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## OUR THIRTY-FOURTH VOLUME.

OUR current issue marks the termination of a further stage in our journey, and gives to the Masonic World another completed volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. In closing our labours for 1891 we take the opportunity of again thanking our patrons for their support, and at the same time express a hope that our efforts in the work we have set ourselves to perform have not been wholly thrown away. Looking back, we find many causes for regret; we have had to mourn the death of dear old friends who have been associated with us in Freemasonry, and have taken an interest in our work, during the seventeen years of our existence, but we are happy to say others have sprung up around us who are cheering us to future action by the kindness of their support, and the enthusiasm with which they second our efforts to promote the general welfare of the Masonic Order. We are too old to be expected to make a periodical publication of our future programme. What we have done in the past we hope to improve upon in the future, and the best assurance we can give is that our whole efforts will continue to be devoted to making the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE a representative journal for the Craft, and the means of improving its surroundings wherever improvement is needed, or supporting the members of the Order in all their laudable undertakings. We shall start on the coming year with bright Masonic prospects, and there is ample evidence that 1892 will not be behind any of its predecessors in matters of general interest. We hope our readers will one and all enjoy prosperity during its progress, and cordially send them the heartiest of good wishes for its opening day.

## THE PRODIGAL'S RETURN.

AT this season of the year, when those around us vie with each other in promoting peace and goodwill towards their neighbours, it would be strange indeed if Freemasons, whose special mission on earth is to promote Brotherly Love and Fraternity, should stand aloof, deaf to the needs of their fellows, and unmindful of the principles on which the Brotherhood is founded. The Masonic World, boundless as it seems, is in reality very small, limited within narrow bounds, and subject to all the troubles and trials of a very restricted community. As might be expected, the members of the Masonic family are on terms of true friendship with most of their fellows—it would be strange indeed if with such principles as ours to work on it were otherwise—but, as is often the case in the best regulated families, there are one or two of the members not on the best of terms with the others, and, hard though it is for the stronger section to stand out against the proceedings

of their erring brethren, principle compels an estrangement when grave questions of principle are concerned, or differences of importance arise. Such has been the case for some years past in regard to the Grand Orient of France, the members of which, acting under a mistaken sense of the precept of equality, adopted practices that shut them out from commune with their neighbours, and created a schism which not only threatened most disastrous consequences to themselves, but which actually caused trouble and anxiety beyond the sphere of their actual control.

France is proverbially a land of surprises, and the peace of to-day may be broken at any time by a violent outburst of revolution, upsetting all existing institutions and leading to changes both unexpected and far reaching. Freemasonry suffers in France as do other institutions, and the same national spirit of uncertainty holds good in its midst as outside of it. On this account it would cause little surprise to hear that grave changes had been brought about, and that a large section of the members of the Grand Orient of France had returned to their old allegiance, and had thereby won the official recognition which is now denied them by England and others in consequence of their no longer compelling an allegiance to the first principles of the Order. We are aware that in writing as we are doing on the subject of French Freemasonry we may be accused of speaking of something which has no real existence, but there are yet many true members of the Order in France, men who joined the ranks of Freemasonry under the old system, when obligations as binding on the conscience as any we impose were entered into by the candidate for initiation, and why should the rest of the Masonic World refuse to recognise them solely because others in their midst have inaugurated a new system, and made use of the time honoured name of Freemasonry for political or party ends? Of course the difficulty of recognising the true members of our Order lies in the fact that the loyal body of Freemasons in France are in the minority, or at least they have allowed their more turbulent and scheming members to push them into the background. Were they able to assert themselves there is little doubt but that we should soon find the matter placed on a different footing, and although it would be very difficult to deal with the large number of so-called Freemasons who have joined the French Orient under its altered rules, some satisfactory means could be devised to welcome back the prodigal of the Masonic family if the matter were broached in a proper spirit. In this sense we may regard the peculiar temperament of our French neighbours as somewhat in the light of a blessing, and if we are to believe some of the French writers who have recently devoted attention to the subject, something in the form of a Masonic Revolution is not wholly impossible in the near future. Rightly or wrongly Freemasonry in France is accused of most outrageous actions, and as a consequence the

members are regarded with such feelings as cause actual alarm to the more peaceable section among them, and arouses a desire on their part to adopt measures which will show them in their true light, and divest them of the scorn which is drawn down upon the name of Freemasonry by their turbulent companions. The need for reform in this direction is most pressing, and no operation should be regarded as too risky which seems likely to have a successful issue. Under such circumstances is it too much to ask the English Brotherhood to look upon the failings of their French neighbours with feelings somewhat akin to those which prevail in the outer world at the present moment, when peace and goodwill towards all mankind is, or should be, the aim of every one? It may be many years before the disease which has attacked Freemasonry in France is wholly eradicated, but let us hope the time is not far distant when energetic steps will be taken to get at the root of the evil, and restore the name of France to the roll of the Masonic family. There are thousands of true Masons in all parts of the globe who would delight in welcoming back the prodigals to the fold; they would even go far to fetch them, and would willingly make sacrifices if they would be any good; but the first step must be taken by the prodigals themselves. For the moment the whole question must rest, as it has long done, in the hands of the loyal minority of French Freemasons, to whom we have much pleasure in tendering our good wishes, with the sincere hope that ere the year closes on which we are about to start, something like a return to old friendship may have been secured, and a blot on the banner of Freemasonry thereby removed.

## A MYSTERY OF LOVE.

*Being the Story and the Vision of James Jasper.*

I AM an old man, now, and it all happened more than fifty years ago. I am an old man, with an old man's faith, waiting for the new man's knowledge that I shall find beyond the end of this transitory life, one of these swiftly coming days. Soon, I shall see Paul Parker again, and shall know from his living lips, in a world into which death has never entered and into which it never can, the last lesson of the mystery of the divine love of which his earthly life and his untimely end have been, to me, the strongest of reminders for more than half a century.

Paul Parker was my earliest friend, and in all my long and honourable and honoured life I have never found a better nor a truer one, nor shall I ever, nor can you. I was a nameless waif, a child of the streets, a boy with no memory of father or mother, when Paul Parker found me. That I breathe God's free air, that men call me Honourable James Jasper, that I have so served humanity as to be ignorant of what it would be to fear to die, is because Paul Parker was wise and good; and had faith to see farther into the future than any other of all those who knew me could or dared. I recognise, as any sane man must, the warfare in the human soul between the good and the evil. I have known boys whose lives began better than did mine to find theft better than hunger, physical strength better than law, and crime as a profession and a glory better than anything else that life had to offer. It is hard for any man to say of himself, and I shudder as I write the words, but I know this to be true: I know that the potentiality of evil in my nature was not less than in the cases of many who have gone utterly wrong. It is because Paul Parker lived—once—and because I knew him and loved him, that I did not go ruin's reckless way. Without him, I fear I would have been among the mighty throng of wrongdoers for whom stone walls have been raised and iron-barred barriers built, unless, indeed, I had gone down to the most shameful of deaths, and been forgotten long ago.

Judge James Jasper, grateful for all this, might well and fittingly keep the record of it locked away in his own heart, were it true that he alone could say it. But there are others—many others. Some still live in this world,

and some have gone into a higher life, there, I doubt not, to thank the man whose virtues I commemorate for the good he did them in their days of need. To save the fallen, serve the needy, confirm the resolutions of the doubting and hesitating, seemed the highest desire of this great and good man.

Paul Parker was a young man—hardly more than one and twenty years of age—when he risked more in his friendship for me, and his faith for me, than most older men would have dared. In one sense, perhaps, it was little, for better clothes, cleanliness, a chance to earn something for one's self by regular hours of labour, cost little more than his firm and unwavering will that it should be so. But to me—and to the world in which I have counted for something—it meant all the difference between what has been and what might have been.

Paul Parker was a Mason whose preparation actually began in his heart. He was a Mason on whose mind and conscience the first point he found in his search for the mysteries of the Order made a lasting impression. He had limitless and childlike trust in God. Modestly, but staunchly, he had faith in humanity and human possibilities, and in himself and his own power as a servant and follower of God. Wealthy, in a large degree, it had not been many months since he had been as poor and penniless as I, and I think he remembered it when he took my dirty hand into his and said to me that he could show me safety and honour in a way through the world.

In those old days I was a lad of fourteen, and I was a young man of but little more than twenty-two when I was called upon to mourn this best of friends. He, so good, so great, so talented, lived among men so short a time—so very short a time.

Paul Parker was a great artist. It is a strong thing to say, but I say it unhesitatingly. Not very widely known, perhaps, for he was only just started up fame's hill towards the heights of renown when God called him to rest beneath the acacia of faith in the lowlands of forgetfulness; not a man who had won deathless fame, I admit, for men say little of him—and he walked and worked among them less than half a century ago. But he had an artist's soul. In his heart burned the fire of true artistic excellence and worth. Architect, the buildings he planned have a charm that cold stone and insensate timbers never gave. Sculptor, the marble seemed ready to take on the mystery of life when his chisel had touched it. Painter, he interpreted nature truly. Poet—philosopher—but he died too young, and too long ago. Had he lived, I fancy the world would have learned to class him with the great. They might have named him with the celebrated one who was lost in the temple in the days when Masonry was young and art new. I so name him and place him, and if age and experience have not yet opened my eyes to wisdom, when will they? I have a picture or two that Paul Parker painted, bought years after his hand was dust and his heart ashes, and placed in positions of honour among the works of men more noted by far than is he. They do not shame their places. Indeed, the bolder and more appreciative critics begin to praise my far-seeing wisdom as an investor. They forget the heart I put in my purchases. But they no longer say that "Old Judge Jasper can afford to pay well to gratify any whim." My friend was a great artist, and, some time the world will agree.

Paul Parker made me a Mason. If more men, such as he, chose and cherished Masonry, we should never need complain of few candidates and little work. You might as well ask the birds to forget to sing in the glory of the dawning of a new day, or the tinkling stream to fail to leap down the dizzy ledges in its way, as to ask men to delay coming to a Fraternity in which he gave light. I have loved Masonry all my life long, and better than most men do, because his lips spoke the first lessons I had in it. Almost perfect as a ritualist, the words he repeated seemed none the less his own. Lessons from wisdom—directions and demands from self-centred and self-conscious strength—the graces and adornments of our noble system from the beauty of his own grand soul—it was thus the words he uttered, the thoughts he spoke, seemed to the waiting novice to come. For him, the way to the middle chamber was the pathway to all knowledge; for him the desolated temple and the sprig of faith's eternal green seemed mighty and impressive verities; for him, the way of life's low twelve was the loneliest road that mortal man ever travelled, to come back again unblest with the gift of change to immortality. I find it easy to believe—

happy to hope—that when the end of this probation shall come, when death darkens my eyes, when my earth seems without form and void, when darkness shall be felt upon the face of the deep against which I struggle with my waning powers—that I shall feel him near me in the silences. I find it more than happiness to doubt not that my old-time friend will be God's messenger to welcome me into the house not made with hands, in the world eternal, and that, when my earth-dulled ears, suddenly tuned to higher and nobler sounds, shall first catch the thunder of the welcome tendered a freed soul, it will be his voice I shall hear saying—"and there is Light."

