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APPROACHING CELEBRATIONS.

ALTHOUGH we have not at present seen the completion of one-fifth part of the year 1891, it is none too early to go beyond it, and speak of what is in store for the Craft during 1892, which already promises to be a busy year in Freemasonry, or at least in that section of the Order which takes an especial interest in the practical working of the principle of benevolence. With the announcement made at last week's Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, that something special will be attempted next year to celebrate the Jubilee of the establishment of that Charity, comes a somewhat similar statement from the sister Isle, the brethren of which will be called upon, in May next year, to commemorate the Centenary of the Masonic Female Orphan School at Dublin, which, as our readers are aware, is doing a splendid work in Ireland on behalf of the orphan daughters of that Constitution.

Our brethren across the Channel have, so to speak, stolen a march on their English friends, and have already issued a programme of what it is proposed to do to celebrate, or help to celebrate, the Centenary of their Charity, but perhaps there is no benefit in making such an early start, as the Craftsmen are more than likely to neglect 1891 in order to take a prominent part in the special rejoicings of 1892. The executive of the English Benevolent Institution acted very wisely in keeping comparatively quiet as to the present year's Festival being the Forty-ninth Anniversary of that Institution, although, of course, there were plenty of English Masons fully aware of the fact, without any official intimation of it. Still a large number of those who supported Earl Amherst last week were not cognisant of the near approach of the Jubilee, and had they known what was to be expected in 1892, many would, perhaps, have postponed their Stewardship until then, with results most disastrous to the Festival of 1891, which might easily have resulted in comparative failure, if too early a notice had been given of the special event to be celebrated next year.

Turning to the other great division of the British Isles, we also find something special to mark the year 1892, for we may expect our Scottish brethren to have fairly started their scheme of extended Benevolence by that time, and if the year does not actually witness the celebration of the first anniversary of the establishment of their Charity Fund on its new basis, it will at least see its formal inauguration, so that in each of the three great divisions there will be special cause for rejoicing, each distinct from the other, yet all springing from the same foundation—that of Masonic Benevolence.

It is very difficult, looking so far ahead, to predict what is likely to be the result of these three special events in the history of the Masonic Order. Trade may be specially brisk during the next few months,

and prosperity may reign throughout the empire to a marked extent. Will any one doubt that such a combination of advantages would not have its effect on the three celebrations we have referred to? On the other hand, there may be disasters of a national or local character to be experienced in the near future, which will go far toward upsetting the best of calculations, yet we venture to think that, in spite of all, there is an absolute certainty that the members of the Craft will not fail to support their Charitable Institutions under such special circumstances as will arise during the coming year.

Without going behind the scenes, we can well imagine the executive of the Benevolent Institution are already alive to the fact that very much of the success of next year's Jubilee celebration will depend on who they are fortunate enough to secure as Chairman for the event, and we are not betraying any secret when we say that a large number of English Craftsmen are hoping to have an opportunity of supporting their Grand Master in that position, just as they did a few years back, when His Royal Highness gave such hearty assistance to the Centenary celebration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Grand Master of Scotland has taken the lead in the event which will call for special celebration next year in Scotland. The Grand Master of Ireland has already promised his patronage for the Centenary celebration of the Irish Masonic Orphan School, so that the wish, which we believe is foremost in the minds of the English Craft—the acceptance of the presidency of the Jubilee celebration of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—would complete a trio of happy circumstances in connection with the particularly eventful series of celebrations which may be expected next year.

It has always been recognised—in the unwritten code of honour which is supposed to govern such matters—that the Institution whose Festival comes next is to have the field of Masonry to a certain extent to itself, and that the other Institutions shall keep comparatively quiet until their turn comes round, but Centenaries and Jubilees are exceptional matters, and we think it is none too early to begin active operations for the Benevolent celebration of 1892, although we should be very sorry to suggest anything that would have a detrimental effect on the approaching Festivals of the Educational Institutions. We hardly think they would suffer from an earlier start than usual on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, while we are of opinion that a wide publication of the special scheme which will be advocated to mark the Jubilee before the closing of the present Masonic season would make a marked difference in the outcome of the celebration. In these special matters long notice is desirable, as brethren are then in a better position to arrange among themselves for exceptional means of helping the cause, which at a later date are nearly, if not quite

impracticable. The Craft would no doubt like to know what position the Institution would be in under special circumstances, they would like some definite goal pointed out to them, and know what would be possible if they succeeded in reaching it, just as was the case in connection with the Centenary celebration of the Girls' School, when certain enlargements and additions were put down as being desirable, and were considered as being a fitting method of marking the special event in the history of the Institution. Happily, the supporters of the Benevolent Institution have little idea—at least that is our opinion—of marking the Jubilee by a heavy expenditure on bricks and mortar; that method of extending the work of the Benevolent Institution has very few supporters. Neither do we think there are many who would endorse a proposal to increase the individual amounts now paid by the two sections of the Fund, and it therefore remains for the money to be expended in adding to the number of annuities regularly being paid. The question is, what would be a satisfactory increase to mark the completion of the Institution's first fifty years existence? It has been pointed out that to make a "Jubilee" increase, that is to say, create fifty new annuitants—twenty-five for Aged Masons at £40 per annum, and twenty-five for widows, at £32 per annum—would entail an additional annual responsibility of £1,800, and as to secure this a sum of no less than £72,000 would have to be invested, at 2½ per cent., we are afraid so desirable a method of marking the Jubilee must be abandoned, for that is too large a sum to even hope for, in addition to the contributions needed for the current year. Still, it would be satisfactory to a large number of Craftsmen to know the lowest total of subscriptions on which the Committee would feel justified in recommending this great increase.

There is another method we should like to see considered, and it is one which we believe would call forth a strong measure of support, even if it did not ensure success when once it was fairly submitted to the Craft. It is to create fifty new annuitants at half the regular rates, that is to say, twenty-five for Aged Masons at £20 per year each, and twenty-five for widows at £16 per year each, or a total additional annual expenditure of £900, which, on the basis reckoned above, would require the investment of £36,000. Judging from the result attending the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the acquisition of this amount is not wholly outside the range of possibility, as a special result of celebrating the Jubilee, although, of course, it would necessitate the receipt of upwards of £50,000 for the year, else the ordinary calls on the Institution would suffer. It is some such scheme as this—definite and clearly set out—which should be submitted to the Craft at an early date, then we should have great hope of reasonable success resulting, as we believe nearly every member of the Order would endeavour to do something in order to erect a fitting memorial on the completion of the first fifty years of the Institution's existence. We do not say the plan we have here set out is the best that could be submitted to the Craft, but it is a definite proposal, and it is something of the character we believe to be necessary in connection with the coming celebration.

In order to complete the subject as far as is possible at present, we give the following extract, from the *Belfast News* letter, in regard to the approaching celebration of the Centenary of the Irish Institution, referred to above:—

There will be a centenary celebration held in Dublin in May 1892, to commemorate the hundredth year of the Masonic Female Orphan School. This noble institution, which has prospered with the roll of years, was extended in 1852, established in its present edifice in 1882, and maintains eighty pupils, the orphan daughters of brethren of almost every rank and calling, and from

every part of Ireland. The commemoration will take the form of a bazaar, fancy fair, and fête, conducted on a scale of magnificence not attempted since the great Masonic bazaar of 1882, which produced upwards of £6,000 for the benefit of the school. The object is to raise a fund, the interest of which will be applied in helping the most deserving pupils to obtain advanced education or special training during the two or three critical years of their career immediately after they leave the school. At present the pupils are maintained and educated until the age of sixteen, when they are of course, too young to enter upon those callings which would enable them to maintain themselves. But the limit of age could not be generally extended without reducing the numbers of admissions and providing a costly course of instruction for the elder pupils. From time to time the governors, who take an active part in the school management, have sent particularly bright pupils to finish their education at Continental schools; but these are exceptional cases, and there remain many deserving pupils who after they leave school require a helping hand before they can gain a foothold to secure their own independence. It is obvious that lasting advantages may be ensured for those pupils at small cost by timely help judiciously given for a short period after leaving school. To provide this help will be the first object of the celebration; and, in addition, power will be reserved to complete the infirmary, to build a drill-hall and day-room, and to carry out some other needful improvements at the school. The Royal Dublin Society's buildings and grounds adjacent to the school have been engaged for the celebration for the week commencing 16th May 1892. The Duchess of Abercorn has accepted the presidency, and her grace has kindly promised her personal assistance, while the patronage has been accorded of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, her Excellency the Countess of Zetland, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn Grand Master of the Masonic Order in Ireland; the Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort, the Viscount and Viscountess Powerscourt, Lady Wolseley, the Marquis and Marchioness of Hertford, the Earl and Countess of Bandon. Lord and Lady Harlech, and Lady Cloncurry. Already the Centenary Committee, consisting of all the Grand Officers and the members of the School Committee (with power to add others) have set to work. Their operations will be conducted on the Federal principle, and accordingly the assistance is invited of the Provincial Grand Lodges and other Lodges, and the friends of the Masonic Charities at home and abroad, by collecting funds, forwarding photographs, pottery, local products, and other objects of interest or value, distributing tickets, and otherwise promoting the success of the celebration. A Centenary Committee will be formed in each Province, and it is hoped by each Lodge, and that each of these committees will undertake a stall or some distinct part of the work. The decoration of the building will be designed by eminent artists, and the stalls, erected under the supervision of a special committee, will be handed over to the stall holders ready to be stocked and furnished. Meantime, inventive minds will be occupied devising novelties for the various entertainments, both indoor and outdoor. Incidental to the occasion will be the annual distribution of prizes, an attractive ceremonial, which of itself brings together the members of the Order and their friends in thousands. The distribution of prizes for the present year will take place on Thursday, 30th April. On the same day, or the following, a conference to discuss the arrangements for the Centenary will be held, and those who intimate their willingness to take part in the celebration will be invited to meet her Grace the Duchess of Abercorn, who has promised to attend the meeting. The project, combining as it does in hearty co-operation the best elements of Irish society, is certain to be a brilliant success.

