fresh. Well, perhaps this does not matter. When Masons purchase the Calendar they do so because they want to know where the meetings of the different Lodges, &c., are held, and by procuring the grand Lodge Calendar they have the best possible authority for such a purpose. A complete list of all the Regular Lodges and Chapters, with their places and times of meeting, corrected from the books of the United Grand Lodge and Chapter, is supplied, and as the list is set out in a concise and straightforward way, gives all that can be desired. As heretofore, the Calendar is neatly printed and bound, and is published for the benefit of the Charity Fund, under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, by command of the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

*The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book for 1891.* London: George Kenning, 16 and 16a Great Queen-street, W.C.

THIS year the "Cosmo" is presented to the Masonic fraternity in a different form than that hitherto adopted. It has been considerably reduced in size, and several items of interest have been left out, such as the list of Lodges and Chapters. But where the Grand Lodge Calendar leaves off, the Cosmopolitan commences. The latter contains full particulars as to outside bodies connected with the Craft, and this should prove attractive. Full particulars are given of the Mark, Knights Templars, Rose Croix, and other degrees, also particulars of the Grand Masonic bodies of Scotland, Ireland, and all Colonial and Foreign Jurisdictions, so it will be seen that the "Cosmo" is still full of interest. The price is now one shilling, and the book being bound in purple cloth, with red edges, makes it a neat and attractive companion.

The new magazine, *Beauty and Fashion*, a penny publication, devoted to "Society" matters, possesses merit which will commend it to ladies, inasmuch as it furnishes novel features in the art of

dressing. The plates of Nos. 4 and 5 will be found worthy of adoption for fashionable jackets and evening attire; while the more engaging topic of wedding dresses will be studied with earnest attention by candidates for matrimony. However, all the columns are not devoted to the toilette. There are interesting tales of fiction, and household items useful to the married as well as unmarried. Competition prizes are offered. The publication forms an additional reference to a lady's library on matters appertaining to fashion.

The *Masonic Review*, recently issued, has a large sheet of portraits of "Masons for the year," and gives the honour of second place to W. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, of Southampton, Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The portrait, which is a "cameo," is an "excellent presentment," and is supplemented by a brief biographical sketch, which, however, does not explain why Bro. Le Feuvre is reckoned as one of the "Masons of the year" 1890, seeing that he was initiated in the Royal Gloucester Lodge 26 years ago, that he was appointed D.P.G.M. in 1885, and was Grand Deacon of England in 1886. Bro. Le Feuvre's record in all the branches of the Mystic Craft is a high one. He has served eight Stewardships, is a Vice-President of the Girls' School, and a member of the Provisional Committee of the Boys' Institution. As a collector of Masonic literature he is able to boast the possession of the only complete set of the Book of Constitutions, dating from 1723, in the hands of one individual, though the Province of Worcester possesses another set.—*Hampshire Independent*.

Not the least personage who figures in the alarmingly long obituary of the present month is King David Kalakana, of the Sandwich Islands, who might have retained his pristine reputation as a "polished gentleman" if he had not made progresses in Europe, invented divers orders of knighthood, and dabbled deeply in American finance. The last-named operations caused him to fall very low indeed, and the only practical result of his voyages was that he became for some occult reason the titular Grand Master of Egyptian Freemasons! He was described in very romantic terms before the Queen recognised him in 1878, but eventually turned out to be a thick-set negro of almost as pronounced a type as his buxom wife, Kapiolani, whose treatment as a Royalty throughout the Jubilee ceremonies drove Holkar raving mad, and set all the Indian princelets by the ears. Society will remember Queen Kapiolani, clad in white satin and wearing white gloves up to her dusky elbows, smiling blandly on the whole Corps Diplomatique at "her own Minister's," Mr. Sydney Hoffnung's, or, on another sultry evening of that eventful June, wedged tightly into one of Lady Goldsmid's throne-like chairs, and bristling with the many-coloured ribbons of the Hawaiian decorations, including one bearing her own name. Her sister-in-law (another buxom lady of colour) accompanied her, and she is now Queen Kamakaeha Liliuokalani, a rather difficult name to pronounce.—*The World*.

