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## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION ON BOARD SHIP.

IN our last issue we inserted a brief notice of a Masonic meeting held at sea, on board the *Trojan*, on her voyage from Southampton to the Cape, at which it was resolved that a Past Master, then present, should, on his return to England, "apply to Grand Lodge to ascertain under what regulations travelling Masons may be permitted to hold Lodges of Instruction on board vessels at sea." At first glance we fail to see the actual use of an established Lodge of Instruction on board ship; but if it is deemed desirable, we cannot imagine any difficulty in securing it, provided the captain, or some of the chief officers, were themselves Masons, and would undertake to see the meetings properly conducted. Assuming then, that the captain of the vessel is a Mason, he could, on application to his Lodge, secure the necessary permission required by Article 1, page 88, of the Book of Constitutions, or he might even apply for "the special licence and authority of the Grand Master," a course which would perhaps, until a precedent was established, be the best, and one which we think would prove successful. Having obtained the necessary authority, the great difficulty would then present itself—that of properly testing applicants for admission—and this, we think, would be a grave responsibility to impose on any brother. It is not likely that an actual Lodge of Instruction would be allowed unless some one did take this responsibility, and we therefore think the matter at once resolves itself into a virtual impossibility. At present it is possible for a number of Masons to hold a private meeting among themselves for the purpose of Masonic intercourse, and then one and all take upon themselves the responsibility of testing their fellows, and they can exclude any one they like, but if once a Lodge of Instruction was in existence a sort of right of attendance would be created, and no one could be excluded who pertinaciously set to work to gain admittance, without an amount of ill feeling being engendered among the passengers which we question if any captain would care to run the risk of. Even if a permit was in existence, the brethren could not do more than they can without one, except perhaps that they would then be obliged to keep a minute book, a perusal of which would afford amusement to future meetings, but this could be got over by starting such a book, and handing it to the captain, who would no doubt be pleased to hand it over from time to time to the Masonic section of his passengers. Further, he would soon acquire such experience as would enable him to decide the possibility of having a regularly authorised Lodge of Instruction on board. One other advantage which an established Lodge would possess would be the facility it would offer as a means of raising subscriptions for our Charities, but even this could be as successfully carried out by a number of private meetings as it could be by a series of regular ones, provided a record of each journey's assemblies was kept. The amounts could be handed over to the captain, to be paid into the Institutions in the name of the vessel from which they emanated, and in time we think a goodly array would be the result. On the whole we believe regularly established Lodges of Instruction on board ship would be found impracticable, while we fail to see any advantage that would accrue from them beyond those now enjoyed by private meetings.

Another question which would affect travelling Lodges of Instruction, as indeed it does every Lodge of Instruction to a certain extent, would be the variations in working. These variations would become more apparent in an assembly of some twenty brethren, who may have been brought up in twenty different parts of the country, accustomed to, perhaps, twenty different renderings of our ritual; and although in many instances the differences might be very slight, they would yet be sufficient, especially if two or three "letter perfect" brethren were among those assembled, to form food for discussion and argument during a lengthy voyage. Who, then, should decide as to the form of working to be adopted in the "Ship Lodge."

## THE VALUE OF OUR BOYS' SCHOOL VOTES.

IN view of the great difficulty which is now experienced in securing admission for a child to one or other of our Institutions, the more particularly as regards the Boys' School, we think some consideration given to this subject desirable. It seems pretty certain that at the election on Monday next nothing short of 2,500 votes will be safe for a boy's case, and we even question if that number can be relied upon as devoid of risk. What, we ask, is the monetary value of these 2,500 votes? Judged by the price charged by the Institution—one guinea for two votes—they represent £1,312 10s, and this in face of the fact that admission may be purchased for a boy for one hundred and seventy guineas (£178 10s). To judge of this value from a Life Governor's point of view, we ought to be in possession of calculations as to the average life of a Governor, but for our purpose we think that twenty-one years will be a fair term, although we are pretty sure the average is much below that. On the basis therefore of twenty-one years' enjoyment of the privilege of Life Governorship, we find the 2,500 votes represent a cash amount of £312 10s; that is to say, a subscriber of ten guineas, receiving four votes per year for twenty-one years, would get in all eighty-four votes, which would give an average cost of two shillings and sixpence each. We shall perhaps better illustrate the Life Governor's case by pointing out that if thirty-four brethren combined, they could, by their donations, secure the immediate admission of two lads into our Boys' School, while it would be eighteen years and a half before they could accumulate sufficient votes to carry the election of ONE, even supposing they all lived that time—a very unlikely event; and an election then could be carried with the same number as now—another very unlikely event. It is, we think, evident from these figures that there is something wrong; either the price of purchased admission is too low, or the votes are not of the value they should be; both of which subjects should be matters of importance to all connected with our Schools.

The Committee of the Portsmouth "Masonic at Home" commenced their winter session on Wednesday last, and from the considerable support hitherto accorded to the class, intending subscribers should communicate with the Secretaries before the list is closed, as the number is necessarily strictly limited, to ensure the comfort of the members.