Bro. Frederick Hall has been chosen by the brethren of the Temple Lodge, of Folkestone, as their W.M., for the ensuing year.

After payment of all accounts it is anticipated that there will be a clear sum approaching £60 to be handed over to the Masonic Charities, as the result of the benefit performance of "Cinderella" at the Theatre Royal, Bolton, on the 5th ult.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 341.

THE installation meeting took place at the George Hotel, Rye, on Wednesday, the 18th ult. Bro. Colonel Brookfield presided, and after the routine business, installed as his successor Bro. W. J. Palmer. This last named gentleman invested his Officers, as follow:— Bro. Masters S.W., Baskby J.W., Bellingham Treasurer, Dawes Secretary, Rev. A. J. W. Crosse Chaplain, Waters S.D., Pepper J.D., Cowtan I.G., Rubie Tyler.

JERUSALEM LODGE, No. 686.

AT the annual festival, the fine Masonic Hall, at Park Street, Bristol, was filled to an unusual extent, the number present exceeding that of any previous occasion in the records of the Lodge, among those assembled being forty-three Past Masters. The W.M. elect was Bro. James Macready Chute, proprietor of the Prince's Theatre, Bristol, and he was installed, according to ancient custom, by Bro. Harold Lewis W.M. It is a matter of note that exactly a quarter of a century since the late Bro. James Henry Chute was installed in the chair of the same Lodge, in which both his sons and successors in the management of the theatre—the late George Macready Chute and James Macready Chute—were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. After the business of Lodge the brethren retired to the banqueting hall, where eighty sat down to a sumptuous repast. The W.M. was supported on the right by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. There was a delightful musical programme, contributed to by Bros. Montague Worlock, Theo. Carrington, Ed. Fletcher, Geoffrey Thorn, H. C. Arnold, and George Riseley. During the evening Bro. Chute was the recipient of many congratulatory letters and telegrams, among the former being one from Bro. Augustus Harris Grand Treasurer.

STAMFORD LODGE, No. 1045.

THERE was a large gathering of the Fraternity at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. M. W. Worthington. The Installing Masters were Bro. Joel Foden W.M., F. R. Lindsell P.M., and J. Siddeley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. The newly installed Master invested as his Officers the following brethren:— Joel Foden I.P.M., W. K. Blunsum S.W., Thomas Walker J.W., Rev. R. Hodgson P.G.C., and Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, M.A., as Chaplain, J. Siddeley Treasurer, Richard Newhouse P.G.S. Secretary, J. W. Byrom S.D., Henry H. Mayor J.D., James T. Clark Organist, William H. Jones I.G., A. Huxley Tyler. The P.G. Secretary stated that he hoped that the Province of Cheshire would this year send 700 guineas to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was 200 guineas in excess of the sum originally contemplated.

PHENIX LODGE OF ST. ANNE, No. 1235.

THE annual festival took place at the Town Hall, Sheffield, on the 26th ult. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Lane, Worshipful Master, Bro. T. W. Varley, who had been unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, was presented by Brother Smedley P.M., and duly installed in the chair by Bro. Mill P.M. The banquet was served at the George Hotel, the catering of Mr. W. F. Mill being in all respects replete. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. Bro. Mill proposed the newly installed W.M., and referred to Bro. Varley in highly complimentary terms in both school and Masonry. Brother Ainsworth gave the Visitors, and Bro. Voules W.M. 631, Bro. C. F. Wardley W.M. 1688, and Bro. H. Wint acknowledged the toast.

ROSSLYN LODGE, No. 1543.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Saracen's Head, Dunmow, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. The W.M. Bro. D. Millbank P.P.G. Steward Essex presided, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Sams S.W., Wright J.W., Soell Treasurer, Welch Secretary, Hoskins S.D., Newman J.D., Carter I.G., Warner Tyler, Lyle I.P.M., and a large attendance of members. Bros. Edmund Piper, and T. Bradridge were passed to the F.C. degree. Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. delivered an interesting lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Craft Masonry. Although this was a third visit to the Lodge for a similar purpose, the interest of the brethren remained unabated, whilst for nearly two hours Bro. Stevens, in an extempore address without hesitation or pause, interpreted the allegorical and symbolic meanings of the several portions of Lodge ritual and proceedings. The lecture is entirely different from what is known as "Section Working," indeed it offers much needed explanations in regard to that portion of Masonic work itself. To much that he had on previous occasions set before the brethren, the lecturer added new and important illustrations, giving his lecture a novelty that was greatly appreciated by his hearers, who testified their gratification by earnest applause when he had terminated his address. The thanks of the Lodge having been voted to Bro. Stevens, and some formal business transacted, the Lodge was closed, and the remainder of a pleasant evening was spent in social converse and fraternal harmony.

SUNBURY LODGE, No. 1733.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Magpie Hotel, Sunbury, on Wednesday 25th ult. Lodge having been opened in due form, the first business was to receive the report of the Committee

appointed to revise the bye-laws, and the Secretary having described the alterations made, the same were unanimously received and adopted. The ballot for the election of W.M. was unanimous in favour of Bro. S. C. Fisk S.W., who thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on him. Bro. A. Tacker P.M. was unanimously elected Treasurer, and R. Whiting Tyler. Bros. Collins and Blackman were elected to audit the accounts. On the motion of Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Clark, the usual P.M.'s jewel was voted to Brother Covell for his services as W.M. during the past year. Letters of apology were read from Bros. R. H. Thrupp D.P.G.M., and Howard H. Room P.G.W. Secretary, regretting their inability to be present. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well served dinner, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured. Bro. F. Figg presided at the pianoforte, and several brethren contributed to the harmony of the meeting.

THE DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Wednesday, 25th ult., when there were present: Bros. Cochrane W.M., Everett I.P.M., Gilbert acting S.W., Folkard J.W., Steele Treasurer, Woods Secretary, Andrews S.D., Harvey J.D., Langdon Dir. of Cers., Beaven I.G., Lyell Steward, Winny Organist, Patrick Tyler, Robertson, Wyer, Hadley, Harrison, Lawrence, Shanaw, Rashleigh, Morris, Roberts, Bloomfield. Visitors—Bros. King, Barton and Cotton. Bro. Bloomfield was passed to the degree of F.C. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Stovell and Baldwin, and proving unanimously in their favour, they were impressively initiated by the W.M. A letter was read from Bro. G. Everett, thanking the brethren for their kind congratulations on his unopposed nomination for the high office of Grand Treasurer of England. This was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Other business being ended, the Lodge was closed. After the banquet the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft. In proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the W.M. pointed out the impetus that he had given to the Order and his good work for the Charities. In proposing the Grand Officers, the W.M. enumerated the many things they did for the Order. Bro. Everett next proposed the W.M. Bro. Cochrane replied, and in proposing the Initiates, he said they equalled those of the past. Bro. Baldwin was an old and respected inhabitant of Clapham. Bro. Stovell had already shown what he could do. He would leave their future conduct to speak for them. Bro. Baldwin acknowledged the toast. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, each visitor suitably responding. The W.M., in proposing the Officers, eulogised their work. Their S.W. was absent, but he was a most kind and happy teacher of the ritual of Freemasonry. He could not be beaten anywhere. All his Officers were good, and he was proud of such a body of selected Masons. Each Officer responded to the toast. The Tyler's toast closed a very happy evening, towards the enjoyment of which the following contributed: Bros. Cochrane, Everett, Andrews, Langdon, Lyell, Barton, Roberts, and Stovell.

Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 23rd ult., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, when there were present:—Bros. Urban Smith W.M., C. H. Bestow S.W., G. J. Westfield P.P.G.S.B. J.W., William Shurmer Prov. Grand Treasurer Preceptor, Nathaniel Fortescue Treasurer, H. F. Bromhead S.D., Richard Kershaw J.D., W. Baker I.G., W. P. Allen Secretary, H. Inman-Hallows, J. J. Briginshaw, F. Taylor, C. Dickinson, E. Spurgeon, T. Maynard, T. Brown, Jno. Ives, T. King, G. Lloyd, E. James, J. Hamilton, J. Bird, W. Alcock, Geo. Long, Harris, Baker P.M., J. Cropley, R. Sandell, E. Gray jun. After preliminaries, the ancient charge was delivered and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. James acting as candidate. Bro. Shurmer delivered the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. C. H. Bestow was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Bro. G. Lloyd and T. Maynard, 2374, and J. Baker P.M. were elected members. The offer of Bro. H. Grant to supply an harmonium for the use of the Lodge (free of cost) was gratefully accepted. The genial Hon. Secretary (Bro. William Peter Allen) as usual, was actively engaged in looking after the comfort of the brethren. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed.

The Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, which meets on Thursday evenings at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, has been numerously attended during the present year, and some excellent working has been carried out. This week Bro. Montague, W.M. Brownrigg Lodge, rehearsed the second and third degrees in a very efficient manner, and it is proposed next or the following Thursday to rehearse the installation ceremony. A cordial welcome will be extended to any member of the Craft who may wish to attend. On Wednesday the Audit Committee of the Royal Arthur Lodge 1360 met at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, and examined the accounts for the past year, presented by Bro. Magee P.M. Secretary. The Lodge is in a very satisfactory financial condition.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, at the Navarino Tavern, Navarino Road, Dalston, E., on Saturday, 14th of March, at 7 o'clock precisely. Bro. T. G. Hodges I.P.M. 1695 will preside. Bros. J. A. Powell 186 S.W., R. Heslop S.D. 1695 J.W., C. Lorkin P.M. 1524 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. J. A. Chalk, C. W. Baker, J. Macnamara, R. Heslop, D. J. Witte, H. G. Gash, L. Simmons. Second Lecture—Bros. R. Cordell, J. Brown, C. Weeden, J. A. Powell, C. Lorkin. Third Lecture—Bros. F. Stallard, C. Calling, J. Osborne. Bro. Edward Dignam P.M. 1524 Hon. Secretary.

MIRACULOUS STORIES ABOUT THE CROSS COLLECTED.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

THE Rev. E. C. Brewer, in his Dictionary of "Phrase and Fables" says, "The cross is said to have been made of four sorts of wood, viz., palm, cedar, olive and cypress, to signify the four quarters of the globe." (p 197). Again,

Constantine's Cross. In Latin, *vincis in hoc*; in English, *By this conquer.* It is said that Constantine, on his march to Rome, saw a luminous cross in the sky, with the motto here given. In the night before the battle of Saxa Rubra a vision appeared to him in his sleep, commanding him to inscribe them [the cross and motto] on the shields of his soldiers. He obeyed the voice of the vision, and prevailed. The monogram is \times *Piorac* (Christ).

Theological controversialists usually argue that when a miracle is narrated by a contemporary historian it must, therefore, be accepted as an undoubted fact. But here is a miracle vouched for by Bishop Eusebius, the "father of ecclesiastical history," who was well acquainted with Constantine; and his story of the cross of Constantine was repeated by his immediate successors as an undoubted fact, but for all that no man of common sense, except *Masonic degree cravers*, or may be some pious clergyman, will now venture to say that there is any truth whatever in the said miracle. Mr. Brewer further says:—

This [the Constantine story] may be called a standing miracle in legendary history; for, besides Andrew's cross and the Dannebrog or red cross of Denmark, we have the cross which appeared to Don Alonzo before the battle of Ourique in 1139, when the Moors were totally routed, with incredible slaughter. As Alonzo was drawing up his men the figure of a cross appeared in the eastern sky, and Christ, suspended on the cross, promised the Christian king complete victory. This legend is commemorated by the device assumed by Alonzo in a field of argent five escutcheons azure in the form of a cross, each escutcheon being charged with five bezants, in memory of the five wounds of Christ. (Ibid, p 182).

Now here is a story, related not only by a contemporary, but by an *eye witness*. Evagrus, an ecclesiastical writer of the sixth century, says:—

Now that I have arrived at this point of my narrative, I will relate a prodigy which occurred at Pamea, and is worthy of a place in the present history.

When the sons of Abamians were informed that Antioch had been burnt, they besought the before mentioned Thomas to bring forth and display the saving and life-giving wood of the cross In performance of which request Thomas brings forth the life-giving wood, announcing stated days for its display, that all the neighbouring people might have an opportunity to assemble and enjoy the salvation thence proceeding.

Accordingly, my parents visited it, together with the rest, accompanied by myself, at that time a school boy. When, therefore, we requested permission to adore and kiss the precious cross. Thomas, lifting up both his hands, displayed the wood which blotted out the ancient curse, making an entire circuit of the sanctuary, as was customary in the early days of adoration. As Thomas moved from place to place there followed him a large body of fire, blazing but not consuming, so that the whole spot where he stood to display the precious cross seemed to be in flames, and this took place, not once or twice, but often. (Theodore's Eccl. Hist., Bohn's edition, p 405-6).

In Massachusetts, the cross figures as a Masonic symbol. Thus: crosses may be seen outside of the Boston Masonic Temple as well as inside of the Lodge-rooms, and even on the Masonic certificate is engraved a figure holding up a cross. To the book marks on the Bibles lying on Masonic altars, crosses are appended. Knight Templars, which are here acknowledged as a true Masonic body, are of course covered all over with crosses. In the ceremony of the Rose Croix, which is also Masonic, a picture of the crucifixion may be seen hanging from the wall. Besides which we have here an Order called the Red Cross of Constantine, and any number of other *cross Masonic* degrees. It is therefore surprising that Andrew's cross, the Dannebrog cross, the cross of Pamea, and the cross of Alonzo have never (as far as I know) been utilised for Masonic purposes. My English readers may perhaps suppose that no one in these enlightened times could believe in such *stuff*. If so, I beg to assure them they are mistaken; for I am satisfied that when Masons have acquired an appetite for high degrees, the appetite becomes insatiable, and they can never have enough of Masonic degrees. Outside of Masonry, some of them at least, are quite rational, but inside of the Masonic Temple they can be made to believe in any absurdity. Thus, in twenty years, several new humbugs have been palmed off here as Masonic degrees, such as the *Red Cross of Constantine*, the

Mystic Shrine, &c., &c., which were received as *ancient* Masonic degrees. But the craving for more degrees was such that more than a hundred Masonic *high-degreers* have obtained from the "Great Council of the Order of Improved Red Men" a charter for a *Wigwam*, called "Hobomoc Tribe," which Wigwam is to be composed exclusively of Masonic high-degreers. The "Great Chief Registrar" of the Tribe is a *Scotch Rite thirty-third*, and so is the chief officer, called the *Sachern*, and probably so are the two *Saganors*, the Prophet and the other officers. The ceremony represents the Indian *War-path*, is performed by shouting, stamping, jumping, yelling, with *awful* fierce looks. The second degree, called the degree of *Pocahontas*, represents the Tribe smoking the pipe of peace. Then it is all chivalric Indian knightly courtesy. Yes, a hundred or more high degree Masons have consented to partake of such Indian pranks in Boston. It is therefore evident that if the several legends about the cross above given had been turned into Masonic degrees, that thousands of high degree Masons would now have been Knights of *St. Andrew*, and of *Dannebrog*, and of *Alonzo*, and of *Pamea*, and of any number of knightships, if offered to them for love or money.

Eusebius, as already said, was the inventor of the Cross of Constantine legend. The said legend received numerous improvements from succeeding ecclesiastical historians. Thus each successive historian claimed to know something which his predecessor did not know; and such was the case with a sequel to the said story, viz., that of discovering the true Cross, by Helena, the mother of Constantine. Cyril, of Jerusalem, first referred to the finding of the cross, more than twenty years after the supposed event, "in which (says Wm. Smith, in his Dictionary of Christian Antiquities, Vol. I. p 504) he does not allude to the narrative in the form given by subsequent writers; he yet says that fragments cut off from the cross were spread over the whole world." But later on "he alludes to the finding of the cross in a letter written to Constantius, the son of Constantine, on the occasion of a luminous cross appearing in the sky over Jerusalem. W. Smith adds, that "From the beginning of the 5th century . . . all ecclesiastical writers take the truth of the narrative in its main form for granted, though sundry variations of detail occur."

Mr. Toulmin Smith, in his *English Guilds*, pp 224, 225, gives a better story about the said cross than I have found in all preceding writers. He says:—

The story of finding the holy cross, or "rood," was so popular in the middle ages, and gave name, in England, to so many guilds, that it will make the subject better understood if I add here, an outline of that story. Some of the guilds made it part of their business to give a representation in pageant. (See Beverly, before page 148). I have sketched the following outline from a long poem, in the English of the old Anglo-Saxon times, which is reprinted in the last part (15) of the publications of the Elfric Society.

Mr. T. Smith then goes on to say:—

The Legend of St. Elene (Helen), and the finding of the Holy Rood.

Two hundred and thirty-three years after Christ's birth, and six after Constantine became Cæsar of Rome, the Huns came down in mighty force against the Romans. Constantine was affrighted; but in a dream, the likeness of the holy rood was shown to him, by one who told him that, with this for a beacon, he should overcome his foes. Then he had a rood tree made, and borne as his standard before the Roman host, and the foe was smitten down. Constantine asked his wise men what this rood tree meant, but they could not tell him. Some, however, who had been baptised, told him the meaning of the Cross. Thereupon he was himself baptised; and he besought his mother, Elene, to go into Jewry, and seek for the true holy rood.

She went forth, with many followers, and at length reached Jerusalem. She called together the Elders of the Hebrews, and spoke to them reproachfully. They did not understand what she meant, till one, Judas, told them that he was sure she wanted to find the holy rood, but he charged them not to let her know where it was hidden. Thereupon, the elders refused to tell anything to Elene; and she, filled with holy wrath, threatened to burn them all up with fire. In this fearful strait, they gave up Judas to her. She besought him to tell what he knew. He would not; so she had him bound, and cast into a clay pit, and left him there to starve.

When Judas had borne this Christian kindness for seven days, his courage was worn out, and he said he would tell the truth. Then he was released, and he led the way to the hill of the Crucifixion. He prayed for a mark by which he might be sure of the exact spot where the holy rood lay; and straightway there arose up a smoke from the earth. Gladly did Judas then dig; and, after digging twenty feet deep, he found three crosses. These were taken to Elene; but she wished to know which of the three crosses was the true holy rood itself. Judas did not know, and all waited for a sign from heaven, to make known the truth. This was at length vouchsafed, by the raising up to life of a young man, who was being carried for burial, and who, after being touched in vain by the

crosses of the two thieves, was at last touched by the holy rood itself, when he, of course, became alive.