A Masonic meeting at which ladies will be invited to be present is an event to cause a flutter in every Masonic home. Many a Brother, even, will be astonished to find that a dispensation could be obtained to sanction such an innovation, but Bro. H. French Bromhead, Worshipful Master for the year of the Lennox-Browne Lodge, has proved that is possible, and, even now, invitations are on their way to dame and damsel to take part in what we may informally call a Ladies' Day Festival in connection with the Lennox-Browne Lodge, to be held at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, on Saint Valentine's Day next. The arrangements made are very complete. The visitors will drive to a private entrance, afternoon tea will be served to them in the drawing room, and, after Lodge is closed, those ladies who wish will be taken to visit the Lodge room and have so much of the imposing paraphernalia of the Craft explained to them as time and the preservation of the genuine secrets of the Order will permit. From the Lodge room the brethren, who will, we presume, have retained their (Masonic) clothing, will conduct the guests to the Banqueting Hall, where the ladies will have an opportunity of judging what is meant by a Masonic feast. The Masonic toasts will be given, though the presence of "strangers" will preclude their being received in the usual manner, and, as might be expected, a programme of excellent music has been arranged.

As it is not intended to restrict participation in the Festival to members of the Lennox-Browne Lodge, but to make it open to any Mason who can obtain a recommendation from a member of that Lodge to purchase tickets for himself and lady friends, the gathering ought to be a large and brilliant one, as it certainly will be one which will be unique in the Masonic history of Essex. Bros. Lord Brooke, F. A. Philbrick, Colonel Lockwood, Lennox-Browne, and Courtenay Warner are among the prominent Masons who will attend, and the names of Lady Brooke, Lady Louisa Warner, and others have been mentioned as not unlikely to grace the proceedings by their presence. We only hope the ladies will not be disappointed in an entertainment which should satisfy at least something both of curiosity and taste.—*Essex Gazette and Chronicle*.

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#### ISCA LODGE, No. 683.

A MEETING was held, on 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Newport, when Bro. General Cuming P.P.G. Steward was most ably installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. Forsyth, the retiring W.M., after which the newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers, viz.:—Bros. Forsyth P.G.D.C. I.P.M., Garrett S.W., Fothergill J.W., Davies P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, Edington P.G. Steward Secretary, Thornton P.P.G. Steward S.D., Handy J.D., Barnett P.P.G. Steward P.P.G.R. Dir. of Cers., Richards P.P.G.O. Organist, Phillips I.G., Teale and Williams Stewards, Fletcher Tyler, Richards Assist. Tyler. A large number of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren, in addition to the Officers before mentioned, were present. A banquet was afterwards held, at the Westgate Hotel, presided over by Bro. General Cuming, and supported by D.P.G.M. Bro. Captain Homfray and the Officers of the Lodge. There were also present about fifty of the brethren of the Newport and other Lodges of the Province and of the Cardiff Lodges.

#### DUNHEVED LODGE, No. 789.

THE members celebrated the festival of St. John, at Launceston on the 20th inst., when Bro. Downing was installed W.M. H. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Parsons I.P.M., Cater S.W., Shepherd J.W., C. Parsons Treasurer, Kittow Secretary, Ross Chaplain, Mill S.D., Hawken J.D., Wenill D.C., Trimmer I.G., Vicary and Body Stewards, Burt Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. B. Parsons. The banquet was afterwards served by Mrs. Burt. The following visiting brethren attended:—Olver, Dymond, Spear, Park, and Davis.

#### LODGE OF REPOSE, No. 802.

THE installation and annual festival was held on Thursday, 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The Worshipful Master elect Bro. T. Oldham having been duly installed into the chair by Bros. S. G. Smith I.P.M. and J. Ryley P.M., the following Officers were invested:—Bro. A. Eaton S.W., D. W. Bardill J.W., Raymond Slater Treasurer, H. Slater Secretary, A. H. Waller P.M. Dir. of Cers., A. Brown S.D., E. Haslam J.D., T. Taylor Organist, N. Twigge I.G., S. F. Rowan and A. Frost Stewards, T. Day Tyler. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where the banquet was served, about sixty sitting down, the usual toast list was gone through, and the health of the Master and Immediate Past Master warmly drank. An admirable programme of vocal and instrumental music was provided.

#### TREGULLOW LODGE, No. 1006.

THIS Lodge kept the festival of St. John on the 20th inst., at St. Day. Bro. Paynter S.W., was installed W.M. by the retiring Brother Kinsman W.M., assisted by Bro. Jose. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Kinsman I.P.M., Peters S.W., Diment J.W., Piper Chaplain, Kinsman Treasurer, Michell Secretary, Fitton S.D., Tregoning J.D., Sara I.G., Yeo D.C., Cannon Organist, Smith and Gregor Stewards, Bro. Mills was appointed Treasurer of the C.M.A.F. The banquet was served by Bro. Smith. The visiting brethren included Chegwidde, Opie, Druids, Bennett, Hall and Rogers. Selections of music and recitations were given by the W.M., I.P.M., Bros. Hall, Mills, Gregor, and Collins, a very enjoyable evening being spent.