In a great church, in a city I need not name, there is painted, high in the domed ceiling, the figure of a mighty angel. Beauty, power, infinite compassion for the faults and frailties of men, shine in every feature and show in every line. It is great—sublime—perfect. How could it be otherwise? Paul Parker painted it. But it is not finished—not quite—and it never will be. How well I remember the last morning of his labour upon this huge figure—the soft and balmy June morning that seemed perfection; and seemed to promise that life should be long and death no more than a dreadful dream!

He told me, that very morning, for he had raised me so far—so high—that I was now his most tried and trusted friend, that he had won the love and plighted faith of the woman he loved, and that he could ask no more. What more could he ask? Wealth, genius, love, health and strength—were they not enough? The woman's face still smiles in the angel's face, high in the domed ceiling; but the woman's face was dust—nay, not so—it was an angel's face in very truth, long years ago; for when he died, it broke her heart.

I trembled, that fatal morning, at the very perfection of his happiness. It may be that the cloudless sky seemed too bright. Some premonition—some half-hinted warning—may have been intended. I do not know, and I dare not speculate upon such a question.

I went to the office of the man—Paul Parker's friend and mine—with whom I was reading law, but I could not read law that morning. My brain refused to respond to the touch of ancient formulas or time-honoured facts. I took up, instead, a volume of old-time legends and read one of them—one that fell to me at random—as some of the strangest things in the crises that come in the drama of life so often do. I cannot quite recall the story, not in all its details, for I never have opened the book since, and nothing could induce me to. I think the legend took one to Italy—perhaps to Rome—I am not quite sure.

In the story, an artist placed an angel in the dome of an ancient church—so long ago that, compared with the years that lie between then and now, Paul Parker painted his but yesterday. Backward—backward—backward—step by step, along the treacherous scaffold—his eyes fixed upon the figure he had created—his heart upon the power the figure symbolized—until suddenly his feet fell only on the empty air, and God gave a miracle in evidence of His love and His power! For, where the artist's angel had been, a real one stooped on mighty wings, caught the man half way down his awful fall, and gave him life and a future again. And—and so—

I threw down the volume with a groan. Tears blinded my eyes. I knew then, instinctively, what I should hear before I had covered half the distance that lay between me and the last labour of my best of friends.

I cannot say whether his careless, contemplative, backward steps retreated most from the divinity he cleverly painted, or most from the human purity and perfection of the woman he loved, but no rush of wings filled the startled air with a thrill of power; no arm, half omnipotent by virtue of the nearness and directness of its service, was stretched forth to save. He fell, straight down, upon the stone floor, and had only one smile—two words—my name and the name of one fair woman—for those who found him there to speak tearfully and tenderly of. And the angel in the dome still smiles divinely upon the place where he fell. And the spire above the angel's head lets fall its shadow, every sunny day in the year, upon the mounds beneath which, side by side, the truest of men and the loveliest of women await the resurrection.

It was not summer. November had come, the sky was dark, the day was done, and a flake or two of snow fell suddenly down through the biting air. I was on my knees, beside the grave of my friend, and my thoughts were a prayer, "O God," I cried, in the silence of my

hurt heart, "why must this be? Why might he not have paused short of the fatal step? or why not Thou, when his footing failed, have wrought anew the ancient miracle? Oh God, why must it be—why must it be?"

Did I sleep? Did I dream? It must have been. I cannot otherwise explain it, for this is what I saw and heard: Darkness—above, below, to the right, to the left; darkness everywhere—darkness seemingly impenetrable—then, suddenly, the darkness just before me lessened—lessened—and I saw that a huge curtain shut down before me—a curtain that reached from the lowest earth to the highest stars, and from the utmost bounds of the universe upon the right to the farthest margin of space upon the left; and, close and heavy as the folded curtain fell, it was not close enough to conceal from me the truth that there was light beyond. And a glorious presence stood before the curtain, and made the darkness light. And he cried aloud, with a mighty voice, saying: "Behind the curtain sin has shut between the world of the flesh and the world of the spirit are hidden all the secrets of all worlds. What wilt thou of them?"

And I replied, praying my prayer of protest to God again, and then the glory gave me answer.

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It is a mystery, but my faith endures it. Soon, very soon, I shall know it all. In it, so my faith asserts, is the key to all sorrow and suffering. In it is the hope of all men in all worlds and in all ages. In it, like the germ in the seed, is hidden the explanation of the most divine attribute of Absolute Divinity. For these were the angel's words: "It was, because it was best. He did not pause because God's hand led him all the way. As for a miracle—it was surely wrought—and a harder one, for the Infinite Love, pitying those blind and doubting hearts left behind on the lower levels of existence, than the ancient one could ever have been. Reward—not punishment; good, not evil; care, not forgetfulness. Your friend died—nay, he began to live—because God loved him so."

—Voice of Masonry.

THE PAPACY AND FREEMASONRY.—The revival of the story that Pope Pius IX. was once a Freemason is causing some agitation amongst the French Catholics, who are incensed against M. Floquet for his indiscretion in raking up an old controversy. It may not be generally known that more than one document has been brought to the light with the object of persuading the world that the story is a true one. It is alleged that a "Masonic diploma" was given by the Palermo Lodge in August 1839, to Giovanni Mattei Feretti, afterwards the "Holy Father," and also that he was subsequently expelled from membership for excommunicating his former brethren. This "Masonic diploma," whether a real or a spurious document, is in existence. In 1865 another document was "discovered," which purported to record the admission of Pio Nono to the Philadelphia Lodge, he being at that time a Legate travelling in North America. By high authorities, the authenticity of both these documents has been questioned. A former chief of the Paris Municipal Police, M. Caubet, scouted them in the most unqualified manner, and went out of his way to produce evidence that the whole story was without foundation. The alleged admission to the Philadelphia Lodge was undoubtedly a fable, because when the officials were applied to they could find no confirmatory record whatever. The Catholic leaders in France attribute the libel to members of French and Italian Lodges who have been excommunicated, but, for the moment, all their wrath is turned upon M. Floquet, who has made himself the mouthpiece of the statement.

Of the late Bro. W. J. Florence, of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, Philadelphia, Bro. Lawrence Hutton has truly and courteously written in *Harper's Weekly*:—

A well-graced actor leaves the stage. Mr. Florence, in his professional capacity, was good in everything, in nothing bad; and in its long history the American theatre has never seen any player so uniformly excellent in so wide a range of parts. No contrasts can be greater than those between his George d'Alroy in "Caste," his Obenreizer in "No Thoroughfare," his Bob Brierly in "The Ticket of Leave Man," his Bardwell Slope in "The Mighty Dollar," his Sir Lucius O'Trigger in "The Rivals," his Fire Laddie in "The Row" at the Lyceum, his Captain Cuttle in "Dombey and Son," and his Zekiel Homespun in "The Heir at Law." In each of these Bro. Florence has had few equals, and in none of them perhaps has he ever been excelled. It seems curiously fitting that in this last part he should have made his last bow to the public he has served so faithfully and so honestly for so many years. Zekiel Homespun is the epitome of sweetness, simplicity, modesty, and brotherly love—all of them peculiarly characteristic of Bro. Florence himself. Because of them he endeared himself to every man and woman with whom he was ever brought into contact. The world is not so bright as it was a week ago. The stage has lost one of its noblest ornaments, and a host of mourners have lost one of the best of friends.

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### A TABLE LODGE.

A TABLE Lodge, like everything in Freemasonry, is unique. As the name implies it is a Lodge at table, at which place a Lodge is duly opened, this particular Lodge being styled a Table Lodge.

A Table Lodge has its especial forms and ceremonies. It is not an ordinary Lodge, but a Table Lodge. Yet none but the officers of a lawfully warranted and duly constituted Lodge may open it. Brethren at large may not open such a Lodge—it can only be opened by the duly installed Master and Wardens of a regular Lodge.

It is always opened in the Entered Apprentice degree, and remains open in that degree, and any Entered Apprentice Mason, duly vouched for, may be present.

The custom of opening a Table Lodge in the Entered Apprentice degree is, no doubt, a survival of the formerly universal custom of opening and transacting all of the business of a Lodge in the Entered Apprentice degree. This is still the custom in a few jurisdictions. The origin of it was, the fact that the great mass of Masons were, in the early times, only Entered Apprentice Masons. Now not merely the mass of our membership, but almost without exception all Freemasons, are Master Masons, and hence the transaction of business by Master Masons only, in the Master Masons' degree in the Lodge. In the early part of the last century this degree was conferred only in Grand Lodge, at a Quarterly Communication. This regulation limited the number of possible Master Masons. Now the Table Lodge is the only organization in Freemasonry which perpetuates the rights of Entered Apprentice Masons. Ancient Masonic history is monumented in this observance.

There are many Brethren who have never seen a Table Lodge opened. Nevertheless, we think the genius of Freemasonry requires that whenever the Craft is formally assembled at refreshment such a Lodge should be opened. It ensures under all circumstances the preservation of fraternal harmony and the maintenance of good order. It forbids, also, the presence of the profane, who are not entitled to be at a Masonic feast. A Table Lodge is limited to Freemasons, and none others, under any circumstances, may be present. It is known how difficult it is to exclude cavedroppers, and even open participants who are not Masons, at a banquet held in a public place, where a Table Lodge is not opened. The invasive press is always ready to enter. If the press representative is not a Mason, he has no right to be present, any more than any other profane, at a Masonic banquet, and the opening of a Table Lodge certainly excludes him.

A Table Lodge is both opened and closed Masonically, and its work is as interesting as the analogous work of the Lodge. The officers are at their stations, the Master wields the gavel, and governs the brethren in the proper enjoyment of the evening's pleasures. At a Table Lodge the Brethren are as much in duty bound to obey the sound of the gavel as if they were in a regular open Lodge.