## A. AND A. RITE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

(Continued from page 228.)

I must now return to Sovereign Gourgas. It seems, according to Folger, that Gourgas' Council lingered on until 1818, when it entirely melted away, and he was left Sovereign without subjects. In 1814 Gourgas held a Grand Council of the Northern jurisdiction (of course, consisting exclusively of himself), and there and then unanimously resolved to plant the A. and A. Rite in London. I do not know whether any one in England had ever been transmogrified into the 33°. But what of it? the power of an A. and A. Sovereign was potent enough to confer thirty-thirds even to parties who were thousands of miles away from him. All he had to do was to send them the "Ancient Secret Constitutions, the Ritual, and other directions how to make themselves thirty-thirds."

The year 1845 is an important epoch in the history of Gourgas' Northern jurisdiction; in that year he *thirty-thirded*, five or six personages, the most important of these were two Bostonians. First Edward A. Raymond. True, he was illiterate, but he was rich; very ambitious to climb to the top of the Masonic ladder, and was willing to pay for it. Bro. Raymond had some years before obtained permission from Giles, Founder Gates of Albany, New York, to play a Prince of Jerusalem. I have seen him several times march in procession at the head of a small squad of "Princes of Jerusalem," and Bro. Raymond imagined himself a *veritable Prince of Jerusalem*. Why! do not all authorities agree that the old Hebrew Princes of Jerusalem were dressed in black cloth pants, vests, swallow-tailed coats, cocked hats with long white ostrich feathers? Well, Bro. Raymond and his squad of Princes were costumed in the same fashion.

The second Bostonian was Charles W. Moore, Grand Secretary of Massachusetts. Bro. Moore wrote on Masonry in 1824 or 1826. He was the great champion of Freemasonry during the anti-Masonic crusade. He was a St. John's Day lecturer. In 1841 he started a Masonic magazine. In 1843 he published a Masonic manual. Massachusetts Masons were proud of him. Nothing ever was done in the Grand Lodge which was not sanctioned by Bro. Moore. Indeed, "he was the power behind the throne, greater than the throne itself." In 1845, his fame had already extended over North America; besides which, he was in correspondence with Dr. Oliver, Dr. Crucefix, and perhaps with other distinguished foreign brethren; he was a great controversialist; but, above all, he was believed to be, "the greatest Masonic authority in the world" in "the science of Masonic jurisprudence," and being editor of a Masonic magazine, at a time when not more than one or two other such magazines had started into existence, it will readily be admitted that he was a trump-card for Bro. Gourgas.

It was not, however, before 1848 that Gourgas organised a Supreme Council, with himself as Sovereign, and Moore as Grand Secretary of the "Holy Empire." Their maiden document was then sent to all the Grand Lodges in the United States, informing them of the establishment of a Supreme Council for the Northern jurisdiction, &c., &c., and that the said Council had authority to rule the Grand Lodges of the Blue degrees, but for the present it would "forbear" to exercise that power. This *impudent assertion*, be it remembered, was issued by not more than nine individuals. By 1850, Raymond, having learned how to be a Sovereign, bought out Gourgas' Sovereignty, removed the Council from New York to Boston. Raymond then became Sovereign, Moore Secretary, &c.

Raymond now arrived at the top of his ambition: in 1850 he was both G.M. of Massachusetts and Sovereign of the A. and A. Rite—for all which, however, he was indebted to Moore's engineering. Besides which, as Raymond was *illiterate*, Moore supplied him with addresses and reports, both for the G.L. and the Supreme Council. Up to 1845 the name of Gourgas was almost unknown, even to American high graders; but by the succession of events above narrated, above all, the removal of the concern to Boston, the Cerneanites found an opponent, the like of which they never encountered before. Besides, Moore's ability to torture and twist "the science of Masonic jurisprudence" to suit his own purposes, he was not over scrupulous as to facts. If facts failed him, he invented. The addresses he wrote for Raymond were filled with the foulest and most abusive epithets against the Cerneanites. The number of the A. and A. Rites in America was, however, then very few; and nobody outside of those factions knew what the fight was about; but it was the general impression, at least in Boston, that Moore must be right.

About 1854 or 1855 Bro. Raymond treated Bro. Moore to a trip to Europe. It seems that during that trip something occurred to rupture the long-existing friendship between Raymond and Moore. Besides this free treat to Europe, it is well known that Moore was under financial obligations to Raymond. But Moore was a spoilt man; he was so much flattered by his correspondents; he had so much his own way in the G.L., and consequently became so much puffed with self-conceit, that he finally could not bear the slightest opposition to his dictum. Sovereign Raymond had a weakness not uncommon to Sovereign rulers; Moore ceased to be his favourite, and he substituted for Moore the Rev. Bro. Randall P.G.M. of Massachusetts. Some two or three years after Moore was treated with a trip to Europe, Raymond gave Randall the same treat. This must have been a further cause of irritation to our imperious Bro. Moore. Randall was Moore's pastor, and Randall would never have been G.M. if Moore had not made him G.M. To be brief. In 1860, an open rupture took place between Moore and Raymond. Moore deposed Raymond from his Sovereignty, and placed on the throne a New Yorker who belonged to his faction. Up to this time the number of these A. and A. gentry was still very small, the Supreme Council of 1860 instead of having nine members had only five: the other four positions were kept open in anticipation of some big guns

who might be worthy of them, but this rebellion of Moore changed the original policy. Now, thirty-seconds, and thirty-thirds too, are as plentiful here as mosquitoes on a midsummer night.