#### JOPPA LODGE, No. 1114.

THE annual festival was held at the Corn Hall, Fakenham, on Wednesday, the 21st inst, when Bro. Ambrose Goddard was installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Grummett P.M. 1114, Secretary Perseverance 213, after which the newly appointed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Carson S.W., Smith J.W., Watson Treasurer, Harrison Secretary, Dawing S.D., Bowers J.D., Read I.G., Wainwright Organist, Sheringham and Horsley Stewards, Waterson Tyler. The installation banquet, which was afterwards provided by Bro. Harvey, Crown Hotel, was *récherché* and well served. The usual Masonic toasts were given and drunk, and a very pleasant evening was spent under the gavel of the newly installed Master. Amongst the visitors who honoured the banquet with their presence were brethren from Soudes, East Dereham; Philanthropic, King's Lynn; Earl of Leicester, Wells; Perseverance, Norwich; and Walpole, Norwich.

#### ROBIN HOOD LODGE, No. 1493.

ON Wednesday, 21st inst., the regular meeting of this Lodge was held, at Eastwood, when a large number of visiting brethren from Nottingham were present. The ceremonies were conducted by Bro. Webster W.M., assisted by Bro. the Rev. C. Wesley Butler P.M. P.P.G.Ch. A capital programme was afterwards given, consisting of glee, duets and songs, by Bro. Forman, Toft, Bardett, Malrose, and Blagboro. The last named sang "The Carrier Dove," "The Last Milestone," "The Old Folks at Home," and "The Beauteous Song," in his accustomed finished style, Bro. G. Essex, P.P.G.O., being his accompanist. One of the brakes conveying the Nottingham visitors to Eastwood met with an accident on the road, one of the axles breaking and the conveyance being overturned, but fortunately the occupants escaped with no more serious consequences than a severe shaking.

#### GRENVILLE LODGE, No. 1787.

THE annual installation was held in the Masonic Hall, Buckingham, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., Bro. Bennett P.M. undertaking the duties of Installing Master. A number of other Lodges

were represented at the ceremony. The following Officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. Weston W.M., Marshall I.P.M., Hudson S.W., Attwood J.W., Rev. W. M. Myres Chaplain, Slaton P.M. Treasurer, Mitchell Secretary, Marsh S.D., Treadwell J.D., Carter Dir. of Cers., Young Organist, Shillingford I.G., Hartland Steward, Gantt Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where the annual banquet was provided by Bro. Gough, in his well-known style. The company numbered about thirty. Following the banquet, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and songs and recitations were given.

**Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.**—At the meeting on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., there were present Bros. Hobbs P.M. Preceptor, Diamond W.M., Ellis S.W., S. Lea Smith J.W., Mapleton Secretary, Williams S.D., Jape J.D., Smiles I.G., Toulmin jun., White jun., Bush, Smith, Burne, Canston, M.D., Marshall, Billinghurst, Francis. Visitors—Bros. Simpson, Bull, Thwaites. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bush acting as candidate. Bro. Ellis was elected W.M. for the next meeting; he appointed his Officers in rotation, and gave notice that the ceremony of passing, with the explanation of the tracing board, would be rehearsed. Brothers Bull, Simpson F. M. Smith and Thwaites were elected members. A vote of thanks to the W.M. for the manner he had filled the chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction was carried unanimously.

We must sympathise with our Brethren of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, who have sustained a serious loss by the fire at the Market Hall, Goole, which took place on Wednesday last. It is not, fortunately, a frequent event to report—the destruction of a Freemasons' Lodge, but on this occasion our brethren lost the whole of their furniture and fittings. The records of the Local Board were also destroyed, this loss being irreparable. We trust our Aire and Calder brethren will find a means of minimising what must necessarily be a temporary inconvenience.