When a Table Lodge is open, no one should leave the table and retire, without asking and receiving permission. This is not merely an act of courtesy, but an obligation of duty. A Lodge—a Table Lodge—is regularly open, and the members and visitors present are amenable to all the customary Masonic regulations.

The toasts of the Table Lodge are typical and significant. They teach, with all the force of an object lesson, the duty of obedience to the highest Masonic authority—the Grand Lodge and its Grand Officers; the duty of looking beyond ourselves, and embracing with our fraternal good-will and sympathy our Brethren of all the Lodges throughout the world; and the further duty of ever keeping green in our memories the example and virtues of our deceased Brother George Washington. Thus the three lessons of the Masonic toasts of the Table Lodge are Obedience to Masonic authority, Brotherly Love for every member of the Craft round the globe, and Respect for the memory of our fraternal dead—sentiments that are in the highest degree commendable and ennobling.

In the olden time the opening of a Table Lodge was a custom much honoured in the observance. It dates back to the origin of the Craft in Pennsylvania. Our Grand Masters in their Annual Addresses have often called attention to it, and its proper observance. Grand Master Milnor did so, in the year 1807.

We should jealously maintain the old usages and customs of the Craft. One of these is the Table Lodge. It is characteristic of Freemasonry, and no Masonic banquet is complete without it. Freemasons do not partake of a collation merely to satisfy their physical craving for food, but to introduce and lead up to those peculiar Masonic observances which distinguish and glorify the Craft. A Table Lodge is at once a Craft privilege and a Craft pleasure, and whenever the Brethren are formally at refreshment, it is fitting that a Table Lodge be opened.

### THE FIRST AMERICAN LODGE.

THERE are few Masons who have not a profound reverence for every relic and incident connected with the early history of the Fraternity in this country. And inasmuch as the origin of the Craft in America is involved in doubt and obscurity, every scrap of history connected with it is doubly interesting. Pennsylvania has long claimed that the first permanent Lodge of the Fraternity was instituted in Philadelphia about 1730. The claim has been disputed by several historians and antiquarians of the Craft, but the Keystone State maintains its position against all comers, and still leads the van in the argument. Some one has been digging up some old Masonic newspaper notices that tend to throw some light on the subject, and which goes far to establish the claim made by the Pennsylvania jurisdiction. The *Pennsylvania Gazette* of 8th December 1730 contains the earliest printed notices of Free and Accepted Masons in America. In November 1754, Henry Bell, at that time residing in Lancaster, Pa., wrote Dr. Thomas Cadwalader, of Philadelphia: "As you well know I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. A part of us used to meet at the Tun Tavern in Water Street, and opened a Lodge there. Once in the fall of 1730 we formed a design of obtaining a charter for a regular Lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of England for one, but before receiving it we heard that Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, had been appointed by the Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We therefore made application to him, and our request was granted. When Benjamin Franklin succeeded Humphrey Murray, in 1773, as Worshipful Master, he was the editor of the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, and the following announcement appeared in the columns of his own paper: "Philadelphia, Pa., 29th June 1734. Monday last a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons was held at the Tun Tavern on Water Street, when Benjamin Franklin, being elected Grand Master for the year ensuing, appointed John Copp to be his Deputy, and James Hamilton, Esq., and Thomas Hopkinson, Gent., were chosen Wardens, after which an elegant entertainment was provided, and the proprietor (Thomas Penn), the Governor, and several other persons of distinction honoured the Society with their presence." The paragraph was reprinted in several of the London papers at the time. This evidence, while meagre and unsatisfactory, is nevertheless interesting as showing that Masonry had obtained a foothold in the New World as early as 1730.—*Ohio Freemason*.

An exceedingly well executed photograph of the founders of the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, which was constituted at Chatham on the 9th June last, and consecrated by Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, has just been published by Mr. Jaques Moll, photographer, of High Street, Chatham, and is deservedly admired. The group contains twenty-one figures, in the centre of which is, Bro. F. Powell P.P.G.D. (Hants), the first Master of the Lodge, through whose energy the Lodge was formed. The other photographs include the officers and principal members, the whole forming an excellent collection of well-known Freemasons connected with Chatham and its vicinity, and, as such, will be deservedly valued.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—When inclement weather checks to a considerable extent the action of the skin, an alternative is required to compensate the body by means of other channels. Holloway's Pills can be confidently recommended as the easiest, surest, and safest means of attaining this desirable end without weakening the most delicate or incommoding the most feeble. When from frequently recurring chills or inhalation of impure air the blood becomes foul and the secretions vitiated these Pills present a ready and efficient means of cleansing the former and correcting the latter. By this salutary proceeding disease is arrested at its outset, its pains and inconveniences averted, and the nervous structures saved from the depressing effects entailed upon them by an illness.

### INSTALLATION OF COL. STIRLING AS P.G.M. OF PERTHSHIRE WEST.

ON the 10th inst., Bro. Col. Stirling of Kippendavie was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire West by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington. The ceremony took place within the Lodge-room of No. 9 Dunblane, the neatest and perhaps the best appointed Masonic hall in the county. The whole of the Lodges of the Province, and representatives from East Perthshire, Stirlingshire, Forfarshire, and Glasgow to the number of 130 were present. The Marquis of Breadalbane, Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East, took part in the proceedings, this being his first public appearance after his long illness. Among others were:—Bros. Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie, Bart., Sir James Buchanan of Craigend, R. F. Shaw Stewart, Home Graham Sterling jun. of Strowan, J. M. Martin of Auchendennan, Hugh Wallace of Cloncaird, James Berry P.G.M. of Forfarshire, Colonel Campbell Perth, Elliott of Wolfhoe, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, G. Christie G.D. of Ceremonies, the Rev. W. Hall Grand Chaplain, George Dobbie Grand Bard, Graham P.G.M. of Glasgow Province, James Watt Sheriff-Clerk Depute, and M'Naughton Stationmaster Dunblane, C. Murray Stewart, and Lionel Pleignier Conservative Organising Secretaries of East and West Perthshire, T. Chalmers, T. Hunter, J. A. Stevenson, and Leighton Perth, Provost Macgregor, B. Clement solicitor Crie, Rev. T. Marshall, J. M'Naughton, J. Swan, J. Wallace, J. Murray Dunkeld, &c. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire West having been opened in the first degree, the Office-Bearers of Grand Lodge to the number of about twenty were received with Masonic honours, and Bro. the Earl of Haddington took the chair. The commission in favour of Bro. Colonel Stirling Provincial Grand Master elect having been laid on the table, and he having signified his assent to the charges and regulations of the Grand Lodge, which were read, and taken the oath *de fidei*, was conducted to the left hand of the Grand Master, who invested him with insignia of office. The commissioned Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Bros. Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie P.G.D. Master; Provost Macgregor Substitute Master; Joseph Loxdale, of Hillside, Callander S.W.; J. Murray Dunkeld J.W.; James Watt Dunblane Secretary, took the oath and were invested with the insignia of their offices. Thereafter the Grand Master of Scotland addressed Bro. Colonel Stirling and brethren, and Bro. Col. Stirling returned thanks. The Lodge having been closed in due and ancient form, the brethren proceeded to the Victoria Hall, where they were entertained at dinner by the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Col. Stirling presided, and the cronpiers were Provost Macgregor, Bros. J. Loxdale Callander and J. Murray Dunkeld. Apologies for absence were intimated from Lord Saltoun, Col. Home Drummond, of Blair-Drummond, Sheriff Grahame, Sir J. S. Maxwell, Mr. W. Dunn, R. W. M. Tay, and Lyon, No. 276, and others. In drinking the loyal toasts, which were proposed from the chair, a special cheer was given for the Duke of Clarence and his bride. Lieutenant Graham, Stirling, and the Chairman replied for "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces," which was given by Provost Macgregor. The Chairman, in giving the Grand Lodge of Scotland, said that Masons in the Province of West Perthshire must feel it a very great honour that the first public act performed by their new Grand Master was to come there and instal him as Provincial Grand Master. Grand Lodge had for many years past been ruled by a most worthy brother—one who commanded the respect and the esteem of Freemasons throughout Scotland. The Earl of Haddington thanked the brethren for the kindly reception they had accorded to him. In electing Colonel Stirling as Provincial Grand Master, West Perthshire had put the right man in the right place. In reminding brethren in the Province of their duty as Masons and as individuals, he asked them above all never to forget the Great Head, Him whom the builders rejected, and who was now the chief corner stone. The Chairman proposed the Members of the Grand Lodge Deputation, and coupled the toast with the name of Mr. R. Shaw Stewart, who replied. The Earl of Haddington next gave the Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire West, which, he said, was not only one of the most important, but one of the most ancient in Scotland. Lodge No. 9 had written records from the year 1695, and it must occur to any thinking man that an Order with records during such a long period must have a solid foundation. There were nine Lodges in the Province, one of which had recently been revived. Their Provincial Grand Master would take an interest and pride in all that concerned the Lodge. Colonel Stirling, who was received with applause, in the course of his reply, said that any success he had achieved in Masonry had been through his singular good fortune in securing most able and trusted advisers. He trusted that the good fortune which had followed him in his mother Lodge might follow him as Provincial Grand Master. Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie proposed Provincial Grand Masters present, and Bro. Graham, Glasgow, responded. The newly appointed Provincial Grand Office Bearers was given by Bro. Martin, and Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie replied. The Marquis of Breadalbane was most cordially greeted when he rose to propose the Daughter Lodges of West Perthshire—a toast for which the Right Worshipful Masters of the different Lodges in the Province responded. The Visiting Brethren was proposed from the chair, and Bro. T. Hunter Past Master of Lodge No. 3 (Scoon and Perth), replied. Bro. James Watt replied for the Provincial Secretary, which was proposed by the Earl of Haddington. During the evening songs were sung by members of the company, and the proceedings, which were most enjoyable throughout, closed shortly before eleven o'clock.

The brethren of Fort Mark Lodge, No. 206, held their annual meeting on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when Brother Sholto Henry Hare, W.M. of Sincerity Mark Lodge, No. 25, P.G. Steward of Devon, and P.G.J.D. of Cornwall, was elected W.M. for the year 1892. The installation will take place in March.

### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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#### ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 98.