Raymond was not, however, without adherents. P.G.M. Robinson stood up for him. P.G.M. Randall was now raised to the thirty-third degree, was made a member of Raymond's Council, and became Raymond's champion. Randall, who was educated in a school of theological controversy, was even a more adroit hair-splitter than Moore himself. Moore monopolised a Masonic magazine; Randall, therefore, published a pamphlet, in which he proved to demonstration that, according to the Constitutions of the thrice illustrious Frederick the Great, that Moore was a worse kind of rebel, and that his concern was bogus, illegitimate, spurious, clandestine, &c., &c. About the same time, the editor and proprietor of the *Boston Herald* opened a Masonic column in his Sunday issue. He was a Raymondite, and he and his friends now peppered away at the Moorites. Unfortunately, the said *Herald* proprietor belonged to a Lodge consisting almost exclusively of Moorites, so charges were brought against him, I never could learn for what, and he was expelled from Masonry and has never been restored since.

I have gone ahead a little too fast, and must therefore retrace my steps to 1860. I have said that Moore was very overbearing, and especially to the humbler members of the Fraternity, but as long as the upper ten continued to praise him as an oracle, the lower hundred had to bite their nails and bear his insults; when, however, three past Grand Masters united in exposing Moore's presumptions, the offended ones began to express their feelings against Moore openly. "Moore," they said, "has been too long in office, and it is high time to make a change," &c. To strengthen himself in his position, Moore sent emissaries to the permanent members of the Grand Lodge, viz.: P.G. Masters, P.D.G. Masters, P.G. Wardens, as well as to the Grand Officers, offering them his high degrees for little or nothing. But Raymond did the same: next, the rising or talented members of the Fraternity, such as lawyers, doctors, &c., received the same offers from both parties. Next emissaries were sent to the Masters and Wardens of both town and country Lodges: and, lastly, everybody in the Craft was offered the degrees by both factions for little or nothing.\* Thus, twenty-five dollars was the price for being made a thirty-second, but if a man was shrewd he could get them at his own price. The result was a great rush into high degeedom, and as many as one hundred and fifty, and even more, were made in those concerns in a single night. For these facts I have the best evidence. Thus, a P.D.G.M., a lawyer of high standing, assured me that delegates from both factions offered to make him a thirty-third for nothing; a P.M. of St. John's Lodge told me that an emissary waited upon him, and offered to make him a thirty-second for twenty-five dollars; but promised that the money should be returned to him as soon as he joined the concern. A member of the Raymond party said to me, "I will tell you the method adopted by our recruiting sergeants. Thus: Bro. A. would call upon Bro. B., and after some general talk, would break out with, 'Oh! look here; why don't you join the high degrees? I can get you in. The price is only twenty-five dollars. Cheap! dirt cheap! you will never have the chance again, &c. &c. B.—Well, I don't know; but I will consider about it.' A few days afterwards B. received an invitation to meet A. in the evening at one of the sanctums. When he came there A. said: 'Oh! I am glad you are here, and I congratulate you on your being unanimously elected.' B.—'But I did not authorise you to propose me. I said I would see.' A.—'Oh! That is all nonsense. I know you meant it. It is only twenty-five dollars. So come in.' B.—'But I can't spare twenty-five dollars.' A.—'Oh! it is money an object. Well, you shall have the degrees for twenty dollars. Have them for fifteen. Come, you shall have them for ten. Cheap! dirt cheap!' And so Bro. B. got a bargain, viz., twenty-nine sublime degrees, besides the titles of Sir Knight this, Sir Knight that, and Sir Knight of ever so many orders of high chivalry; also the titles of Royal Prince, Emperor, and what not! All these high honours he got for ten dollars.

A thirty-second of the Moore faction said to me, "I will tell you, Bro. N., how thirty-seconds were in those days *sublimed* by wholesale. Imagine (said he) a hundred and fifty of us dressed in white cotton garments, each carrying a long cross, and marching in procession round the hall, headed by an officer wearing high boots, the upper part strapped round the waist, to which were appended spurs about a foot long; and after so marching several times round the hall, we came to a sudden halt, when, in a thrice, each of us had twenty-nine degrees injected into him, which, together with the three blue degrees, transmogrified us all at once into sublime thirty-seconds."