At a meeting of the Okehampton Charity Trustees, on the 13th inst., plans were presented for a Masonic Hall, which it was proposed to erect at the corner of Station-road, if the Trustees would sell the land. A letter was read from Mr. Jas. Reddaway, the W.M. of the Okehampton Lodge, asking the Trustees to remember that the objects of Masonry were charitable, and to grant the land at a reasonable price. The Mayor said he had always thought that Masonry was more convivial than charitable. Could Mr. Westcott tell him if that was so? The Mayor added that he hoped to see a church erected on this spot. Certainly the plans sent in by the architect (Mr. Yeo) looked very pretty on paper, but he did not admire the building for the site proposed. Mr. Paddon said he failed to see that the building would be an ornament to the spot. Mr. Westcott said he was glad the application had been made, as he thought others would follow who would like to acquire such a desirable site. Ultimately the matter was passed on to a committee for their consideration and report.

On the 24th inst. a supplementary bazaar in aid of the Scotch Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund was opened in the George A. Clark Town Hall Paisley. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., in declaring the bazaar open wished to congratulate the two provinces of Renfrewshire and Argyleshire upon the great success which had attended their efforts at the recent bazaar at Edinburgh. With the exception only of the Grand Lodge, Renfrewshire and Argyle had paid into the treasury the largest sum—£1,860. When they reflected on the money that would be disbursed among Masons who were either in penury, sickness, or distress, he felt they had cause to thank the ladies for their efforts in aid of the fund for the relief of necessitous and indigent Masons. He hoped the present effort of the Lodge of Renfrew and Argyle to further increase the fund would meet with every success. In conclusion, Sir Michael made feeling reference to the death of Miss Wotherspoon, of Maxwellton House, Paisley, who had taken an active part in the Edinburgh bazaar. He was sure those present would join with him in expressing to the mourning parents and family their respectful sympathy in their sorrow.

The Burns anniversary meeting of the Scots Lodge, No. 2319, was held, on the 22nd inst., at the Scottish Corporation Hall, London, Mr. John Whitehead, of Aberdeen, presiding, Sir Patrick McC. de Colquhoun, LL.D., Q.C., Mr. J. R. Ramsey M'Arthur, of Greenock, Mr. John Fyfe, of Aberdeen, and Mr. Duncan Davidson, of Inverness, were elected joining members of the Lodge. After the banquet, Mr. Faithful Begg delivered an oration on Burns, referring particularly to his connection with Freemasonry.

Considerable spirit and enterprise is being displayed in raising funds to aid the Geelong Masonic Charities. A Geelong Masonic Art Union has been formed, for the sale of 10,000 tickets at 10s 6d each. There are to be 600 prizes.

At the last meeting Bro. Leon L. Bloomfield S.W. was unanimously elected Master of the Tranquillity Lodge for the ensuing year.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

Saturday, 31st January.

Quarterly Gen. Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1463 Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
M.M. 14 Prince Edward, Station Hot., Todmorden

Monday, 2nd February.

72 Fortitude & Old Cumberland, 120 Leadenhall St.
25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
60 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
83 United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, E.C.
144 St. Luke, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1310 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1025 Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road
1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
1853 Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1996 Priory Lodge of Acton, High Street, Acton
2220 St. Botolph's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

57 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
53 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
110 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
338 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
361 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.
478 Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009 Shakspeare, 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
1180 Forward, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380 Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434 Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Accrington
1673 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1678 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd
1876 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1798 Zion, Masonic Rooms, King St., Manchester
2094 Elthorne and Middx., Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 312 Britannia, Masonic Hall, Whitley
R.A. 330 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Digger Lane, Hull
R.C. Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Tuesday, 3rd February.

Colonial Bard, Freemasons' Hall, 4
7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
166 Union, Criterion, W.
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
217 Stability, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. E.
1261 Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.
1381 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397 Auerley, Thicket Hotel, Auerley
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1662 Leaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693 Kingsland, Old Cock Tav, Highbury Corner, N.
R.A. 169 Temperance, Swan Hotel, Deptford
M.M. 315 Henniker, Mark Masons' Hall
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly
R.C. 72 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
364 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
393 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick
493 Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
695 Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Newcastle
702 Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stratford
734 Loudesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
791 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
801 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
847 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
943 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton Buzzard
974 Pentalfa, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skidlaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H., Manchester
2144 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Bolear
1322 Waverley, Cabotian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1436 Square & Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1388 St. Elceth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1670 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1993 Wolsley, Town Hall Buildings, Manchester
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon

R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 600 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
R.A. 645 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 681 Sear-dale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
R.A. 721 Grosvenor, Masonic Chambers, Chester
R.A. 1138 Devon, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbey
R.A. 1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, York
M.M. 69 United Serv., Assembly Rooms, Chatham
M.M. 161 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale

Wednesday, 4th February.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6
511 Zetland, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1293 Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1491 Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
1585 Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, S.W.
1842 St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's
R.A. 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
137 Amity, M.H., Market Place, Poole
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle,
417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471 Siturian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
611 Lodge of the Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
615 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Ellesmere, Church Hot, Kersley, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gowor St., Derby
1091 Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167 Alnwick, M.H., Clayport Street, Alnwick
1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street
1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea
1335 Lindsay, 20 King Street, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Two Brook, L'pool
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Hallifax
1842 St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonards-on-Sea
1903 Pr Edward of Saxo Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 477 Fidelity, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness

Thursday, 5th February,

10 Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall
27 Egyptian, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
45 Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
192 Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
227 Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
538 La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1178 Perfect Ashtar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1351 St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1361 United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1672 Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch St.
1724 Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, W.
1765 Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772 Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Milbank
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.
R.A. 2 St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 131 Kennington, Surrey Club, Kennington
M.M. 197 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.
24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle, 7'30
31 United Indu-trious, Mas. Rooms, Canterbury
38 Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
51 Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hucknoly
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266 Napthali, Masonic Hall, Heywood
269 Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2 4 Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley
295 Combermere, Union Arms, Macclesfield
307 Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
3 9 Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
360 Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton
425 Castrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
443 Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
539 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
732 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby
913 Puttison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976 Royal Clarence, Blue Bull, Braton, Somerset
1012 Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury Lane
1394 Olive Union, M.H., Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384 Equity, Abode Chambers, Wines
1474 Bootie, Town Hall, Bury, Lancashire
1509 Waipole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1594 Red Rose of Lanc., Starke's Arms, Padiham
1593 Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1594 Redwain, Rooms, New Town, Moultonery
1339 Wading Street, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, S. Kings Bank, Watlington
157 Loyal Wye, Bullin, Broomfield
182 Dured, George Hotel, Shoreham
24 Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Reading
2450 St. Trinians, M.H., Local Parate, Douglas
2459 Cornelian, Britannia Hotel, Hanley
R.A. 187 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 302 Charity, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
R.A. 496 Mount Edgecumbe, Mas. Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 581 Maritime, Corporation Hotel, Aedwick
R.A. 587 Bowe, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 755 Brigwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
M.M. 10 Cheltenham and Keystone, M.H., Chelt.
M.M. 53 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sudbich

Friday, 6th February.

706 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich
890 Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1189 M. of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, N.
1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815 Penze, Thicket Hotel, Anorlev
2233 Old Westminster, 68 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 8 Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
41 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
242 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kalsall Street, Leeds
442 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart, Newbury
691 St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
690 Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
998 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1098 Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1528 Port, M.H., Nowquay, Cornwall
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham
1561 Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1684 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth
R.A. 170 All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 271 Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359 Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
K.T. Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ash-ton-under-Lyne

Saturday, 7th February.

142 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, S.
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 67 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.
1458 Truth, Wheatshof Hotel, Manchester

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 31st January.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N.8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1238 Pinstury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1344 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

Monday, 2nd February.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
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
342 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
513 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'3
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30
157 Metropolitan, The Morgate, E.C., 7'30
1545 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1604 Kilbura, 46 South M.ilton St. East, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 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, 3rd February.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Djanitic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
148 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Ephraim, M. Lane Red Cap, Cannon Tower, 8
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453 East Street of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
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700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7'30
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1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8  
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6'30  
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Pin-bury Pavement, E.C., 8  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
 R.A. 1612 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

**Wednesday, 4th February.**

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30  
 65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7  
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
 73 Mount Lebanon, George's Inn, Borough, 8  
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,  
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Bardett Rd., 7'30  
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,  
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8  
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30  
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30  
 1475 Peckham, 518 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  
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30  
 1791 Cretton, Wheatshenaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
 1923 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30  
 2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Wal thamstow

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. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, 7  
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

**Thursday, 5th February.**

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30  
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
 435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8  
 704 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8  
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road  
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7'30  
 1273 Bardett Countts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbladen, 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 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1625 Tredogar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7'30  
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**Friday, 6th February.**

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  
 733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8  
 749 Bolgrave, Harp Tavern, Jormyn 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  
 1223 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1298 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8  
 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7'30  
 1331 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
 1612 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.  
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**Saturday, 7th February.**

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30  
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8  
 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
 1375 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,  
 1283 Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
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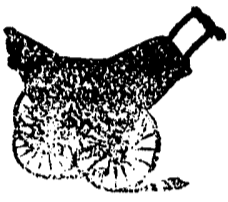


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