ON Thursday, the 17th inst., the members celebrated the Festival of St. John, and installed as Worshipful Master for the year Bro. Mason. The retiring W.M. (Bro. Garner) performed the ceremony, and the new President invested as his Officers for the year Bros. Scarratt S.W., Boulton J.W., Rev. L. C. A. Edgeworth Chaplain, Dain Treasurer, Padley Secretary, Birch S.D., Wilkinson J.D., Weston Dir. of Cers., Davis Organist, Owen I.G., Gill and Critchlow Stewards, Boardman Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Pierson, in recognition of his services to the Lodge. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Leopard Hotel.

#### LODGE OF HOPE, No. 302.

ON the 14th inst. there was a very large and representative gathering of members of the Craft at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Ingleby as Worshipful Master. Amongst the brethren present was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire (Bro. Smith P.G.D.), with several Provincial Grand Officers. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Gott P.M., assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. After taking the chair, the Worshipful Master invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Hodgson I.P.M., Jenkinson S.W., Pallin J.W., Flynn P.M. Chaplain, Pettinger Treasurer, Marten Secretary, Coates S.D., Thwaites J.D., Nicholson P.M. 1034 Organist, Pickles Dir. of Cers. Crocker I.G., Bealand, Tyler, Hill S., Knight P.M. Charity Steward. After concluding the business of the Lodge the brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

#### PERFECT FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 376.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 16th inst., when Bro. Monteith was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Younger, after which the W.M. invested the following Officers for the year:—Bros. Leach I.P.M., Thwaites S.W., Turner J.W., Rev. L. D. Kenyon-Stow Chaplain, Mills Treasurer, Sydney Secretary, Spalding S.D., Tibbenham J.D., Annes Dir. of Cers., Tanner I.G., Bird jun. Senior Steward, Fraser Jun. Steward, Oxborrow and Kerridge jun. Assistant Stewards, Gould Tyler. At the banquet which was subsequently held 65 brethren sat down, and the usual toast list was gone through, the toast of the W.M. (Bro. Monteith) being proposed by Bro. Leach, and acknowledged by the W.M., in an appropriate speech, in which he assured the brethren that he would discharge the duties of the position to the best of his ability.

#### WAVENEY LODGE, No. 929.

THE brethren celebrated their annual Festival on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at the King's Head, Bungay. The Lodge was opened by the retiring Master Bro. Martin. Bro. Sales was installed as Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Walesby P.M. P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Martin I.P.M., Witaker S.W., Feltham J.W., Walesby Secretary, Chase S.D., Malleger J.D., Bouzger I.G., Norman Tyler. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the dining room at the Hotel, where a capital dinner followed and a pleasant evening was spent.

#### SINCERITY LODGE, No. 1019.

ON Wednesday, the 16th inst., Bro. Barron Kilner, president of the Yorkshire Rugby Football Union was installed. The proceedings took place at the Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield, when the Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Haley I.P.M., Simpson Treasurer, Sheard S.W., Hall J.W., Plews Secretary, Whiteley S.D., Saville J.D., White I.G., Banks Organist, Stephenson D.C., and Gillet Tyler. After the ceremony the new Worshipful Master entertained about seventy brethren to a sumptuous dinner. The company included brethren and gentlemen well-known in the football world from various parts of the county. Amongst the company present were Bros. Dr. Spark of Leeds, New-some of Dewsbury, Kirkham Worshipful Master of the Sheffield Lodge, and Spink, Jenkinson, and Miles of Bradford. After dinner various Local and Masonic toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

#### ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

THE annual banquet was held on the 9th inst., at Bro. Bray's, Commercial Hotel, Saltash. The W.M. Bro. Lander presided. He was supported by his Officers. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. White P.P.G.S. Works, Pearce 1136, Davies P.P.G.S. Works, Watson P.P.G.D.C., Leonard and Elliott 1212. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Past Master, with the inscription, "Presented by the members of Zetland Lodge, Cornwall, to Bro. Thomas Shaddock P.M., in appreciation of his Masonic worth and talent, 7th December 1891. The presentation was made by Bro. Vosper. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and replied

to. In the course of the evening a conversation arose as to the desirability of erecting a new Masonic hall. It was stated that the members contemplated erecting a new hall, and the announcement that Bro. Shaddock was prepared to take 150 shares in the new building was loudly applauded.

#### ANTIQUITY LODGE, No. 20.

ON Wednesday, 16th instant, a meeting was held at the headquarters, the Sun Hotel, Chatham, when Bro. Collins was elected W.M. Other officials of the Lodge were re-elected. The installation banquet will take place on the third Wednesday in January next, and Earl Amherst, the Provincial Grand Master, has promised to be present. Bro. Wiggins received hearty congratulations upon the successful and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office.

#### TRUE FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 160.

ON Tuesday, the 15th instant, there was a very large attendance of brethren at a meeting at the Old Ship Hotel, Rochford, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Athey. Mr. J. Bardett (of Southend) and Inspector Chase (of Rochford) were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft; and three other gentlemen were proposed for election. At the conclusion of the business, about thirty brethren sat down to a capital supper, provided by Bro. John Walker.

#### CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

BRO. HENRY ROGERS the W.M.-elect, was on the 15th inst., installed W.M. at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Brothers Cornish P.P.G.T., Blight P.G. Steward, Hannaford, Stenlake, Payne, all of 223, were the installing Officers. The Board of Past Masters also included Bros. Browning P.P.G.D.C., Hifley P.P.G.A.D.C., Lewarn P.P.G.J.D., Hill, Hoyten, Bridgman, Lavers 223, Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P.G.J.W. and Chaplain, Jew P.P.G.T., Lord P.P.G.T., Aitken-Davies P.P.G.S. of Works, Stanbury P.P.G.A.D.C., Blackell 1099, Pike P.P.G.O., Johns P.P.G.S.B., Selmon 159, Gidley P.G. Standard Bearer, Hearle, Lavers 1255, Trout 1205, King 70, Allford 202, Thomas 189, Williams 1847, Eyre 1247. The Officers invested were:—Bros. Payne I.P.M., Court S.W., Gale J.W., Rev. Dr. Lemon Chaplain, Soper Musical Director, Hoyten Treasurer, W. Hannaford Secretary, Parnell Hannaford S.D., Yeomans J.D., Biscoombe D.C., Tozer A.D.C., Membrey Organist, Sanders I.G., Hoar, Hodges, Stephens, Bridgman Stewards, Phillips Tyler. Bro. Browning was re-appointed Representative at the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Blight Charity Steward. The retiring Past Master Bro. Payne was presented with a Life Governorship of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his zealous and able services to the Lodge during his year of office. The annual banquet was appointed to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, on 13th January.

#### LODGE OF LOYALTY, No. 320.

ON Wednesday, the 6th inst., the brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. At half-past three in the afternoon they met in their Lodge-room, at the Junction Inn, Mottram, where the Lodge was duly opened by Bro. Nield W.M. The principal business of the afternoon was the installation of the W.M.-elect (Bro. Sykes S.W.) The installing Master was Bro. Steward P.M. 336 P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire, who was assisted by Bros. Nield W.M., Crook P.M. C.R. and Treasurer, Turner P.M., and Walker P.M. The imposing ceremony was accompanied by a choral service, Bro. Walker P.M. acting as Organist. After the ceremony of installation, Bro. Steward P.P.G.J.D. proceeded with investiture of Officers for the ensuing year, Bro. Sykes W.M. nominating the following for the respective offices, Bros. Nield Immediate Past Master, Taylor Senior Warden, Holland Junior Warden, Crook P.M. C.R. Treasurer, Wagstaffe P.M. P.P.G.Std. B. Hampshire Senior Deacon, Cartwright Junior Deacon, Graves Inner Guard, Stringer, Broadbent, Sidebotham, and Booth Stewards, Britnor P.M. Tyler, and they were severally invested with the signia of their respective offices. Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Sykes W.M. presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Nield I.P.M., for his services as W.M. during the past year, for which Bro. Nield briefly returned his thanks. The brethren afterwards sat down to a grand banquet, the catering of the hostess, Mrs. Tinker, being most satisfactory. Amongst the brethren present besides the above mentioned were: Bros. Newhouse P.G. Secretary Cheshire, Bowden P.G.J.W. Derbyshire, Norman P.G. St. B. Cheshire, Mason P.M. 336 P.P.G. Treasurer, Dearnally P.P.G.S.B. Derbyshire, Bowden W.M. Devonshire 625 Glossop, Everaden sen. P.M. 625, Hadfield I.G. 625, Proctor 625, Ridgeway P.M., Hetherington, Whittaker, Handforth, Bancroft, Braddock, McMath, Wyatt, Thornloy, Barlow, Beoley, Everaden jun., and others. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Walker presided at the pianoforte, and there was no lack of harmony during the evening.

#### CALLINGTON LOYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 557.

THE annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on the 14th inst. The W.M.-elect Bro. Hosken was presented by Bro. Pearce P.P.G.D. to the Installing Master Bro. Morgan P.P.G. Standard Bearer. The Board being closed the brethren were re-admitted, and the following appointed and invested with the collars of their respective offices for the ensuing year:—Bros. Gibson I.P.M.,

Turner S.W., Lakeman J.W., Davey Chaplain, Pearce Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Dymond S.D., Symons J.D., Thomas I.G., Henwood D.C., Kent Organist, Seymour and Reep Stewards, Tucker Tyler. After investing the Officers the monthly business of the Lodge was proceeded with, and Bro. Inch raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably carried through by Bro. Pearce. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Lakeman's, Ball's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet awaited them. The chair was occupied by Bro. Turner P.P.G.A.D.C., the W.M. being obliged to retire in consequence of severe indisposition. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to.

#### LODGE OF UNITY, No. 613.

THE installation of Bro. Boyd as W.M. took place in the Lodge-rooms, Masonic-buildings, Lord-street, Southport, on the 15th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Hayward W.M., assisted by Bro. Kidson P.M. P.G.Registrar. The other Officers of the Lodge present were:—Bros. Blandell I.P.M., Sutton P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., Hatch P.M., Platt P.M. P.P.G.W., Bradshaw P.M., Marsden J.W., Duxfield P.M. D.C., Adams P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, Gale P.M. Secretary, Harford S.D., Hatch J.D., J. O. Platt I.G., Wilkinson Organist, Bramwell and Hartley Stewards, Rockliff Tyler; also Bros. Barrow P.P.G.S.D., Burt and Workman (Dramatic Lodge). The musical portion of the ceremony was performed by a number of visiting brethren. Letters expressive of good wishes and regret at unavoidable absence were received from Bro. De Bels Adams P.G.S.W. (Mayor of Liverpool), Rev. C. H. Knowlys P.P.G.C., Canon Cross P.M., Long P.M., Peace P.P.G.S.W., Rev. Dr. Porter W.M. (Victoria Lodge), and others. The Mayor of the Borough (Dr. Pilkington) was among those present, this being his first appearance at a Lodge during his mayoralty. The following is the list of the Officers appointed:—Bros. Hayward I.P.M., Marsden S.W., Harford J.W., Duxfield P.M. Dir. of Cers., Adams P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, Gale P.M. Secretary, Rev. J. S. Gardner P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Wilkinson Organist, Hatch S.D., J. O. Platt J.D., Bramwell I.G., Hartley S.S., Brooms J.S., Rockliff Tyler, Kershaw P.M. Almoner. An excellent banquet was served by Bro. Rockliff. After the usual loyal toasts a capital musical programme was provided by several of the W.M.'s friends, some of whom came from a considerable distance to assist in what proved to be an exceptional treat. The names of the brethren responsible for this enjoyable programme were Bros. Casson, Workman, Burt, Heginbotham, Kilby, A. Workman, Bartle, Wilkinson, Boyce, Wooler and Derry.