And now the hell devil grew mighty wrathful, and made a long speech, which is fully reported; but Judas answered in a long speech, which is also fully reported. Then Constantine made Elene to have a church built on the hill-side where the holy rood had been found, and Judas was christened, and made Bishop of Jerusalem by the name of Cyriacus.

But Elene wished, furthermore, that the nails used in the crucifixion should be found; and these, as the holy rood itself had been, were made known by a fiery token arising from the earth, in answer to the new bishop's prayer. Following the bishop's advice, Elene had the nails made into a bit for the bridle of Constantine's horse, so to be used for a charm of safety to him in war. Then Elene went back home again, bidding all men to keep, for evermore, the day of the finding of the holy rood; and this was done in the month of May, six days before the beginning of summer.*

I shall only add, 1st, that either the poet, the transcriber or the printer made the story occur about a hundred years too soon, and there are other historic blunders in the above version besides.

And, 2nd, all the items given in the above narrative I have read long ago, in the earlier ecclesiastical histories, published by Bohn, and things besides which are not mentioned in the above narrative. But the hell devil's wrathfulness, and his long speech, with Judas's reply thereto, was entirely new to me. So I inquired in the largest Boston libraries for Part 15 of the Elfric Society publication, but could not find it. Such being the case, I hope that the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE will endeavour to find the said book, and let his readers know what kind of a long speech the devil made, and what Judas had to say to the devil? for, if not instructive in the highest sense of the word, I think it will be very amusing, at least. So let us have it without fail.

Boston, U.S., 20th February 1891.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

THERE are three great Masonic Charitable Institutions in this division of the County of Lancaster which are liberally supported and voluntarily carried on by the brethren—the "Educational," for the clothing, maintenance, and tuition of orphan children; the "Hamer," for giving grants to necessitous Freemasons; and the "Alpass," founded for granting relief to distressed widows of brethren. The report of the oldest of these three Charities—the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution—has just been issued, and shows that it continues to receive from the members of the various Lodges in the Province the support which it so thoroughly deserves. The committee, in submitting the report, the 40th of the series, congratulate the brethren upon another eminently successful year. They further say, "The laudable work so thoroughly, yet unostentatiously, being done by the Institution has now become a household word among the brethren of the Province, whose interest generally in our welfare seems keener than ever, notwithstanding that a few Lodges, we regret to say, still neglect to contribute to the funds whilst making large claims upon the benefits of the Charity. The treasurer's statement of accounts shows a gross income from all sources of £2,462 10s 9d for the year ending 31st December 1890, being a trifle over that obtained last year. Analysing this total we find that the income from donations and subscriptions amounted to £1382 12s 7d, or £112 13s 1d less than last year, when a munificent legacy of £320 swelled the total to £1495 5s 8d, which shows that on the whole this year has been marked by splendid generosity on the part of the majority of the Lodges and brethren. The interest on invested capital yielded £724 18s 2d, whilst the annual ball produced the very handsome profit of £355. The spirit of emulation in this good cause prevailing in the Province is well exemplified by the unusually large donations sent in by several Lodges and individual brethren, as a perusal of the lists in this report will show. During the year 214 children have been upon the books of the Institution, viz., 189 on the educational fund, at a cost of £1,322 9s 5d; 17 on the combined fund (which clothes, educates, and maintains them), at a cost, allowing a proportion of presentations already purchased, of £535; whilst a sum of £30 was expended towards the advancement in life of six children who had gone off the other funds. The grants to two others have not yet been claimed. The number of applicants whose petitions were found in order was 26, all of whom, we are pleased to say, were elected, whilst 18 ceased to be on the foundation, leaving, on the 31st December, 222 children entitled to the benefits of the Institution. The committee appointed to revise the bye-laws have completed their labours, and hope the new rules, whilst fully carrying out the spirit of the old ones, will be found more adapted to the present and future needs of the Institution. New features of the report are the addition of Lodge numbers to the names of individual life governors in the lists, which will be found useful in many ways, and a list of votes allotted to Lodges by the ball committee in proportion to the number of Stewards they furnished. In concluding our report, we desire to express our gratitude to the Father of the fatherless for the mercies vouchsafed to the Institution

* The third day of May was held sacred to the invention (i.e. finding) of the Holy Cross.

during its now rather long existence, and to tender hearty thanks to the various benefactors for their liberal support, feeling assured that their generosity will continue unabated in the future.

—*Liverpool Mercury.*

EAST LANCASHIRE AND THE R.M. INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held, on the 20th ult., in the club-room of the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, to consider and determine what measures should be adopted with a view of nominating for election a competent and acceptable brother to represent the Province on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. E. G. Harwood P.P.G.J.W., Chairman of the Committee, presided, and there was a gathering of 50 representatives of Lodges. Bro. John Chadwick, Prov. Grand Secretary, explained that under the new by-laws of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the Board of Management was composed of 15 qualified brethren elected from the London Lodges and a like number representing Provincial Lodges. The Provincial representation was so distributed that East Lancashire with its 103 Lodges, and West Lancashire, with its 105 Lodges, were each entitled to send a member to the Board. Colonel Starkie, the Provincial Grand Master, in a letter referring to the object of the present meeting, said the question of the elected brother paying his own expenses on his visits to London was not of vital importance so long as they obtained the services of an able brother who could afford the time to attend the meetings of the Board of Management, and whose social and Masonic position and personal competency would make his weight felt when he attended. Some conversation followed, in which an opinion was generally expressed that the appointed representative ought to be paid his out-of-pocket expenses, and eventually, on the motion of Bro. F. W. Lean, it was unanimously resolved to nominate Bro. Harwood for the appointment.

MASONIC AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THE second series of performances of the fourteenth season of the above society was commenced on the 25th ult., when the Bath Saloon was crowded with a fashionable audience, the fare provided being J. Palgrave Simpson's sterling drama, "Time and the Hour." The season, which concluded on Friday with a performance of T. W. Robertson's ever-popular "Caste," has been an exceptionally successful one, not only in the matters of membership and financial support, but in the remarkable excellence of the representations given. The December performances served to greatly enhance the already high reputation of the band of amateur histrions who, under the genial and experienced direction of Bro. F. R. Booth, do such excellent work, and these representations prove that standard to have been fully maintained. "Time and the Hour" is a play of absorbing and sustained interest, admirably written, and containing several strong situations. The principal threads of the story are as follows:—Sir Philip Deverell, who twelve years ago lived a life of crime and dissipation, under another name is now a rich country gentleman, and aspires to the hand of Lucy, the niece of Mr. Franklin, a rich banker. Early in the play, Sparrow, a meddling amateur detective, sets himself the task of unravelling the mystery of some forged bills that years ago occasioned Mr. Franklin heavy losses. This forgery was committed by Sir Philip, a fact known to only two—Marion Beck and Daniel Medicott, both early accomplices. In his endeavour to obtain possession of the bills, Sir Philip murders young Franklin, and George Aylmer is accused of the crime. In a powerful scene in the last act, splendidly acted on this occasion, Sir Philip, walking in his sleep, re-acts the deed, and on being awakened falls dead at the feet of his accuser. The play was accorded a most creditable performance. The acting of the exponent of the difficult part of Sir Philip, was full of force, and in the last act, in a scene with Marion Beck—a part magnificently played by Miss Ada Melrose—his methods were admirable. Mr. Franklin was excellently undertaken, and the part of Sparrow had a faithful and studious performance. The character of George Aylmer is a difficult one to undertake, affording few opportunities for display, and yet taxing the resources of its exponent. Its representative on this occasion succeeded in grasping its proper interpretation, and a carefully thought-out and finished performance was the result. The part of Medicott was capitally portrayed, but the performer was somewhat "shaky" in his lines. Notwithstanding this, he did exceedingly well. Mr. Montgomery Brown's excellent make up and humorous acting occasioned much merriment. The small part of Charles Franklin was also in capable hands. Miss Edith Jordan's re-engagement was amply justified by her natural and graceful acting, and Miss K. Claremont was as successful as ever. The entire performance reflects high credit on Bro. F. R. Booth, who must be congratulated on the success achieved. The following brethren assisted:—D. Flather, Property Manager; J. W. Westinholm and A. E. Kirkham, Prompters, H. J. Garnett, Steward before curtain; A. H. Allen, Hon. Secretary. Bro. S. Suckley directed an excellent orchestra, whose playing was much appreciated.

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HUYSE CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX.

THE annual convocation was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, when Frater James Griffin the M.W.S. elect was installed, Frater D. Cross, the retiring M.W.S., being the acting Officer. Fraters the Rev. Dr. Lemon, Westlake, Keats, Aitken-Davies, Clemens, Hearder, Trevena and Goodall, formed the board of Past M.W.S. The Officers invested were Fraters Cross I.P.M. W.S., Rev. Dr. Lemon High Prelate, Westcott 1st G., Dunsterville 2nd G., Keats Treasurer, Westlake Recorder, Hiffley G.M., Wilson R., Pinching Herald, Aitken-Davies C.G., Trevena Dir. of Cers., Hearder O., Phillips Equerry. In the evening the Fraters dined together at the Freemasons' Club. The M.W.S. Frater J. Griffin presided. A capital banquet was furnished. Several toasts were given, and a very pleasant entertainment enjoyed. Bro. and Mrs. Harvey were thanked for their excellent catering.