In 1863 news reach the Moorite camp that the Raymondites had united with the New York Cerneanites. The howl of indignation raised at the said news by the Moorites could not be surpassed by an Irish mob; some, who were filled to overflowing with *Christian charity*, bitterly lamented the fate of poor Bro. Raymond, that he had so—

"Fallen, fallen, fallen, from his high estate."

Others wrote more savagely; while others again went to work and collected all the foul epithets which Raymond in his addresses (which addresses were all written by Moore) had formerly hurled at the Cerneanites. On the other hand, the Cerneanites brought to light a correspondence of Moore with them, wherein he himself offered to unite with them. The reader may now form an idea of the amount of intrigue and deceit in which those "Thrice Illustriouses" then in-

\* A very intelligent brother, who got from Moore the degrees for nothing, informed me, since the above was written, that Moore issued printed circulars to all the Masters and Wardens of Lodges, offering them the degrees for five dollars, and it was arranged that they should come to Boston in batches of about two or three hundred for each night when the concern met, and my informant went through the mill in company with about three hundred of these personages.

dalged. In 1864 Bro. Gardner wrote that brief history of the A. and A. Rite, and I have no doubt that he *negotiated* Count de St. Laurent upon heresay evidence, probably given to him by Moore, of which, for reasons already given, I do not believe a word. The excitement caused amongst Masons in those days is indescribable. Old friendships were severed; Lodges, Chapters, &c. were divided into factions of "Buzzards" and "Pelicans," for so they styled each other; the animosities ran so high that some began to talk of constituting another Grand Lodge in Massachusetts. This would have had no effect upon Moore, for with him it was either rule or ruin; but there were ugly difficulties which stared in the faces of other leading men.

Briefly, then, I may state that the Boston Temple was destroyed by fire in 1863. The wisacres who then ruled the Grand Lodge computed the cost of the erection of a temple at, say 350,000 dollars, but when, in 1865-6, the temple was approaching completion, it was discovered that it would cost about double that amount. A number of the wealthy members had already advanced large sums of money, or endorsed the notes of the Grand Lodge. With a united Grand Lodge, it was barely possible to bridge the gap over; but with a disunited jurisdiction the Grand Lodge would have been bankrupt after the first six months' interest was due. To save the Grand Lodge and the parties interested from ruin, a union between the "Buzzards and Pelicans" began to be seriously entertained. The result was, a union was effected, in 1867, when each party declared the opposite party to have always been genuine *simon pures*, and the saints of both parties were alike placed in holy niches as holy saints of the Northern Jurisdiction of the A. and A. Rite of North America, all which was wound up with a jolly feast, and any amount of hand-shaking and embracing—all were happy, save and except Bro. Moore, who lost his friends, his prestige, and finally lost his position as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

After that peace one would naturally suppose that a Supreme Council of Cerneanites would never again exist in America. But such is not the case. We have now no less than three Cernean Supreme Councils in New York, besides the one which adheres to the Union of 1867, and these continue to hurl against each other the old orthodox A. and A. Billingsgate vocabulary. One of these bodies invaded the jurisdiction of Bro. Carson (Ohio), and our good brother denounced them as "infernal Masonic Buzzards." I suppose that is all right; but I want to know why the others have not equal right to denounce Bro. Carson's faction as "infernal Masonic Buzzards?" And another of the Cerneanite Councils established, last March, a Consistory in Boston, consisting of from seventy-five to one hundred members. Besides these, about two years ago the Memphis Rite was introduced into Boston, and one hundred and ten members at once joined it. The price was ten dollars, and for that sum the recipient got three times as many grandiloquent titles as the poor A. and A. Rite can confer. This was getting too hot for Northern jurisdiction dignitaries, and consequently they bethought themselves of the necessity of some reform. Now, no man can successfully elevate the intellectual or moral standard of society unless he is endowed with three qualifications. 1st, He must be a man of reason and ability. 2nd, He must be a man of sincere and good conscience, and 3rd, He must be endowed with moral courage. If a man falls short of either of these three requisites he may not do harm; but he never can accomplish any good. If, then, the G.L. of Massachusetts had had a man at its head fully endowed with the necessary qualifications, he would, if the disease had not become too deeply rooted, recommend to the G.L. to follow the example of the G.L. of Hamburg, viz., to pass a law to expel every Mason who belongs to any of the so-called Masonic bodies higher than the M.M. degree. But if the disease had become too deeply rooted, then he might assemble the grandees of those bodies, and thus frankly address them:—

"Brethren,—The aim of the founders of our modern or speculative Masonry was to make the Lodge a centre of union for all good and true men 'be their religion what it may,' (providing they believe in the G.A.O.T.U.) Your so-called Masonry is, however, based upon sectarian creeds, which are directly antagonistic to the original idea of the founders. Your Masonry is therefore really and truly nothing more nor less than *anti-Masonry*.