#### BUTE LODGE, No. 960.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Working Street, Cardiff, on Thursday, 17th inst., when the installation of Bro. W. B. Ferrier as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place, in the presence of a large gathering of brethren from the adjoining provinces of Monmouthshire and the Western Division of South Wales. The installation ceremony was performed by the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. C. E. Dovey, after which the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Dovey I.P.M., Samuels S.W., Smith J.W., Peace P.M. Treasurer, Varzopollo P.M. Secretary, Munday P.M. D.C., Deacon Organist, Hybart S.D., Eusor J.D., Croxton I.G., Baker and Freke Stewards, and Jenkins Tyler. After the installation a presentation of a Past Master's jewel was made to the retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. C. E. Dovey) by Bro. Tennant D.P.G.M., as a token of esteem and in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office. In the evening the brethren adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where a capital dinner was served by Bro. Bland. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

#### FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

THE annual festival and installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place at the Masonic Hall, Castle-yard, on the 11th inst., when the Rev. Brother Richardson, M.A., was installed W.M. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Buchanan, M.D., I.P.M., and the Officers appointed were as follows:—Bros. Buchanan, M.D., I.P.M., Hall S.W., Cass J.W., Rev. W. Teesdale-Mackintosh, M.A., Chaplain, Coltman P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Treasurer, Farndale Secretary, Rudd S.D., Kemp J.D., Longford P.M. Dir. of Cers., Myers I.G., Fall, Mus. Bac., Organist, G. E. Myers Steward, Rudd Assist. Steward, Wright P.M. Almoner, Ayre P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Charity Representative, Hansell P.M. Preceptor, Wilkinson P.M. Lecturer, Farmery Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at Bro. Hall's, Fleeco Hotel, at which the usual and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent. Several visiting brethren were present at the installation, including Bros. Smith and Evans, Ripon; Bell and Tweedy, Northallerton; Brodrick, Knayton, &c.

#### BROWNRIGG LODGE OF UNITY, No. 1424.

THE banquet and installation took place on Tuesday evening, 15th December, at the King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton. The banquets that Bro. Cadburn undertakes are always of a high class, and this one was certainly no exception to the rule. Bro. Chalfont was duly installed by the I.P.M. Bro. Salt, and the following Officers invested for the year:—Bros. Long S.W., Greener J.W., Salt P.M. Treasurer, Brown Secretary, Munroe S.D., McEwan J.D., Barrell I.G., Presnall D.C., Maynard Organist, Haslam S.S., Knight J.S., Rose Tyler. During the evening a Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Salt, by the W.M. elect, Bro. Chalfont. Nearly seventy sat down to the banquet.

## TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496 (MOSS SIDE),

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Western Hotel, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. Blears W.M., Davies I.P.M., Morris S.W., Long J.W., Burslem P.M. Treasurer, Land Secretary, Wilson S.D., Knight J.D., D. Johnson P.M. D.C., Renshaw I.G. Past Masters Biggs, Gillman P.P.G.S.D., McKellen P.P.G.D.C., Halliwell, Maybury, and Kershaw; Bros. Hampson, Vickers, Done, A. R. Johnson, Tarr, and Yeadon. Visitors—Bros. Morrison jun. S.D. 1375, and Carse 1375. The Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock, and minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Done, Yeadon and Vickers, being present to take their second degree, were interrogated as to their proficiency in the first, and having satisfactorily answered, withdrew. Bro. Done was subsequently passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Gillman P.M. P.P.G.D., and Bro. Yeadon and Vickers by Bro. Burslem P.M., who also presented and explained the working tools to the three brethren. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8:45.

## SAINT LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on the 9th inst., when there was a large attendance, numbering upwards of 60 members and visiting brethren. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Thrower W.M., assisted by his Officers and several Past Masters, including Bros. Barr, Benjamin, Jones, Funston, and Matthews. Amongst the visitors was the following Past Masters: Bros. Richardson 860, Da Costa 1349, Gush 1541, Smith 193, Brand 1524, Starrevant 1278. The business included the report of the audit committee, the passing of Bros. Shea and Bugler, the initiating of Messrs. Whiting, Marks, and Cunnington. Bros. Bowen 65, and Carrell 1392 were received as joining members. The W.M.-elect, Bro. Beasley, was presented for installation by Bro. Barr P.M., and the ceremony was ably worked by the W.M. On the return of the brethren to the Lodge, the new W.M. was saluted in the several degrees, and proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow: Bros. Thrower I.P.M., Shurmur P.M. 1471 S.W., Kaufman J.W., Nicholson Treasurer, Cox P.M. Secretary, Batcheler S.D., Bishop J.D., Johnson I.G., Coils D.C., Abbott A.D.C., Jeremy W.S., Jacobs A.W.S., Very Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and members of the Lodges were admirably given by Bro. Thrower I.P.M., to whom Bro. Beasley W.M. presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a handsome bar attached to his Past Master's jewel, to mark the appreciation of the brethren of the manner in which Bro. Thrower had carried through his second year of office. The sum of £10 10s was voted from the Benevolent Fund to be added to Bro. Thrower's list on his representing the Lodge as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Two sums of like amount were voted in the cause of charity. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served by Messrs. Offen and Newell, of Mark Street. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some very congratulatory speeches were made during the evening. The proceedings were enlivened by an excellent selection of music, rendered in an admirable style by Miss Masie Riversdale, Miss Meiklejohn, Bro. Donald, Mr. Schubert, and Mr. Craig, whose musical sketches were greatly enjoyed. Miss Alice Montford accompanied on the piano-forte. The meeting was highly successful, both as to the working and the more social features of the occasion.

## WILLIAM OF WYKEHAM LODGE, No. 1883.

THE installation of the W.M.-elect Bro. King, took place on Tuesday, 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Frampton the outgoing Master. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. Frampton I.P.M., Sealey S.W., Snook J.W., Frampton Treasurer, Harrison Secretary, Dicks I.G., King S.D., Simpkins J.D., Jelly and Crane Stewards, Ward P.M. D.C. There was a very good attendance of brethren, inclusive of the P.G. Master, Bro. Beach, M.P., and Bro. Goble P.G. Sec. About thirty brethren dined together after the ceremonies, at the Sessions Hall, inclusive of visitors from the Royal Gloucester, the Economy, and Clausentum Lodges.

## STANFORD LODGE, No. 1947.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Town Hall, Hove, on the 9th inst., when Bro. Glassington was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Officers invested were Bros. Clark S.W., Lamette J.W., Hughes Secretary, Potter S.D., Goode J.D., Voysey I.G., Thilthorpe Dir. of Cers., Dudney S.S., Graveley J.S., Crapps Org., Stride Treasurer, Massis Chaplain. Bro. Endacott I.P.M. was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year. On the closing of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet, over which the newly installed W.M. presided. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The musical programme was sustained by Bros. Johnson, Treacher, Graveley, vocalists; Mr. Potter, solo pianoforte; and Mr. Crapps, solo violin; recitations being contributed by Bros. Voysey and Thilthorpe.

## ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

A MEETING was held on Monday, the 14th instant, at the Town Hall, Westminster, S.W., there being present Bros. Piper W.M., Smith S.W., Bonwick J.W., Goffin, Shand (Founder) Secretary, Poole Assistant Secretary, Hambling S.D., Haylor J.D., Smith I.G., Walkley Tyler. P.M.'s Chabot, Bull, and about thirty others. Following the transaction of the Lodge business the brethren dined together.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—The weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 17th instant, when there were present Bros. Hamby W.M., Wood S.W., Harnell J.W., Foan Assistant Preceptor, Reynolds acting Secretary, Hoggins S.D., Burgess J.D., Cogliati I.G., Weeks Tyler, Hancock, Kirk, Bailey, Rymer, Warwick, Jones, Harris, Keen, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Keen offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Reynolds offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having answered the usual questions satisfactorily was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. R.W. Jones of the St. Ambrose Lodge, 1891, and Bro. C. Harris of the Salisbury Lodge, 435, were unanimously elected members. Bro. W. Wood was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

It is gratifying to be able to announce that Bro. James Terry has secured as Chairman for his Jubilee Festival Bro. Lord Edgecumbe. The Deputy Grand Master of England has consented to preside, and we are convinced he will receive loyal support from the Craft at large.

The Devon Lodge, No. 1138, at Newton, at their monthly meeting, elected Bro. J. R. Cull S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year, and re-elected W. Bro. H. Martin P.M. as Treasurer.

At the Sun Lodge, No. 106, Exmouth, on Monday, 14th inst., Bro. J. H. Higgs S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. W. L. Cocks P.M. was elected Treasurer; and Bro. W. Blake Tyler. The installation and banquet will be held on Monday, the 11th January.

The Freemasons of the Province of Berkshire, of which the Duke of Clarence and Avondale is Provincial Grand Master, have sent their hearty and fraternal congratulations to his Royal Highness on his engagement with her Serene Highness the Princess Victoria Mary, and similar congratulations are being sent from individual Lodges throughout the county.

It is stated that a schism is impending in the Grand Orient of France, one party being desirous of divesting Masonry of its political and anti-clerical aspects.