ESSEX CHAPTER, No. 276.

AT a meeting, held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford, Comps. Dehane and Allman were admitted joining members, and the following were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. Kellett M.E.Z., Sutthery H., Maskell J., Darrant Scribe E. and Treasurer, Cavill (who has held the office of M.E.Z. during the past year) Scribe N., A. C. Darrant P.S., Meggy 1st Assist. Soj., Copus 2nd Assist. Soj., Pascall Steward Sarel Janitor. Comp. Kellett, of Halstead, was prevented from attending in consequence of a call to visit his father, who is lying dangerously ill in Ireland. The Companions afterwards sat down to a banquet, excellently served by the hostess, Mrs. Barber. Comp. Allman, who assists the choir at the church of the Carmelites, S.K., added to the harmony of the proceedings by a graceful rendering of "The anchor's weighed."

BRITANNIA CHAPTER, No. 312.

THE installation of Officers took place on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Whitby. The following are the appointments for the ensuing year:—Comps. F. Thornton M.E.Z., R. W. White H., J. T. Stewart J., H. W. Atlay P.S., J. T. Oliver and T. Bryan Assistants, S. Reed S.E., J. N. Lawson S.N., T. H. Trueman Janitor. Comp. J. Stevenson ably officiated as Installing Master. The installation banquet was afterwards held at the Crown Hotel.

The first Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on the 3rd inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, the Marquis of Hertford presiding; the Earl of Euston Deputy Grand Master; Sir Francis Burdett as Past Grand Master; Colonel Shadwell Clerke as Grand Senior Warden; Bros. Baron de Ferrières, W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., and many others being present. On the recommendation of the Prince of Wales, the Marquis of Hertford moved, the Earl of Euston seconded, and the brethren unanimously voted the rank of Past Grand Master to the Duke of Connaught. On the motion of the Rev. Joseph Cator, Master of the Bisley Lodge, seconded by Bro. Alfred Williams, the Prince of Wales was unanimously re-elected Grand Mark Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Gordon Miller was afterwards unanimously elected Grand Treasurer, and Grand Lodge was then closed.

Since we, last week, published the several amounts collected by the respective Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival, further sums, amounting in all to something like £150, have been reported. The result of the Festival now shows a total of over £15,600.

Alderman Thomas B. Fox, who has been three times Mayor of Dewsbury, was, on Tuesday, installed as Worshipful Master of the United Northern Counties Lodge, at the Inns of Court Hotel.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's—Mrs. Langtry is very happily placed as the heroine of Mr. Coghlan's new comedy "Lady Barter," and the piece being smartly written and capably acted there is no reason why it should not prove a financial success. The story is reminiscent of previous

plots, notably "The Colonel," "Diplomacy," &c., but it is none the less effective on that account. The keynote is struck immediately on the rise of the curtain, when we find two elderly admirers of the lady General Peters and Archdeacon Short, playing at diamond cut diamond in order to obtain her favour. Lady Barter in her first few sentences betrays herself as a scheming adventuress, and adds a third lover in the person of Lord Brent, whom she wishes to inveigle into matrimony. Unfortunately for her the arrival of Colonel George Pearce, an old friend of Brent, puts a stop to the lady's scheme. He has come to England to find a Miss Nolly Marshall, formerly the sweetheart of a deceased comrade, and hand to her certain letters and his friend's will. Lady Barter repudiates her identity, and a sharp war follows, until the adventuress is informed that Nelly Marshall is entitled under the will to £200,000; acknowledging herself, she walks off with her two elderly admirers, leaving Lord Brent broken-hearted at her deception. This portion of the play is the blot on the piece, and jars considerably on the spectator. The case might be possible, but it is not dramatic justice to reward vice with a fortune. As the beautiful, heartless woman of fashion, Mrs. Langtry is perfection, and maintains her share of the duel in an admirable manner. Her scenes with Col. Pearce are delightful, though we may take exception to that in which she pretends to make love to her enemy; so clever a woman would not have adopted such a transparent trick. As may be supposed her dresses are magnificent, and as Mrs. Langtry knows how to wear them, the effect is considerably enhanced. The part of Colonel Pearce is played by the author with an ease of style and manner that is highly refreshing, though reminding us somewhat of the other Colonel above mentioned. The veteran Mr. Arthur Stirling made the most of the fiery General, Mr. Fred Everill, as the mild mannered Archdeacon, presented a perfect picture; Mr. Lewis Waller was fully equal to the important character of Lord Brent, and Miss Forsyth as Mary Brent made a small part effective. The single scene of the comedy, Lady Barter's house in Park Lane, is prettily contrived; it has been furnished by Messrs. Oetzmann & Co., of Hampstead Road.

Criterion.—Pending the production of "The School for Scandal," Mr. Charles Wyndham has revived for a short time Mr. C. Vernon's two act comedy "Sowing and Reaping," originally presented last July. Mr. Wyndham has made some alterations in the piece, which runs smoothly enough and shows us the popular actor-manager at his brightest and merriest. The retribution that overtakes the married rake is capably told, and, though his punishment is merely evolved through the recollections of his former pranks, like the miserable Pozdnisheff, in "The Kreutzer Sonata," the audience cannot help roaring with laughter at the jealous rage into which he is thrown by the most trivial incidents. The contrast of the character is admirably rendered, and Mr. Wyndham is equally diverting as the reckless Lothario and the jealous husband. The acting of Mr. Geo. Giddens, as Joseph Shenston, the true hearted friend, is worthy the highest praise, and Miss Beatrice Lamb makes the most of the somewhat unsatisfactory part of Mrs. Sampson Paley. Miss Mary Moor is happily placed as Julia, Miss M. A. Victor gives an amusing account of Mrs. Charity Smith and Mr. W. Blakely plays the confiding husband in his usual genial manner. William Brough's good old farce "Trying it on," with Mr. Wyndham as Walsingham Potts, can only be seen this evening, as Tom Taylor's little comedy, "Nine Points of the Law" is to be played on Monday.

Royal Strand.—Truly this cosy and comfortable little theatre might just now be called the home of laughter. Mark Melford's revived farcical comedy, "Turned Up," is the chief item on the bill, and Mr. Willie Edouin and his company have again proved the popularity of the piece by securing, we might almost say, compulsory rounds of applause from their audience. Certain it is that, night after night, the fun is kept up, and the laughter echoed and re-echoed throughout the building, only brought to a climax when Carraway Bones, the undertaker, Mr. Edouin's impersonation, appears on the stage, half drowned, after his unexpected dip in the Thames. On Thursday evening, we regret to say, Mr. Edouin was indisposed, but Mr. Robert Nainby stepped into the shoes of Bones, and right well too. The antics, drollery, and woes of the persecuted undertaker were capably brought out by this gentleman, and he was splendidly supported by Messrs. Beauchamp and Fawcett in their respective characters of General Baltic and George Medway. Mr. Barraclough was also good as Nod Steddum. Moreover, the ladies were not behindhand in the rendering of their respective parts. Misses Annie Goward, May Whitty and Georgie Esmond showing especial aptitude. "Turned Up" was preceded by "Daggers Drawn," a bright little comedietta, by Mrs. Pryce Seaton, in which Mr. Sydney Barraclough and Miss Esmond pleased their audience mightily.

Alhambra.—Ever on the search for novelty, Mr. Charles Morton has secured a decided attraction in Mr. Carl Hertz, an exceedingly clever professor of legerdemain, who puzzles our wits and mystifies our senses with his remarkable illusions. His latest novelty is some ingenious arrangement whereby a young lady, Madlle. D'Alton, is suspended in mid-air without any visible support, walking, somersaulting and rolling about seemingly upon nothing; and all our theories are dispersed when she takes to skipping with a hoop that passes entirely round her several times. This device, which Mr. Carl Hertz entitles "The Aerolithe," is not assisted by any mirrors or traps, and is certainly most surprising. The beautiful ballet of "The Sleeping Beauty," with its varied groupings and charming costumes, the really good singing of Miss Ada Lincoln, the lively Mdle. Bercat, the Edmonds Troupe, and a host of other artistes combine in making a most attractive and enjoyable programme. Mr. Morton announces his annual benefit for Thursday afternoon, 19th inst., when in addition to a long list of professional friends who have promised to appear, the ballet of "The Sleeping Beauty" will be given, for the only time at a morning performance.

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APRIL ELECTION, 1891.—FIRST APPLICATION.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

HENRY THOMAS YOUENS,

(AGED 7 YEARS.)

The Father, Bro. HENRY YOUENS, was initiated in 1878, in the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, and subscribed thereto for five years, during which period—being then in prosperous circumstances—he joined the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, in which he served all the offices, and filled the Master's Chair. He is a Life-Governor of the R.M.A. Boys, and R.M. Benevolent Institution. In consequence of heavy losses in business, and severe domestic affliction, his position became greatly altered, and he is now filling a situation at a very small salary, this being the only means he has of supporting himself, his wife, and four children.

There are very painful circumstances connected with this case which render it well worthy of support, and it is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, ELECTION, APRIL 1891.

The votes of subscribers are earnestly solicited for

HAROLD STREETER GOLDSMITH,

AGED 8½ YEARS,

YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH.

Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the *Press Association*, and in that capacity was well known to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

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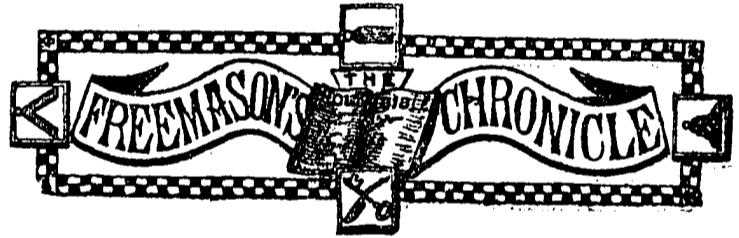
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

BRO. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Thomas Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Herts, as Past Grand Master. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney occupied the Senior Grand Warden's chair, and Bro. Major-General Somerset J. Calthorpe took the chair of Junior Grand Warden.

After preliminaries, the Grand Secretary said he had to report to Grand Lodge that he duly notified to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught the fact of his appointment as Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge had voted to his Royal Highness the presentation of the insignia of his office, to which reference had been made in the minutes. His Royal Highness was invested by the M.W. the G.M. on the occasion of the installation of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale at Reading, as Provincial Grand Master of Berks. The Duke of Connaught had the pleasure of expressing, through him (the Grand Secretary), his warm appreciation of the compliment paid to him by Grand Lodge, and he desired to convey to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge the assurance that he would wear the insignia of his office with much gratification and pride.

The Grand Secretary next reported, that the Grand Steward who was nominated last year for the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, Bro. Herbert de Stern, having resigned his Lodge, and become ineligible to act, the Lodge had nominated in his place Brother the Rev. A. W. Oxford W.M., and that nomination had been ratified and approved by the M.W.G.M.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, said that as a communication had been made to Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary with regard to the Duke of Connaught, he begged to move that the reply of his Royal Highness be entered upon the minutes of Grand Lodge. He thought it was due to Grand Lodge that his Royal Highness's gracious reply in acceptance should appear on Grand Lodge records. The motion was seconded, and carried.

Bro. Beach then read the following communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master:—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master regrets to have to inform Grand Lodge that in the month of August last he received a Report from the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, New Zealand, that Brother Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G., Past Assistant G. Director of Ceremonies, and Deputy District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, had obtained a Warrant from the Grand Orient of France, to establish a Lodge under it in New Zealand, and had, under that authority, recently opened a Lodge in the town of Wellington in that Colony, of which Lodge he is the Master.

On receipt of this information, the Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to address Brother Sir Robert Stout on the subject, and to call on him for an explanation of the grounds on which he felt himself justified in thus taking part in an invasion of British territory by a foreign Masonic Body, and especially by one, many of whose members had been declared, by a Solemn Resolution of the Grand Lodge of England, on the 6th March 1878, not to be true and genuine Brethren.

A reply has now been received from Brother Sir Robert Stout on the subject, in which he admits the facts alleged, and seeks to justify his action.

Under these circumstances, the Grand Master, with much regret, feels that he has no alternative but to make a complaint of the conduct of Brother Sir Robert Stout, and to submit the matter, with the correspondence relating thereto, to Grand Lodge for its consideration and decision.

The Grand Secretary read the correspondence which had taken place on the subject, and next Bro. Philbrick, in laying the matter before Grand Lodge, said the Grand Master regretted to have to make such a communication to Grand Lodge, and had asked the Grand Lodge to take into consideration the complaint which he made to it of the conduct of one of its Officers, and that they should consider and decide upon the circumstances of the case. After the correspondence which had just been read, he thought the facts stood pretty clearly before them. The colony of New Zealand was a colony of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Its governor was appointed by the Sovereign of this country, and writs went in the name of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the ultimate appeal was here to Her Majesty in Council. He could not conceive, therefore, apart from Masonic question, a case of a land which was more a colony of this Kingdom. With regard to the Masonic jurisdictions;—there were five English District Grand Lodges, the District Grand Masters of which were appointed by the M.W. G.M., the Deputy of one of them being Sir Robert Stout himself. There were also a District Grand Lodge holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and one under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, respectively, besides which, as Sir R. Stout mentioned, there was a fourth body which, at a very recent Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge declined to recognise as being the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Under those circumstances all three jurisdictions, England, Scotland, and Ireland, being lawful within the colony, each having Masons, all of whom held allegiance to a Grand Lodge situate within their jurisdiction of the United Kingdom, and there having been no invasion of that colony by any other actual or pretended foreign Masonic jurisdiction whatever, he thought he was not going beyond what the good sense of every Mason present would confirm, when he said that they had here a clear case—as clear a case as could be—of a territorial Masonic jurisdiction of the United Kingdom. He ventured to say that that which had been alleged by Bro. Sir Robert Stout, in his long and elaborate defence in answer to the Grand Secretary, who challenged him on the matter, would hardly carry the opinion of Grand Lodge with it. With regard to Bro. Sir R. Stout himself, his act was an extremely clear one, as he himself admitted. In a colony such as he (Bro. Philbrick) had described, with Masonic matters

in it such as he had also put before this Grand Lodge, Sir Robert Stout had brought a warrant purporting to establish a Masonic Lodge, of which he was, and is, the first W.M., holding under the Grand Orient of France. Bro. Sir Robert Stout took an exception to the fact that Grand Lodge of England had held themselves not to be in full Masonic union with the Grand Orient of France. Unfortunately at the moment, from causes the existence of which they all deplored, that was true; but if any brother within the sound of his voice would reflect for one moment he would see it did not matter even where the body was irregular—which he was far from saying the Grand Orient was—although there might be Masons in it professing doctrines to which English Masons never subscribed, but if it were irregular, that did not in any way alter the case. If the Lodge was the most regular Lodge in the world, and in amity with the Grand Lodge of England, if it took on itself to establish a Lodge of its own anywhere where the Union Jack flew it would be guilty of a great Masonic mistake. In all cases he ventured to say the real and sound doctrine was the general rule that where the flag flies to take another jurisdiction into that territory was invasion. It was so, in common sense, in general and ordinary matters, and according to French law, and he ventured to think the Masonic law in point of principle did not differ. It was hardly worth while to quote principle in such a matter, but that was the accepted doctrine of Grand Lodge in regard to the case of 1863, when a case came before the Grand Master of the Supreme Council of France, which was another body, a supreme body in Masonry of France, and which had issued a warrant for Jersey, and a Lodge had been established there under it, and its first Master was a brother under the English Constitution. He was summoned before Grand Lodge, and the matter was fully gone into. His (Bro. Philbrick's) distinguished predecessor (Bro. McIntyre), in advising Grand Lodge, very clearly laid down that the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of England extended over the island of Jersey, and bringing in a warrant under the Grand Council of France was an invasion; the brother was therefore suspended from all his Masonic privileges till he had made due submission to the Grand Master, and till the Grand Master was pleased to remove his suspension. He (Bro. Philbrick) did not think he need trouble Grand Lodge by dilating further. Bro. Sir Robert Stout was not an inexperienced Mason; he was one of us, he was initiated under our Constitution, he had occupied the chair in a Lodge holding under the District Grand Lodge of England, and had been appointed and was under the District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland. Moreover, he had received the honours of Grand Lodge, having been appointed Past Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies. Being, therefore, an experienced Mason, his act had been a deliberate one, and he defended it, and said that Grand Lodge was a Court of Appeal and not a Court of First Instance. He (Bro. Philbrick) would very much like to know how a District Grand Lodge in New Zealand or any other foreign part would interfere between Grand Lodge and an Officer of Grand Lodge. But apart from that, on principle, this Grand Lodge had a jurisdiction, and a direct and absolute jurisdiction over every brother who was a member of it—certainly over the Grand Officers, and it actually asserted that jurisdiction more than once, and in a very early period of United Grand Lodge of England, after the Union, in the year 1816 it did so, and in the case of a Bro. Bonner, the Grand Lodge resolved that he be deprived of his insignia as a Grand Officer and all the privileges arising therefrom. Therefore both principles, Masonic precedent and Masonic law, showed that Grand Lodge had a direct and primary jurisdiction over all those who were members of it, certainly over Grand Officers. Bro. Sir Robert Stout says further, and in a matter of this importance Grand Lodge would pardon him (Bro. Philbrick) for referring to what he said in his defence, for the Grand Lodge ought to consider it fully—that Grand Lodge had no more concern with the matter than if he had joined the Oddfellows, the Foresters, or the Buffaloes. Sir Robert Stout said Grand Lodge had no concern in the matter, because the Grand Orient of France was not a recognised Masonic body. Taking the question of invasion, he would put an analogy not entirely exact, but sufficient perhaps to convey his meaning. Suppose the case of an invasion of one country by another; would it be any answer if the invaders, caught red handed, after landing were to say they were not invaders, because they