Second. Some of you claim that Frederick the Great absolved you from your obligations of fealty to your Grand Lodge. But who furnished Frederick with the power of absolving you from your oaths of obedience to this Grand Lodge? Was Frederick a God, a prophet, or a Pope? or do you believe that he was authorised by the powers above to do so? But that is not all; are you not aware that the whole story of Frederick's charter was the invention of some Charleston high degree charlatans?

Third. Is there in existence a body of sane men (save and except professional stage actors) who would lay claim to such ridiculous titles as Sir Knights, Princes, Emperors, Thrice Illustriouses," &c., &c. Now, pray, what made you so very *illustrious*? have you distinguished yourselves in arts, science, letters, statemanship, generalship? or have you descended from a long line of illustrious ancestors who have improved the moral, social, or political condition of mankind? Your grandiloquent title has not only made you a laughing stock to the outer world, but it reflects discredit upon the intelligence of the whole fraternity.

And fourth. If in spite of reason and remonstrance, you are still determined to continue making fools of yourselves, do so to your hearts content; but you must not hold your meetings in Masonic temples; you must not decorate yourselves with your jewellery when you are in a Masonic Lodge; you must not spread over the covers of Masonic publications your emblems, nor fill its pages with your rubbish; and above all, you must not style yourselves "Masonic Bodies."

Such an address from a Grand Master might have served to redeem some of the high graders from their folly, and might have prevented others from joining it. But, unfortunately, Massachusetts never had a Grand Master who either could, would, or dared talk common sense upon the subject of high degreedom. Indeed, I have reason to believe that from the time additional degrees began to be introduced here,

Grand Masters took to them as naturally as ducklings take to water, and I know that, at least for the last fifty years, no one could be G.M., G.W., or receive the appointment of D.G.M., who could not sport a cocked hat in a public procession; and since the mania for the A. and A. Rite set in, I doubt whether a man could receive any office in the Grand Lodge unless he was at least a thirty-second. How then could a Massachusetts Grand Master talk common sense upon the high degrees, when he wallowed (either willingly or unwillingly) in the same mire with the rest. But something had to be done to stop the new rivals to high degreedom. So they adopted an amendment to the Constitution, which simply amounted to this. Masons under this jurisdiction may join and belong to Masonic humbuggery No. 1, No. 2, and so on, up to a certain number; but if they should join Masonic humbuggeries beyond that number they are liable to expulsion, &c. Be it farther remembered, that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is not empowered by its constitution to control more than the first three degrees. Some of its members, such as Wardens of country Lodges, have probably never taken either the degrees of the Memphis Rite or the Scotch Rite, and are utterly ignorant of the history, merits, or demerits of either of the rival Scotch Rites, and these were called upon to vote which of those factions were legitimate, and which were illegitimate.

But in spite of the amendment to the Constitution the Memphisites held a Convention this month in Boston, consisting of sixty delegates from various States of the Union. Among the delegates were two clergymen, whom they elected Officers for the United States, and the Cerneanites had also advertised to hold a Session in Boston. What the result will be of all this grasping remains to be seen.

The fact is, high degreedom rules the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as much as if it was a creature of the A. and A. Rite; or, in other words, the high degrees play the fiddle and the Master Masons must dance in accordance with the fiddler's music. In glancing, therefore, back at the history of the high grades (so-called) in America, I can see any number of ills they have inflicted on Craft Masonry, but I cannot point out a solitary particle of good they have ever done or are ever likely to do.

## FRATERNITY.

### FROM THE KEYSTONE.

What though the crowds who shout the word,  
Pervert the meaning it should bear,  
And feel their hearts with hatred stirr'd,  
E'en while their plaudits load the air;—  
Yet shall not we, thou mighty THOUGHT,  
Despair thy triumph yet to see,  
Or doubt the good that shall be wrought  
In thy great name, FRATERNITY.

By prophets told, by psalmists sung,  
Preach'd on the Mount by lips sublime,  
The theme of every sage's tongue  
For twice a thousand years of time;  
What happy progress hast thou made?  
What bliss to man has flow'd from thee?  
What war and bloodshed hast thou stay'd?  
What peace affirm'd, FRATERNITY.

Alas! the years have fail'd to teach  
The obvious lesson to mankind,  
A myriad preachers fail'd to preach  
Conviction to the deaf and blind.  
Still do we rush to furious war,  
Still to the slayer bend the knee,  
And still, most Christian as we are,  
Forget thy name, FRATERNITY?

And shall we, cramm'd with mutual hates,  
Despise our neighbour for a flaw?  
And sneer, because he promulgates,  
Before he understands, thy law?  
No! let us hail the word of might,  
Breathed by a nation of the free;—  
Thy recognition is a light—  
Thy name a faith, FRATERNITY.

The preacher may belie his creed,  
But still the truth preserves its flame;  
The sage may do a foolish deed,  
Yet wisdom shares not in the shame.  
Be scorning hushed—be cavil dumb—  
Whatever ills the world may see,  
We'll look for blessings yet to come  
In thy great name, FRATERNITY.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed at the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green (near Champion Hill Station), by Bro. James Terry Prov. S.G. Warden Norths and Hunts, P. Prov. Junior Warden Herts, P.M. 228 1278 1366, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Thursday, 26th October. Lodge will be opened at 6.15 for 7 precisely. Brethren to appear in full Craft clothing.