GREAT IMPORTANCE OF IMPRESSIVE WORK.—The impression made upon a candidate for initiation, or for the reception of the subsequent degrees (the last of which, remember, we call "Sublime"), will depend very much on the way in which the ceremonial is carried out. If the various Officers do their work smartly, but with reverence and dignity, the candidate feels at once the reality of what he is being introduced into; but if he is conscious that those who are bringing him into the mysterious precincts of Freemasonry, of which he has heard so much in the outer world, or who are guiding him up the symbolic steps to a higher degree, play their part in a halting, uncertain, slovenly fashion, the high ideal he may have formed of the revelation that awaited him fades away, and he comes to the conclusion that, after all, Freemasonry is but a common-place affair, and such it will probably be to him ever afterwards, for first impressions are strong and lasting. But not only on its bearing on the candidate is proficiency on the part of the Officers important. It is also of great value in keeping alive in the members the true spirit of enthusiasm for our secret art and hidden mystery. The mere opening and closing of the Lodge, well done, affords a constant opportunity to the thoughtful Mason for realising his privilege in being a member of a society which has been inspired by Wisdom, is supported by Strength, and embellished by Beauty. On the contrary, the frequent repetition of these ceremonies carelessly performed, blunts his sense of their true meaning, until in time he forgets that every part of our system has its symbolic teaching for the Brother who can read it right.—Bro. Gilbert Saunders.

Freemasonry is so old and venerated an Institution that it is rather remarkable only one Lodge of newspaper men should be in existence. At its annual gathering, Mr. Edward Eden Peacock, of the *Morning Post*, was chosen Master for the coming year. Among the company were Sir Algernon Borthwick, the popular proprietor of that journal, and the equally popular member for a division of Kensington; and the novelist, Mr. Christie Murray, just returned from Australia to enter upon the shoals of theatrical management. As a raconteur, Mr. Murray takes a deal of beating, and he was able to tell amusing stories of his early career on the Press. In a remote country district, at an agricultural match, a viscount wound up by the brilliant quotation referring to kind hearts and coronets and noble blood. To his surprise, he found his sentiments paraphrased in the local paper, "The noble lord concluded by remarking that, in his humble opinion, kind hearts were much to be preferred to golden decorations, and simple confidence to the best strains of French blood."—*Bristol Times and Mirror*.

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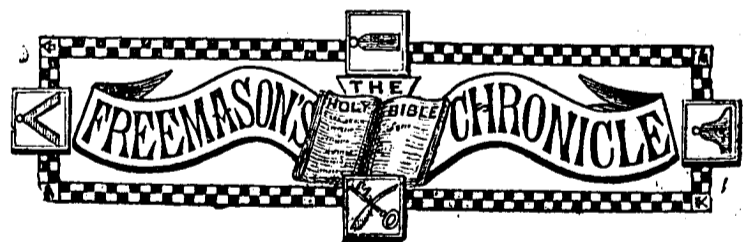
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SATURDAY, 26TH DECEMBER 1891.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, ISLE  
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**T**HE annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was recently held at Peel, where there was a very large muster of brethren. The Grand Lodge was opened in the Centenary Hall, by the P.G.M. Bro. Major Goldie-Taubman, S.H.K., accompanied by the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. T. H. Nesbitt; Bros. S. Webb Prov.G.S.W., E. J. Bowman P.G.J.W., L. G. Hannay P.G. Sec., and about sixty other Officers and Brethren. A number of reports dealing with charity funds, the condition and organization of the various Lodges, and other details were presented. The report of the Provincial Grand Secretary is given below; that of the Deputy P.G.M., which was full of matter interesting to Freemasons, will be afterwards circulated amongst the members of the Province.

The following are the Provincial Officers appointed and invested for the current year:—



T. H. Nesbitt	Deputy Master
S. Webb	Senior Warden
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Rev. E. Ferrier	} Chaplains
Rev. W. Morris	
A. Bruce	Treasurer
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A. W. Brearey	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
W. Broughton	Sword Bearer
J. C. Corris	} Standard Bearers
John Craine	
J. A. Mylrea	Organist
W. P. J. Pittar	Assist. Secretary
W. Colquhoun	Pursuivant
T. Whiteside	Assistant Pursuivant
T. Cabbon	} Stewards
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C. T. C. Gallow	
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C. Morrison	
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J. Gorry	
	Tyler

In the evening a banquet was served at the Peel Castle Hotel, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the Douglas members returning home by special train at a late hour.

The following is the General Secretary's report :—

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren,—In submitting for your consideration the fourth annual report, detailing the statistics of the year's work, I must remind you that the facts and figures which will be placed before you in this report refer to the year ending 31st December 1890, and that notwithstanding the opinions expressed at our last annual meeting, we are again practically twelve months behind. That this is so is unfortunate for more than one reason, but so long as the Secretaries of the various Lodges withhold their returns until the latter end of the year so long will we be in this unfortunate position. Some little time is absolutely necessary to go through those returns and prepare the necessary extracts from them for this meeting. But if the several outgoing Secretaries would kindly make it part of their duty to make up these returns at the end of each year and send them in in January, this Provincial Grand Lodge meeting could be held in the month of May or June in each year, which I venture to think would be more convenient to the great majority than holding it in November or December, seeing that the greater part of insular installation meetings are fixed for one or other of these months. If, therefore, those brethren who have just vacated, and those who are about to vacate the post of Secretary to the various Lodges, will kindly let me have the returns for 1891 in January next it will facilitate the business of the Province.

On a summary of our membership we show 219 members on our books, 197 of whom are in good standing, an increase over the previous year, notwithstanding thirteen withdrawals and a loss of five by death. It is gratifying to be able to say that while the year 1890 was not marked by any abnormal increase either in our numbers or our finances, there was a steady ratio of progress maintained in both. With respect to the passing events of interest during the year, Worshipful Bro. Nesbitt Deputy Prov. Grand Master dealt so fully with these in last year's report that it is not necessary that I should again refer to them, while with those that have occurred during the year 1891, I hope to have an opportunity of touching upon them in my next, which will be the report of that year. In conclusion, brethren, I desire to thank the Worshipful Masters, Secretaries, Officers, and Brethren generally, for the unvarying courtesy they have shown me during the year. I must also express my gratitude to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the ready assistance which he has at all times been ready and willing to afford me, without which I frankly admit I should not have been able to carry out the duties of my office, made more difficult by the fact of my having to try and follow in footsteps of one so able as himself. In laying this report before you, I am conscious of its many imperfections as compared with that of former years, but I have simply tried to lay before you in brief outline a summary of the progress of the Province and the position of our various Lodges, and if in this report, and during the year, I have not been able to discharge the duties of the office as you

have a right to expect, I claim at least to have done my best to advance the welfare of the Province, its Lodges, and its members, and the maintenance of that good feeling which should at all times exist amongst us.

The Charity Committee have to report that two meetings were held during the year—12th January 1891, and 19th November 1891—the Deputy Provincial Grand Master presiding. The Committee have to report that on the application of Bro. Jno. A. Brown P.D.P.G.M., they had voted £10 to the Isle of Man Industrial Home for Destitute Children out of the funds derived from the *Isle of Man Times* challenge cup competition, in the distribution of which Bro. Brown reserved to himself the nomination. On a petition from the Athole Lodge, 1004, £5 was voted to the widow of a deceased member of that Lodge. A letter having been read from Bro. Heron P.D.P.G.M., with reference to the 10 guineas advanced by him on behalf of St. Maughold Lodge, it was resolved that the 10 guineas be refunded to Bro. Heron out of the general account, and an application be made to St. Maughold Lodge for a contribution towards the amount of such sum as they may be able to afford. Informal applications were made by St. Trinian's and Athole Lodges on behalf of three widows and one spinster in straightened circumstances, which cases were left to a Sub-Committee, with power to vote £5 in each case if they thought necessary. The Committee, however, point out that they cannot allow these informal applications to be taken as a precedent that they will accept any future case for consideration unless it is set forth in the proper form (see By-laws 87 and 88). W. Bro. Nesbitt, D. Prov. G. Master, was requested to represent this Province at the forthcoming Jubilee Celebration of the Institution of Aged Freemasons and Widows. Committee of General Purposes met during the year. The Committee recommend that the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be given to W. Bro. John A. Brown P.D.P.G.M., for his generosity in advertising the Masonic Ball for 1890 and 1891 free of cost. The Committee also authorise a circular to be addressed to all subscribing members in reference to Bro. Swinner-ton's departure from the Island. It was resolved that the Committee would recommend a ball be held on the same lines as the one in this year, it having left a balance of over £5, which will come into this year's accounts. The Committee also recommend that the patronage of Provincial Grand Lodge be given to a children's fancy dress ball, to be held in Castle Mona, and that a Committee be appointed to carry it out.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE HEDWORTH LODGE, No. 2418.

THE consecration of a new Masonic Lodge took place at South Shields, on 17th inst., when there was a large gathering of Officers of P.G. Lodge and members of the Craft. The new Lodge is called the Hedworth Lodge, and is No. 2418 of the Grand Lodge of England. The Officers designate of the new Lodge were Bros. T. G. Mabane P.M. P.P.G.S.D. W.M., T. B. Appleby S.W., and W. Dalziel J.W. The founders of the new Lodge, in addition to the above, were Bros. Morton P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Marshall P.G. Registrar, Sutcliffe P.M., Davidson P.P.G. Standard Bearer, Purvis jun. P.M., W. Ross P.P.G. Sword Bearer, T. G. Ross P.M., Robson P.P.G. Standard Bearer, Athey P.P.A.G.D. of Cer., Moffett P.M., Wheatley P.P.G.D.D. of Cer., Potter P.P.G.T., J. T. Wilson P.P.G.P., J. S. Wilson P.P.G. Supt. of Works, F. B. Grimes, and G. P. Robson. Owing to indisposition, the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., was unable to attend, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., P.G.C., officiated as P.G.M.; Bros. T. Coulson P.M. P.P.G.D. officiated as Deputy P.G.M. The other Provincial Officers present were:—Bros. Lane P.G.S.W., Nixey P.G.J.W., Catter P.G. Treasurer, Pattison acting as P.G. Secretary, in the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Bro. Hudson P.P.G.S.B. Eng. P.G.S., Marshall P.G. Registrar, Logan P.G. Dir. of Cers., Revs. W. Bowker and H. H. Arnott P.G. Chaplains, Marshall P.G.S.D., Shaw P.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers., Smith P.G.S.B., Lax P.G.P. Grieve P.G. Tyler, Mabane P.P.G.D., Rev. W. C. Harris P.P.G. Chap., Moor P.P.G.D., Davidson P.P.G. Standard Bearer acting P.G.J.D., J. S. Wilson P.P.G. Supt. Works, J. T. Wilson P.P.G. Standard Bearer, Marshall P.P.G.S.D., Potter P.P.G. Tyler, Mitford P.P.G.S.B. Among others present were:—Bros. Barron W.M., Darlington, Joel W.M. 2019 Crook, Brown P.M. 2039, Hedley W.M. 1389 Sunderland, Robinson S.W. Sunderland, Black W.M. 2327 Tynemouth, Henderson S.W. 1970, Lumley S.D. 240, Robson J.W. 240 South Shields, Toogood S.W. 661 Seaham Harbour, Copeland J.W. 1970, Potts J.W. 424, Robinson 97 Sunderland, Pearson J.D. 431, Cowling P.M. 240, Penney P.M. 1790, Harland W.M. 1970, Purvis jun. P.M., Cameron W.M. 240, Dalrymple P.M. 48, Henderson P.M. 240, Legg P.M. 1274. Lodge having been opened by Bro. Mabane P.M. P.P.G.S.D., the brethren rose to receive the acting Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The acting P.G.M. (the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D.) said he