were not recognised as a regular enemy? The answer would be—"We have endeavoured to stop you before your invasion was successful." He thought Grand Lodge would say that the pleas put forward by Sir Robert Stout in the long letter which was read, and which they were able to follow, were all such that they could make up their minds upon them. Personally he felt the present was a case of great weight and extreme gravity with regard to Masonry. The knowledge and position of Sir Robert Stout, who was high in authority in a distant part of the globe, where above all his duty was to set an example of and show loyal obedience to the Craft, rendered it a case of gravity. He considered, therefore, that Grand Lodge must feel that the complaint of the Grand Master was a well founded one, and deal with it as a serious matter, and he had therefore to propose that Grand Lodge, having carefully considered the report and the documents submitted to it by the Most Worshipful Grand Master relative to the establishment by Bro. Sir R. Stout P.A.G.D.C., and Deputy District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, New Zealand, of a Lodge at Wellington in that Province, under the Grand Orient of France, of which he is Master, resolves that in the opinion of Grand Lodge the complaint against Bro. Sir Robert Stout is well founded, and his plea in extenuation cannot be accepted, and Grand Lodge therefore adjudges him guilty of a grave Masonic offence, and in accordance with the precedent in the case of Bro. Bonner, in 1816, hereby deprives Bro. Sir Robert Stout of his rank and status of Deputy District Grand Master. Grand Lodge is further of opinion that by his action, as herein stated, Bro. Sir Robert Stout has placed himself under the provision of Article 204 of the Book of Constitutions, and directs that this fact shall be brought under the notice of the District Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland with the view of being further dealt with by the District Grand Lodge according to Masonic law, and he moved accordingly.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, said, in seconding the motion, that Bro. Philbrick had in this serious matter very rightly gone into it at some length, but really the matter was comprised in a very small compass, and it would not be necessary for him to detain the brethren very long. He could vouch for the correctness of the precedents which had been quoted by the Grand Registrar. The case of Bro. Bonner was not the only case in which Grand Lodge had dealt with a Masonic offence by a Grand Officer and deprived him of his rank. This power the Grand Lodge had not delegated to District Grand Lodges or any subordinate authority. All that was proposed to do was to exercise this power and to leave all other matters to the District Grand Lodges and District Grand Masters. The Masonic offence was clearly laid down in the second precedent which had been put by the Grand Registrar. He distinctly recollected a very painful scene in that Grand Lodge. It was fixed on his mind, because it was the first time he ever saw a brother introduced into Grand Lodge in the humiliating position in which that brother was introduced between the two Deacons, deprived of his Masonic clothing, to appeal against his suspension. On that occasion the Grand Master in the chair very clearly laid down what the offence was; it was precisely the same as that of Bro. Stout, and the Grand Master there said that no foreign jurisdiction—that is, other jurisdictions than that of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland—could be exercised, or any Lodge established in any part of the Queen's dominions. There could be no doubt that New Zealand was part of the Queen's dominions; and therefore any Lodge established or attempted to be established there under another jurisdiction was an irregular Lodge. Bro. McIntyre on that occasion showed that, according to the ancient charges, a Master solemnly admitted that no new Lodge could be formed without permission of the Grand Master or his Deputy, and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular Lodge or to any person initiated therein. Yet the brother there had proceeded to establish an irregular Lodge by accepting the office of Master. The offence was precisely the same in this case, and it was clearly laid down to be a Masonic offence which Grand Lodge had the power to deal with in the way proposed. He begged to second the motion of the Grand Registrar.

Bro. Beach said before he put this resolution he might remark that Grand Lodge would look with leniency on a Masonic offence if it were not of an important character. No doubt a W.M. might go beyond his authority by inad-

vertence; a Provincial Grand Master might go beyond his authority in thinking he had a power, a dispensing power, which appertained only to the Grand Master; but in such a case it would be an error through inadvertence, and he thought that Grand Lodge would look with great favour upon a fault so committed. But the brethren were dealing with a much more serious matter than that; they had a brother in high authority, who should set an example to others, and yet from the clear information of the details they had received, Bro. Stout had no doubt transgressed and gone beyond his proper authority, and committed a flagrant violation of his Masonic duties. That any one in authority, and entrusted with authority under the Grand Lodge of England, should apply to a foreign jurisdiction to establish a new Lodge, and then should put himself at its head, was indeed a grave dereliction of duty; but that dereliction of duty was intensified and aggravated by the fact that the Masonic authority to which he applied was one with which the Grand Lodge of England had passed a resolution repudiating their association. He need not advert to the causes which led to that; they were stated by Bro. Sir Robert Stout in his own letter, in which he said they took a view of Masonic progress. Grand Lodge adhered to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and admitted no progress which was not based on the ancient landmarks. He need say no more than that he heartily concurred with the resolution which he should have the honour now to put to Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge having carefully considered the report and documents submitted relative to the establishment by Bro. Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G., Past Assist. G.D. of C., Deputy Grand Master of Otago and Southland, New Zealand, of a Lodge in the town of Wellington in that colony, under a warrant from the Grand Orient of France, and of which Lodge he is Master.

Resolved—"That in the opinion of Grand Lodge the complaint against Bro. Sir Robert Stout is well founded, and his plea of justification cannot be accepted. Grand Lodge therefore adjudges him guilty of a grave Masonic offence, and in accordance with the precedent set in the case of Bro. Bonner in the year 1816, hereby removes Bro. Sir Robert Stout from his rank and status as a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England.

"Grand Lodge is further of opinion that by his action as herein stated Bro. Sir Robert Stout has placed himself under the Provisions of Article 204, Book of Constitutions, and directs that this fact shall be brought under the notice of the District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, with a view to the withdrawal of Bro. Sir Robert Stout's patent as Deputy Grand Master of that District, and to his being further dealt with by the District Grand Lodge according to Masonic law."

Bro. John Aird W.M. 259: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair,—I had the honour at the last meeting to nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and this evening I have the further honour of proposing his election; and knowing full well that it is unusual on these occasions to refer at any length to the merits of one who is known to all good Masons, and who is loved and respected by them all, and bearing out that feeling, I need only refer to the recent ceremony at Reading, where the son of His Royal Highness took an honourable position in Berkshire. We have had noticed in the minutes to-night the letter from the Grand Master's brother, the Duke of Connaught, also showing the deep interest he takes in the Craft; and many are also aware of the ceremony which in a few days will take place with one of our Charities, the Girls' School, and where H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will be with the Princess of Wales to carry out a very important ceremony. These are only a few of the many reasons which have endeared the Prince of Wales to the Craft, not only in England but also throughout the world, and I am sure the pleasure we shall have to-night in re-electing him as Grand Master of Grand Lodge will be a pleasure that will be conveyed to the world at large. I therefore, Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, with the greatest pleasure move that His Royal Highness be elected as our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. Sir George Taubman Goldney: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair,—I have the honour of seconding on this occasion the annual resolution by which year by year English Freemasonry shows the great benefits which his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has conferred, and is conferring, on Freemasonry. At the same time I feel the duty is a very light one. Everything has been said by Bro. Aird. I shall, therefore, not weaken what he has said by adding to it. I shall simply second the motion.

that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be re-elected our Grand Master.

The motion was carried with acclamation, and Sir Albert Woods proclaimed the Prince of Wales duly elected.

Bro. John Glass, P.M. 453, said: that following his nomination at last Grand Lodge he now proposed Brother George Everett, P.M. 177, to be the Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing. He was sure Bro. Everett was so well known that the brethren would accord him the honour. He was glad to find Bro. Everett was able to attend on this occasion, though he was absent when he was nominated.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, which we published last week, together with the recommended grants was adopted.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted, as was also the report of Bro. Smith, Auditor of Grand Lodge account.

Bro. Philbrick brought forward the following appeal:—

By Lodge Rewa of Viti, No. 2238, Nausori, Rewa Viti Levu Fiji, against the ruling of the Colonial Board on the complaints of Bro. James Harding of the said Lodge—and against the decision of the Board cancelling his exclusion from the Lodge and ordering him to be reinstated therein.

Bro. Philbrick said Art. 217 of the Book of Constitutions laid down the following rule:—"Any Lodge or Brother who feels aggrieved by the decision of a Provincial Grand Master, a District Grand Master, or District Grand Lodge, or of any Board or Committee, or of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction whatsoever, may appeal against such decision to the next practicable meeting of Grand Lodge." In the present case the Lodge had not appealed within the specified time, or nearly six months after, and therefore he moved that the appeal be dismissed.

Bro. T. Hastings Miller seconded the motion, and it was put and carried.

Bro. Philbrick then stated that the Fiji Lodge declined by a unanimous vote to accept the brother as a reinstated member, on the ground that he was guilty of some conduct that they did not approve of, and then they said that sooner than admit him they would surrender their warrant. Under these circumstances they must be informed that they would be required to make obedience to the Colonial Board, and unless they complied, this refractory Lodge must be erased.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

WARWICKSHIRE MASONIC MUSICAL UNION.—A concert under the auspices of this union, and in aid of the Masonic Charities, was given at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on the 25th ult. The vocalists were Miss Laura Taylor and Master Leonard Hulme (Chorister of Christ Church, and Town Hall concerts), Mr. Percy Stranders, silver medallist, R.A.M., acted as accompanist, and Mr. Cockerill, solo harp, while the services of the Dudley Glee Union had been obtained. The programme commenced with a part song, "The Chapel," by the Glee Union, which was well received. Then followed a pianoforte solo by Mr. Stranders, "La Cascade," performed in a meritorious manner. A song, "Queen of the Earth," which was very much enjoyed, was next given by Bro. Alex. Smith, followed by a recitation by Bro. Thomas E. Shaw P.M. Miss Laura Taylor sang "Say what is Lovelier," and was encored. Mr. Cockerill gave two harp solos, and Bro. James Rooker I.P.M. also recited. The efforts of the Glee Union and the remaining items on the programme were deservedly well received.

The brethren will be interested in a discovery which has placed Lodge St. Andrew's, Edinburgh, in possession of a valuable relic. It was well known that the late George Kemp, the gifted architect of the Scott Monument, was an enthusiastic Mason, but, curiously enough, it was not ascertained till the other day to what Lodge he belonged. In making inquiries, for the purpose of a work which will be published by-and-by, his nephew, Mr. Thomas Bonnar, a popular citizen, satisfied himself that his uncle was a member of the St. Andrew's Lodge. The minute-book disclosed the fact that Kemp, on his admission, supplied a chair for the R.W.M., and further investigations led to the recovery of this piece of furniture from a cellar attached to the hall where the Lodge meets. It is said, indeed, to have had a narrow escape of being broken into firewood during the coal famine consequent upon the railway strike. The chair, which bears Kemp's stamp, is made of oak, and is full of symbolism; and it has been repaired by Mr. Bonnar and re-presented to the Lodge, which naturally values it very highly.