## A VISIT TO THE WEST END.

NOW that the season has fairly set in, and the brethren of our various Lodges have settled down, like veterans, to the work of the campaign, it may not be uninteresting to give a passing allusion to some of the resorts unto which the members of the mystic tie repair, either for labour or refreshment, in various districts of the metropolis. There are some which are known as the "homes" almost of certain Lodges, where, year after year, the same faces and the same fraternal greetings are to be met with, the only changes being when initiates are brought within the pale of the Craft, to supply the ranks of those who, from a variety of causes, have "fallen out." We are prompted to this introductory notice, of which we may hope to give more before the season closes, by agreeable recollections of hearty Lodge, Chapter and Rose Croix assemblies we have attended at Limmer's Hotel, in George-street, Hanover-square, over which Bro. T. Benskin presides so amiably and with such business-like tact and ability. We have been there, and still would go, when the Masonic pen was silent; in a professional sense, but when the Grand old hall resounded with the clank of arms, and royalty has deigned to preside over festivities, surrounded by all the glorious "pomp and circumstance" of military merry making. We remember the cordial interchange of sentiment between the regiments of Hussars and Lancers and Highlanders, the sturdy cheers of the Black Watch, and the equally happy gatherings of the Fusiliers and Infantry, which have made the walls of Limmer's ring during the past season, and before our troubles in Egypt began; whilst many a more subdued, though equally pleasant *r  union*, has been witnessed in this luxurious West-end establishment which will live in the memories of the Royal Military College, the Marlborough, Cornish, Phoenix, Oxford, Falstaff, and other clubs—the Royal Institute of British Architects (over whom our esteemed Bro. Horace Jones, City Architect, so well presided), of the Royal Military College, the Army Pay Department, the Defence of Lucknow Presidency, and the Household Brigade Cricket Club, and many other associations, who, when their work was ended for the time, have assembled here and found a place to spend a happy evening. The fame of all these gatherings has gone abroad, and we understand that more than one of our West-end Lodges have thought of making Limmer's more than an occasional house of call. The Bayard Lodge has tested the capacities of this luxurious establishment, and Rose Croix Chapters have there also found their needs administered in truly Masonic fashion by Bro. Benskin, and his able staff of assistants. Nor do we know of a more central and suitable trysting place for the many brethren who dwell in this aristocratic quarter. As many of our readers are aware, the hotel occupies a bold and commanding position, at the corner of George-street, Hanover-square and Conduit-street, and presents at once a warm, dry and luxurious aspect. On entering the hall the visitor is struck by the massive and elegant surroundings, with its ornamented foliage, plants and exotics, tastefully displayed within the alcoves and around the pillars supporting the roof, whilst immediately on the right are the offices, flanked by a neatly and comfortably furnished smoking-room, which bears the aspect of simple luxury and ease. Around the tables are seats and lounges of the most approved pattern, whilst the best magazines, periodicals and papers of the day are in abundant supply, with the addition of books for reference on all matters interesting to visitors. Opening from the corridor is the banquet-hall, a spacious and magnificent apartment, capable of seating comfortably 150 guests at dinner. Corresponding with the hall, the roof is supported by pillars, the ceiling is richly and chastely embellished, the light being furnished in the daytime by an elaborately decorated dome, and in the evening by massive gaseliers, fitted with the most approved appliances, while all the necessary apparatus for ventilation and a free current of air through the saloon have been carefully studied. The walls are beautifully decorated, and in keeping with the rest of the fittings, and the *coup d  il*, when the hall is brilliantly lighted, suggests the acme of luxuriance and elegance. Adjoining are all the requisite offices and lavatories. The plan adopted by Bro. Benskin has evidently been the outcome of large experience in the all-important matters of comfort and convenience. Proceeding over the tessellated pavement to the broad open staircase, the visitor is conducted to the general coffee-room, which overlooks Conduit-street and its approaches, the bay windows being filled with choice plants, which give to them a cool and refreshing aspect. The room itself is lofty and well decorated, the ceiling being embellished with figure-work of a light and elegant design. The tables are placed *   la Russe*, and are adorned with vases and epergnes of flowers and ferns, whilst pictures and mirrors add to the completeness and comfort of the apartment. On this floor are other private sitting-rooms, all admirably appointed, and presenting a homely appearance, combined with every accessible comfort, with pianos and lounges *en suite*. Ascending to the second floor, another suite of rooms, which communicate with each other, forms a most admirable and unique arrangement for such purposes as the Craft require, and which we expect soon to see more extensively utilised in that way. On this floor are also the well-appointed bed-rooms and retiring-rooms, with baths, lavatories and other conveniences, of the most modern style, while above these again are other suites of apartments, in unison with the general interior economy of this admirably-designed and well-conducted hotel. There are electric bells all over the house, so as to reduce the labour of the servants to a minimum, and prevent delays that are often vexatious, whilst by means of telephones communication can be readily secured with any part of the City. It is no matter for surprise that, in a locality so proverbially matrimonial, wedding parties should frequently be given at Limmer's, and many have been the nuptial rejoicings there during the past season. When so many Lodges are casting about for a suitable meeting place in which to spend their hours of work and recreation, it would be well to pay a visit to Bro. Benskin, whose courtesy and urbanity are so well known, and we anticipate that in the session which has just opened, the