regretted very much to find himself that day in the chair, because his presence therein was caused by the absence of their valued and esteemed Worshipful Grand Master, through illness. He had received a summons by telegram from him, stating that he was unable to be present by his doctor's orders. He could only unworthily represent him, and he could only say on his behalf and on his own that they rejoiced that the growth of Masonry in South Shields was such as to necessitate the formation of the Hedworth Lodge, and that the Lodge was formed simply from the law of growth, not by division or differences of opinion or difficulty of management, but simply from the unwieldy numbers of their other Lodges. In this Masonic spirit they had every reason to hope and believe the Hedworth Lodge would be a credit to Masonry and an ornament to South Shields.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the petition and warrant for the new Lodge being read by the acting P.G. Secretary. An eloquent oration was delivered by the Rev. W. Bowker P.G. Chaplain, and the consecration prayer was offered by the Rev. H. H. Arnott P.G. Chaplain. The W.M. designate (Bro. T. G. Mabane P.M.) presented his Officers elect to the acting P.G.M., and the ceremony was most impressively carried out, the D.P.G.M., and the other officers taking part. The musical portion of the ceremony by the choir, assisted by Mr. Leatham, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Duncanson, of Durham Cathedral, was sung with great effect. Bro. French, of the Fenwick Lodge, Sunderland, presided at the organ.

The P.G.M. (Rev. Canon Tristram D.D.) having duly dedicated and constituted the Lodge, the consecration ceremony concluded. The W.M. designate Bro. Mabane was then installed as W.M. of the new Lodge by Bro. Moffett P.M. 240. The following were afterwards appointed as the Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Appleby S.W., Dalziel J.W., Bell Secretary, Toomer S.D., Graham J.D., Nelson I.G., Sutcliffe P.M. Dir. of Cers., Moffett P.M. as I.P.M., Young S.S., Sutherland J.S. Bro. Marshall P.M. P.G.R. was elected as Treasurer, and Bro. Potter P.M. P.P.G. Tyler was elected as Tyler of the Lodge; both were duly invested. The acting P.G.M. read a telegram of hearty good wishes from the P.G.M. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., to the newly installed W.M. and a number of representatives from various Lodges also expressed their congratulations to Brother Mabane W.M. A large number of joining members were proposed, including Bros. Henderson No. 240, Cameron 240, Readhead jun. 240, Lackland 240, Walton 1970, Potts 424, Armstrong St. Bede, Allen Eden Lodge, Limerick, Pearson 240, Purvis sen. 240, Dalrymple 48, Dale 240, Newlands St. Bede, G. R. Potts 1970, George Robson 240, G. P. Robson 240. The Lodge was afterwards closed in due form. In the evening a banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, at which Bro. Mabane W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., acting R.W.P.G.M., and many distinguished brethren.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### VISIT OF THE EARL OF EUSTON TO NEWCASTLE.

**A** LODGE of emergency of the Tristram Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 346, was held on the 15th inst., at the Grand Assembly Rooms, Barras Bridge, Newcastle, by dispensation. The occasion was taken by the R.W. Deputy Grand Mark Master of England, the Earl of Euston, to pay a visit to the Lodge, and he was welcomed, together with Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary of England, with a hearty North-country greeting. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Purvis P.G.R. of M., and there was a very large assembly of Provincial brethren and members of the Province of Northumberland and Durham. The work of the Lodge was most efficiently performed, and at the close the brethren partook of dinner in the dining hall of the building. The W.M. Bro. Thomas Purvis presided, and was supported on his left and right by R.W. Deputy Grand Mark Master of England, and by a large number of influential Mark Master Masons of Northumberland and Durham. After the usual Loyal toast of the Queen had been duly honoured, the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.M. of England, which was received with most enthusiastic cheers. Bro. R. B. Reed Deputy P.G.M.M. proposed the M.W. Prov. G.M.M. of England, the Marquis of Hertford, after which the W.M. (Bro. Purvis) gave the toast of the R.W.D.G.M.M. of England, the Earl of Euston, and Officers of the Grand Lodge. Such visits, he said, as that of the Deputy Grand Mark Master of England were calculated to give a great impetus to Freemasonry, and in the particular case of Mark Masonry, he knew that in view of this meeting something like 30 brethren were proposed for advancement in Northumberland and Durham, in order to qualify themselves to be present on this occasion. It was not desirable to increase their numbers too rapidly, and they had been reminded by their Right Worshipful Grand Master to be very careful indeed as to whom they admitted into the Mark degree, and, as it had also been said, "Mark Masonry is the cream of Masonry," they should endeavour to keep it as stated, and make it one of the best degrees in connection with Freemasonry. On behalf of Tristram Lodge and members of Northumberland and Durham generally, he gave a hearty welcome to their D.G.M.M. to their midst, and trusted the time was not far distant when the visit would be repeated. The R.W. D.G.M.M., who was most heartily received, returned thanks, and said the reason why he took such an interest in Masonry was because he loved it. When a man went into Masonry he should go into it altogether, or keep out of it. They wanted no half measures, and a man should feel it an honour to belong to the Craft. After travelling in nearly all the countries of the world, he became a Mason in 1833, and, after doing so, he did

not make it a profession, but a pleasure, to try and do all he could for its advancement. When elected to his present position in the Craft, through his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, he felt, as many members in the Provinces could not attend their meetings in London, that it was only right they should be visited as far as possible. And so, when he received the present invitation, he at once directed the Grand Secretary to reply that he would be delighted to come. The more he met Masons in the different counties and towns of England, the more he felt what a grand principle there was in Masonry, how it bound heart and soul, honour, and brotherly feeling together, and that as one fraternity they would defy the world to bring anything against them. After referring to the fact that he spent his boyhood a little to the north of Berwick, and therefore he knew how genuine and true were the northern people, he expressed his pleasure at the able and efficient way the brethren had discharged their duties that evening in the Lodge—the Worshipful Master in particular—and of the zeal displayed generally by the brethren of Northumberland and Durham. In conclusion, he must again return thanks on behalf of his brother, the Marquis of Hertford, and himself, for the kind references made to them in connection with Masonry. After other toasts had been duly honoured, the successful gathering terminated.

### BROUGHTY CASTLE LODGE.

**A** MEETING was held in the Lodge Room, Broughty Ferry, on the 17th inst., when the Office Bearers were installed. Bro. J. Lewis R.W.P.M. Ancient (49), Dundee, was Installing Officer, and after the ceremony he conferred the Mark degree on Bro. the Rev. A. Armit. Bro. Leslie the newly-installed Master proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Lewis for the valuable services he had rendered the Lodge that night and on previous occasions. The vote was heartily responded to, and with songs and sentiments a pleasant evening was afterwards spent.

## Obituary.

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### SIR LOVE JONES-PARRY.

INTELLIGENCE reached Carnarvon on the 18th inst. of the death, at Madryn, Pwllheli, the seat of the family, of Sir Thomas Love Duncombe Jones-Parry, Baronet. The deceased, who was born in 1832, was the only surviving son of the late Lieut.-General Sir Love Jones-Parry, Knight, of Madryu. He was educated at Rugby and Oxford, and succeeded to the Madryn estate in 1853. In 1868 he was successfully returned as member of Parliament for Carnarvonshire in the Liberal interest, but at the general election of 1884 was defeated by the present Lord Penrhyn, then the Hon. G. Douglas Pennant. Upon the death of Mr. Bulkeley Hughes, who represented Carnarvon borough for many years, deceased was returned to Parliament as a Liberal, with a great majority over his opponent, an independent Liberal, Mr. Sorton Parry. Again at the general election of 1885, when opposed by the late Mr. Edmund Swetenham, he was returned to represent the same constituency, but a year later the seat was successfully fought by Mr. Swetenham, as the champion of the Unionist party. After his defeat in 1886, the deceased, who could trace his pedigree to one of the most powerful princes of the Royal Welsh tribes, retired from public life. Many years ago a great sensation took place in connection with the deceased. When quite a young man, whilst sojourning in Gibraltar, he crossed to Spain after knocking down a Spanish sentinel on the frontier, and was sentenced to death. Her Majesty the Queen intervened in his behalf, and the young squire of Madryn, as he was then termed, narrowly escaped capital punishment. On his return to Carnarvon he was the recipient of an enthusiastic ovation. As a landowner he was always kind and sympathetic, whilst no good movement was allowed to pass by him when he was approached. During the latter portion of his life he travelled in many foreign countries, and to his credit it may be mentioned that he visited and interested himself in the Welsh colony in Patagonia. The late Sir Love Jones-Parry was an ardent supporter of Welsh institutions, notably the Eisteddfod, his bardic title being Elphin-ap-Gwyddno, the name of one of his Royal Welsh ancestors. He was a prominent Freemason, and the Mark Lodge at Carnarvon has been named after his bardic title. The deceased, to whose estates his sister, Mrs. Jones Williams, of Golliwig, will succeed, was a Justice of the Peace and a Deputy-Lieutenant for Carnarvonshire.