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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, 7th March.

- General Committee Boys' School, F.M.H., 3
- 143 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
- 1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, S
- 1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Rivorhead
- 1362 Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
- 1458 Truth, Wheatstear Hotel, Manchester
- 1466 Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
- 2331 Ravenscroft, Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet

Monday, 9th March

- 5 St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H., W.C.
- 29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- 50 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 90 St. John, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
- 136 Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
- 193 Confidence, Anderton's, Fleet Street, E.C.
- 222 St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria Street
- 957 Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield
- 1366 Higngate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
- 1671 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
- 1657 Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate St.
- 1670 Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
- 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road
- 1012 Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
- 2030 The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster
- R.A. 1118 University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 104 Macdonald, Mark Masons' Hall.
- R.C. 53 Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden Square, W.
- 40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- 75 Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
- 88 Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
- 104 St. John, Ashton House, Greek St., Stockport
- 151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
- 240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
- 262 Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
- 292 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
- 297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
- 411 Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
- 481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
- 502 Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
- 587 Howe, M.H., New Street, Birmingham
- 589 Druids of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth
- 665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
- 671 Prince of Wales, Thomas Arms Hotel, Llanelly
- 721 Independence, Masonic Chambers, Chester
- 797 Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
- 893 Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook
- 949 William, St. Stephen Sch., Monkwearmouth
- 1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1060 United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
- 1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
- 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- 1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
- 1253 Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- 1350 Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
- 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
- 1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 1592 Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
- 1618 Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
- 1656 Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
- 1691 Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
- 1666 Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
- R.A. 166 Harmony, Huyshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth
- R.A. 377 Hope and Clarity, M.H., Kidderminster
- R.A. 379 Tynte, M.H., Old Orchard Street, Bath
- M.M. Egerton, Royal Rock, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
- K.T. 56 Hugh de Payons, Old Bull, Blackburn
- R.C. Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale

Tuesday, 10th March.

- Installation of the Duke of Connaught, at Brighton, as Prov. Grand Mark Master for Sussex.
- 46 Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
- 96 Burlington, Albion Tavern Aldersgate Street
- 180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 198 Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
- 211 St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
- 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, City
- 235 Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
- 548 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
- 917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon Street Hotel
- 933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
- 1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1289 Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Akeley
- 1593 Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
- 1635 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
- 1668 Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
- 1969 Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
- M.M. 223 West Smithfield, Mark Masons' Hall
- R.C. 71 Bayard, 33 Golden Square, W.
- 93 Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
- 131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
- 184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Old Brompton, Kent
- 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
- 284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
- 473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
- 503 Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
- 603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cuckfield
- 626 Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
- 650 Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
- 696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesday
- 726 Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Staff
- 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sateup
- 892 Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
- 993 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St., Gosport

- 1120 St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
- 1250 Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankay, Warrington
- 1317 Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
- 3465 Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
- 509 Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmahoc
- 1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Baildon
- 1678 Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
- 1713 Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton
- 2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herno Bay
- R.A. 70 St. John's, Huyshe Mas. Tem. Plymouth
- R.A. 253 Justice, Masonic Hall, Derby
- R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Keighley
- R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
- R.A. 547 Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
- R.A. 540 Stuart, Bedford
- R.A. 660 King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate
- R.A. 691 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Northumberland
- R.A. 1055 Derby, Masonic Rooms, Cheetham
- M.M. 6 Adams, Victoria Hall, Sheerness
- M.M. 153 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover
- M.M. 75 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

Wednesday, 11th March.

- Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 3
- 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 13 Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, Woolwich
- 15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 87 Vitruvian, White Hart, Lambeth
- 147 Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford
- 749 Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett Road
- 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
- 1306 Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate
- 1694 Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane St., Chelsea
- 1718 Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
- 1986 Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak
- 2272 Rye, Peckham Public Hall, Peckham
- R.A. 1260 John Horvey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 1305 St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
- R.A. 1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
- M.M. 284 High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot, Tottenham
- K.T.D. Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
- 54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
- 146 Antiquity, Bull's Head, Bratshawgate, Bolton
- 191 St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
- 204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 225 St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
- 281 Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Church St., Launce.
- 288 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
- 483 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
- 567 Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
- 615 St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales, Erith
- 666 Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town
- 852 Zetland, Albert Hotel, Salford
- 854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
- 1019 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
- 1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- 1060 Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
- 1064 Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
- 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1101 Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
- 1209 Lowises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
- 1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- 1342 Walker, Hope and Anchor, Byker, Newcastle
- 1393 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
- 1424 Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton
- 1434 Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
- 1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock
- 1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1552 Leindloes, Trewithen Arms, Landislos
- 1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hooburn-on-Tyne
- 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
- 2216 Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinson
- R.A. 24 De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
- R.A. 251 Loyalty and Virtue, F.M.H., Barnstaple
- R.A. 703 Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
- R.A. 274 Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
- R.A. 709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Asford
- R.A. 193 S. S. and Selc, Rooms, Bolvelero, Kent
- M.M. 192 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Berwick

Thursday, 12th March.

- Opening of Grand Hall at the R.M.I.G., Battersea Rise, by the Prince of Wales
- 19 Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
- 91 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 208 Friendship, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
- 238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 263 Bank of England, Albion Tavern, E.C.
- 534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 657 Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- 860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St., E.C.
- 879 Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
- 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
- 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1475 Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1500 Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
- 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ludbroke Ha, Notting Hill
- 1708 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
- 1791 Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1987 Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
- 2168 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.
- R.A. 551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
- R.A. 538 Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 35 Medi a, 85 High Street, Cowes
- 97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
- 112 St. George, Masonic Hall, Exeter
- 139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
- 216 Harmonie, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
- 339 Unity, Crown Hotel, Penarth, Sunderland
- 469 Hundred of Ebor, Masonic Rooms, Spalding
- 477 Me sey, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
- 546 Ettracuan, Masonic Hall, Salford
- 732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 739 Temperance, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
- 751 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Deal
- 786 Croxted United Service, M.H., Liverpool
- 945 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon
- 961 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Westgate Quay
- 1335 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale
- 1555 Derby, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Manchester
- 1998 St. George, Temperance Hotel, Tredgar
- 114 Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1445 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
- 1447 S. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1482 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1204 Royal, Imperial Hotel, Mavern
- 1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne
- 1369 Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala

- 1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
- 1533 Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
- 1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot
- 1782 Machen, Swan, Colehill
- 1911 De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
- R.A. 213 Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
- R.A. 220 Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston
- R.A. 275 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
- R.A. 286 Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
- R.A. 509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton
- R.A. 613 Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
- R.A. 818 Philanthropic, Mas. Hall, Abergavenny
- R.A. 899 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
- M.M. St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
- M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport

Friday, 13th March.

- 33 Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 131 Calc Ionian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
- 157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 177 Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
- 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 2000 Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square
- 2242 Tysson-Amherst, Amherst Club, Hackney
- M.M. High Cross, Committee Meeting, at Great Eastern Hotel
- M.M. 198 Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
- 662 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, W. Bromwich
- 815 Blair, Town Hall, Kilmee
- 916 Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
- 1121 Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland.
- K.T. 4 Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
- K.T. 128 De Warrenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

Saturday, 14th March.

- 176 Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
- 1559 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
- 1686 Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
- 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1928 Gallery, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 2029 King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
- 2095 Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
- R.A. 1423 Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 7th March.

- 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 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
- 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
- 1324 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
- Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
- 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
- 2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8
- R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

Monday, 9th March

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
- 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
- 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropenaker St.,
- 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
- 199 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
- 248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
- 342 Royal Union, Conquerors' Hotel, Uxbridge
- 548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
- 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
- 1547 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
- 1555 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
- 1609 Kilburn, 46 South Molton St. set, W., 8
- 1623 West Smitfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
- 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
- 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
- 1743 Perseverance, Doan'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, 10th March.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
- 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
- 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
- 177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
- 198 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
- 212 Euphrates, Motne, Red Cap, Cannon Town, 8
- 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8.
- 551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
- 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
- 753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
- 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
- 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
- 869 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, D'iston, 8
- 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
- 1041 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
- 1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
- 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
- 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, 7:30
- 1446 Mount Edgecombe, Three Sages, Lambeth Rd., 8
- 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
- 1474 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
- 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
- 1549 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
- 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
- 1695 New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tav, N., 8
- 1859 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7

1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton
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, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 11th March.

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 Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Loadenall 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
791 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett 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, 516 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 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2208 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8

R.A. 177 Domatic, 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, 12th March.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 3 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Rotherhithe
New Road
890 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1559 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
1613 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate,
Clerkenwell, 9
M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall

Friday, 13th March.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30

733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley
Road, N.W., 8
749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W. 8
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1195 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury,
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1998 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel,
St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,
Canonbury, 8

Saturday, 14th March.

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', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,
1288 Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 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
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

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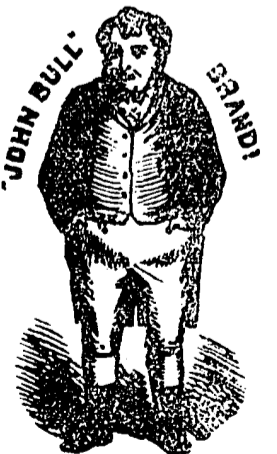
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