voice of Masonry will be even more frequently heard here than in the past. We cannot conclude without congratulating Bro. Benskin upon the vast improvements he has effected since his occupancy, which has extended over the last eighteen months, and it will be the universal verdict of all who visit Limmer's, that it now forms one of the most *r  cherch  * and admirably-appointed hotels at the West-end.

## REVIEWS.

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*The Phynodderree, and other Legends of the Isle of Man.* By EDWARD CARLOW. London: J. Dean and Son, Fleet-street, E.C.

FEW but Manxmen would comprehend at first sight the meaning of this strange-sounding title, nor by any stretch of the imagination could the ordinary reader attach a fairy-like interpretation to it. But it is in the nature of young people to be enquiring, and they will only have to turn the leaves of this pretty volume to find such a charming banquet of fairy love as they little anticipated. With a charming touch of tenderness, the author dedicates his work "to the dear fairies of my own home, Sarah Frances, Frances Elizabeth, and Alice Mary, presumably his daughters; and he has evidently laid himself out to entertain as well as to instruct the youthful mind. There are, however, chapters which appeal to the more matured sense and taste, and the style and diction is such as at once commends itself to thoughtful and intelligent minds. In many parts of the kingdom it is well known that there exists—we will not call it superstition—a certain vague belief in fairies, or elfins, or pixies; we may call them what we please, but their antics and orgies are handed down from generation to generation, until they become surrounded with a sort of fanciful mystery which is essentially hereditary. Our author assures us that this proclivity is nowhere more predominant, or retains a greater hold than upon the people of the Isle of Man; and in the volume before us he produces much that is, to a majority of readers, quaint and original, mixed up with information of the deepest interest concerning the beautiful little island, "somewhere in the Irish Sea." It appears that the cat minus its tail is not the only wonderful phenomenon peculiar to the Isle of Man; for the legends and tales related by its denizens vie almost with those of the Arabian Nights in their poetry, humour and intricacy. We are assured that those who care to inquire into the habits and customs of the Manx cottagers will see much that will reward their curiosity; and it is not by merely casually visiting this island, on a summer holiday, and keeping in the beaten track of sightseers, that any perfect idea of these manners and customs will be obtained. We must branch off to the high road, and out of the recesses of mountain districts to glean these weird stories which hover about the hearth of the humbler and uneducated classes—legends that have been handed down from father to son for generations, and which will never be effaced, no matter how rapid the march of education and refinement. To rescue these from oblivion has been the special forte and fancy of the author of this work, and he certainly has succeeded in collecting a great number, and presenting them to his readers in the most agreeable and entertaining fashion. No doubt the perusal of these tales will reward the aim of the writer by inducing many to become personally acquainted with the scenes so cleverly depicted, and to learn more for themselves of the habits of that thoroughly industrious race who dwell mid ocean, off our north-western coasts. The tale of fairy love which opens the volume, and the others which follow—"Tom Kewley and the Lannanshee; or the fairy cup of Kirk Mallow;" "King Olive the Second and the Great Sword Macabnin;" and "The Buggane's Vow—a Legend of St. Trinion's Church," are all replete, with that charming simplicity of style and piquancy of incident which must arrest and rivet the attention, especially of young readers, and enable them to wile away many a pleasant hour, in wholesome relaxation, during the long winter evenings which are now so rapidly coming upon us. We will not spoil the appetites of our little friends—and the children of larger growth, too, for that matter—by even shadowing forth a hint as to the plots revealed in these quaint stories and reminiscences, handed down through long-forgotten days; but need simply say that they abound with interest and entertainment, and, whether in the drawing-room or the nursery, they will form matter for a vast amount of pleasant occupation. The book is beautifully got-up, and embellished in a style for which this eminent publishing firm is noted; and it will form an ornament on the library or drawing-room table. We heartily commend this handsome volume, so full of entertaining matter, simply though forcibly written, to the attention of parents who aim at placing within the reach of their children really pure and entertaining matter, without any admixture of the pernicious stuff contained in many modern "fairy books," and wish for the author as great success in the matter of circulation as he has achieved in his admirable compilation.