Bro. Edward Langtry, husband of Mrs. Langtry, the actress, was, on Monday, installed Worshipful Master of the Menai Bridge Lodge.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of Governors and Subscribers was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, in accordance with a resolution of the General Committee, for the purpose of receiving the draft laws and adopting them as the laws of the Institution. The chair was occupied by Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence, and the following brethren were present:—Charles Fredk. Hogard, H. Massey, John Glass, Fred. Coles, J. M. McLeod, Sir John B. Monckton, Peter de Lande Long, W. G. Kentish, W. Morley, John Tidmarsh, H. F. Nash, T. H. Gardiner, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, in moving "That the draft laws, as now submitted, be and they are hereby adopted as the laws of the Institution, in amendment of and substitution for those now in force," said that as he had addressed the Committee in some detail when these draft laws were before them, it was unnecessary for him to go now into details. All the Governors of the Institution had had copies of the draft sent to them, and all who were present knew their contents. There being so few present showed that the other Governors approved of the alterations. There were one or two small points he referred to on the former occasion, but he did not gather from Bro. Hedges that any corrections of what was then settled had been suggested. One point was with regard to Law 86, and the other with regard to 89. No. 86 provided that a properly qualified girl might be placed in the Institution by any person, provided such girl could be conveniently admitted, upon payment of 250 guineas in one sum, if she at the time of such payment be under the age of ten years, or of 200 guineas, in one sum, between that age and eleven. The Committee quite agreed that the old law that the amount should be 170 guineas was utterly inadequate. If a child was admitted at eight years of age, the cost being £38 or 38 guineas, 170 guineas could not be a fair payment, and it would be an injustice to the whole body. A great deal of attention was given to the subject; returns were got; an actuarial calculation was made; and the 170 guineas was found not to be the proper actuarial result. Then as regarded No. 89, that had been considered as a new rule of very great importance. It was that "No girl shall be eligible for election or admission who has a sister in the Institution, except in the case of a family of at least five other children dependent, in which case a second child shall be eligible." Old Governors would remember that in former times, two children, sisters, could go in together, and he remembered a case where two sisters were in at the same time. Colonel Creaton was then prominent on the Committee of the Institution; he (Sir J. B. Monckton) was not then one. After a conference with Miss Davis, and looking to the benefits conferred in the Craft, they now thought this rule should be altered, and having made the alteration as stated, the only point was whether the figure was too high, and whether it ought not to be four other children dependent. However they put it to the opinion of the majority, and left it now to the opinion and decision of the Court. He did not think that any suggestions had been made or any difficulties raised about it.

Bro. Morley seconded the motion.

Bro. C. F. Hogard thought rule 12 as to the nomination to the office of Treasurer was rather hard: "Candidates for the office of Treasurer must be nominated in writing at the meeting of the General Committee next preceding the election by a meeting of the Committee present." If brethren in the north of England wanted to nominate a brother from the north they would have to attend to nominate him.

Bro. Morley said any difficulty of that kind could be avoided by deputing another brother who was in London to do it.

Bro. Hogard still thought, with all due deference, that there might be an addition of words to make that clear. Two or three persons had spoken to him about it.

After a discussion, in which Bros. Glass, Monckton, Morley, Kentish, Hogard, and Spaul took part, the motion was agreed to.

The Chairman then said that Sir John Monckton having served on the Committee some little time he thought that the thanks of the Court were specially due to him for the

very great patience, attention, and courtesy which he had exhibited during the consideration of these laws. Some of the members did not work so hard as they ought to have worked. Those who had the opportunity of being present were aware that Sir John Monckton had carried on the business of the Committee with a dignity and business-like ability which were peculiar to him. That was saying a great deal, and this Court must feel very grateful to Sir John Monckton for the great trouble he had taken. He therefore moved a vote of thanks to Sir John B. Monckton. Bro. Hogard seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton P.G.W., in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the Court on behalf not only of himself, but of the rest of the members of the Committee. The whole Committee worked hard, and especially the President of the Board of Benevolence, who did so much on behalf of the Craft. Bro. Grey might not have been always able to attend; he had many and great duties in the Craft to look after, and the same might be said of Bro. Richardson, whom he had hoped to see present that day, but who was very punctual and regular in his attendance at the Committees.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

**Princess's.**—Mr. Herbert Basing has revived "Alone in London," a drama written by Mr. Robert Buchanan and Miss Harriet Jay, which was produced some years since at this house, and will doubtless attract a good many of the holiday folk to sympathise with the misfortunes of poor Annie Meadows and exurate the heartless Dick Redcliffe. These two characters are admirably sustained by Miss Maud Elmore and Mr. W. L. Abingdon. Dick's companions in crime Spriggins, a bank clerk, and Jenkins, an old fence, are also capably played by Mr. Fuller Mellish and Mr. Wilfred Shine, who deserves a better part. Good old John Biddlecombe is represented by Mr. Henry Neville, in his usual effective style, while clever little Miss Terriss astonished us by the pathos she exhibited as the waif Tom. Other characters by Mrs. H. Clifton, Mr. Chas. Stewart, Mr. T. Kingston and Miss Beatrice Selwyn, and especially by Mr. Hy. Bedford and Miss Julia Warden are creditably performed, and materially assist the action of the drama. Some new and elaborate scenery has been constructed for the revival, and the lively music by Mr. Michael Connelly's band is a feature in the programme.

**New Olympic.**—The Christmas holidays double bill at the Popular Theatre of London will be "Oliver Twist," with Miss Grace Hawthorne as Nancy Sikes, every evening. Owing to its phenomenal success "A Royal Divorce," with Miss Grace Hawthorne as the Empress Josephine, and Mr. Fuller Mellish as Napoleon, will be continued every afternoon until further notice. New scenery for "Oliver Twist" has been painted by Mr. W. H. Dixon.

**Ancient Egypt and Modern Cairo.**—"Ancient Egypt" is the third Cyclorama exhibited at Niagara Hall, York Street, Westminster. The outer hall was built and opened in March 1888, simply as a bazaar and lounge. It is now turned into the representation of a street in Cairo, the artists who painted it being Signor Joseph Tondi and corps. The large circular building at the back, where the great picture of "Niagara Falls" was exhibited, until it was replaced with the picture of "Jerusalem and the Crucifixion," is now devoted to a gigantic representation of "Ancient Egypt," painted by Edmund Berninger, the celebrated artist of Munich. The period chosen is early in the day, about 3000 years ago, the buildings being shown as if newly erected and decorated. All the points of interest are brought prominently but artistically forward—the Nile—the Pyramids—the great Sphinx—the Desert—the grove of palm trees—Memphis—the Temples and Palaces—the Colossi—the procession of the Israelites, and other features more fully enumerated in the illustrated catalogue, a brief record of three or four thousand years of ancient and biblical history. The artistic decorative work in the foreground has been executed under the direction of Mr. Paul Hey, of Munich. The picture is described at intervals by Bro. T. Hunter Boyd, St. John Kilwinning 28, member of the Egypt Exploration Fund. The front Bazaar, where the old features of Niagara Hall are retained—the smoking gallery, the restaurant, and the great mechanical orchestra—is rendered as much as possible like a street in modern Cairo by the engagement of about a dozen native Egyptians, who act as attendants. Will be open Christmas Day from One to Ten.

**GOLD MEDAL TO MR. SELL, FLEET STREET.**—The jury of the Exposition Internationale de la Publicité, 1891, Palais des Beaux-Arts, Paris, have awarded Mr. Henry Sell the Highest Award, viz.:—The Gold Medal, for his Dictionary of the World's Press and other publications relating to advertising.

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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, 26th December.

1871 Costling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
1462 Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hot., Paisitone

## Monday, 28th December.

1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead  
63 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
1899 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1177 Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke  
1318 Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossloy, near Manchester  
1894 Herschel, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
2363 Minnehaha Minstrels, Victoria Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester

## Tuesday, 29th December.

200 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen  
1358 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton  
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
K.T. Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

## Wednesday 30th December.

898 Temperance in the East, Poplar.  
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley  
998 Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
1083 Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester  
1219 Strangeways, Old Boar's Head, Manchester  
1283 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge  
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hot, Somerset  
R.A. 226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough  
R.A. 268 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike  
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham  
M.M. 174 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

## Thursday, 31st December.

General Committee Girl's School, F.M.H. 4.  
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington  
288 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
051 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich  
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek  
1319 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport  
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull,  
M.M. 34 St. Andrew, Freemasons Hall, Manchester.

## Friday, 1st January.

706 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich  
1815 Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
2076 Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.U.  
44 Friendship, Albion Hotel, Manchester  
81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk  
219 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Totmorden  
242 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster  
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall Street, Leeds  
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield  
574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart, Newbury  
601 St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wallington, Salop  
680 Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford  
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester  
1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester  
1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick  
1387 Choriton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall  
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham  
1561 Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Morecambe  
1648 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth  
1725 Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone  
R.A. 61 Sincerity, F.M.H. John's Place, Halifax  
R.A. 359 Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton

## Saturday, 2nd January.

Council, Boys' School, F.M.H., 3  
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
1623 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rodhill  
1458 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester

## INSTRUCTION.

## Saturday, 26th December.

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  
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7'30  
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W. 8

## Monday, 28th December.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,  
333 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,  
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30  
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, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 293 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30  
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30  
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
1893 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7  
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8  
1901 Solwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
2192 Walthamstow, Bridge Chambers, Hoj Street Walthamstow, 8

## Tuesday, 29th December.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.  
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30  
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Grayhound Hotel, Croydon, 8  
554 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, Grayhound, Richmond, 7'30  
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidecup, 7  
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7'30  
1446 Mount Edgumoo, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30, 8  
1472 Kenney, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6  
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8  
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
1919 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 8'30  
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
R.A. 1265 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

## Wednesday, 30th December.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30

72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,  
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, 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, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 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 Creton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30  
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
R.A. 177 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, 81 Red Lion Square, 7

## Thursday, 31st December.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30  
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Woiseley, Rotherhithe New Road  
890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8  
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington,  
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, 7'3  
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6'30  
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell,  
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8  
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7'45  
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7'30  
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7'30  
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9  
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

## Friday, 1st January.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6  
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,  
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30  
733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8  
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, 8  
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8  
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7  
790 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
831 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, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8  
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7'30  
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
1901 Solwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8  
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8  
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7'30  
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8,

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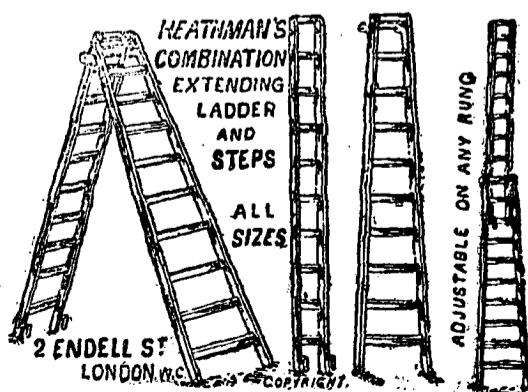
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