Bro. Seymour Smith announces that his annual benefit concert will take place at the South Place Institute, South-place, Moorgate-street, E.C., two minutes walk from Moorgate-street, Broad-street, and Liverpool-street Railway Stations. On the occasion he will be assisted by Mdme. Worrell, Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Helen Heath, Miss Meta Russell (pupil of Bro. Seymour Smith), and Mdme. Raymond; Bros. Lester, Arthur Thompson, C. A. White, G. T. Carter, and Chaplin Henry. Amongst the instrumentalists will be Mdme. Harry Brett, Miss Evelyn Seymour Smith (pupil of Mdme. Harry Brett), and Mr. Michael Watson, pianoforte; concertina, Mr. Richard Blugrove; cornet, Mr. W. Morrow. Tickets may be procured of Bro. Seymour Smith, 153 Gordon-road, Nunhead. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Commence at 7.30.

## MASONRY AND RELIGION.

FROM THE MASONIC REVIEW.

WHEN brethren here and there say that Freemasonry is their Religion, they speak both better and worse than they know. It is a phrase we often hear—"Masonry is a good enough religion for me." There is no truth in the statement at all, unless the brother making it gives evidence in his daily life and conversation that Freemasonry is doing as much for him in the directions of social, moral and religious culture as the average Church of to-day can do. Now whether the Church of to-day would make him a better man or not, is not the question we are discussing; but the question is, does the brother's Freemasonry make him a better man, and cultivate in him the elements of the true and good man, the social virtues, and the religious character and life? If not, then, first, he has no right of ground or reason to say that Freemasonry is a good enough religion for him; and, second, he does not know what Freemasonry is in its deeper and richer meanings, and in its persuasive power over the hearts and lives of those who seek its interpretations, and love its lessons. For if a man will not keep his vows to the Lodge, the Chapter, the Commandery, and the grades of the Scottish Rite, he will not keep his vows to the Church, though St. Paul himself, or even an angel from heaven, were the preacher. It is distinctly understood that we are drawing no comparison at all between Freemasonry and the Church—between Freemasons and Church members. Still, it is true that an unworthy church member is as far from the kingdom of heaven as is an unworthy Masonic brother, and no man has any more right to say that the Church is a good enough religion for him, when he neglects his religious vows of faith and love, than a Masonic brother has to say that the Lodge is a good enough religion for him when he fails to fulfil, and even to recognise, his solemn vows and covenants to be a true man in his relations to himself, to his family, to his country, and to his God. They are equally unworthy, and fall far short of the blessed inheritance of love and eternal life! A man is saved, not by being in either, but by the discharge of his covenant obligations, and fulfilling his manhood duty, that duty, in any place, rising as high as heaven and leading to its golden gates.

Our Jewish brethren are naturally drawn to the grades of Masonry, and to its obligations and vows, because of the relation which the Institution bears to their history and people, to their city, their Temple and their God. Still, these brethren, as we all know, do not accept the Christian teaching of the God-head of Jesus of Nazareth. They worship the One, Ever living and True God, as they claim, and we have no right to doubt their sincerity in this worship, or dispute their right thus to worship. Indeed, it is a question among theologians and Christian teachers if the Jews who do not accept the Messiahship of Jesus, and still sincerely worship the Ever-living and True God, are to be punished hereafter because they do not accept Jesus as very God. In the same category with them, in this connection, we name Longfellow, Emerson, Holmes and others. And yet many of these Jews have passed into the higher grades of Masonry, where the Christian idea illumines and interprets the lower grades, and they have accepted, in their own sincere and serious interpretations, the profound, touching, inspiring, glowing lessons, emblems and spiritual power of Rose Croix! If ever Christian history, truth, principle and doctrine were preached any where, they have been preached, and avowed, in a Chapter of Rose Croix, and in a Commandery of Knights Templar. And it was only the most natural and fitting thing in the world, when an eminent man and Christian of this community was receiving the Order of Christian Knighthood, that he should break the solemn silence of the Asylum, and interrupt the lesson of the Eminent Commander, by speaking out—"Glory to God! Hallelujah! Bless His holy name!"

Now, my brother, whether Freemasonry is a good enough religion for you or not depends altogether upon what use you make of it. You have no right to say it, unless you exemplify the principles you have professed, and perform the vows you have made. As we said before, the Church, in any form or power of it, could not save you, or be a good enough religion for you, if you were indifferent to your profession, and neglectful of your vows. You might worship in St. Peter's at Rome, or in St. Paul's in London, in cathedral, chapel, or crypt, in temple of Moslem Buddha, or Brahma, but you would not have the faintest experience of a good enough religion only as you performed your duties, fulfilled your vows, and cultivated the spiritual virtues you formally and solemnly avowed. Nor can the Lodge, by any means, nor the Institution, in its solemn Christian Order, be a good enough religion for you, if you neglect her ways of Zion, her paths of righteousness, her vows of fidelity, and her binding covenants of truth, loving kindness, and religion.

The only "good enough" religion for you, my brother, is that which teaches and inspires you to "love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbour as thyself." On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. "This do, and thou shalt live."

The definition of Religion by St. James is worthy of meditation: "Pure Religion, and undefiled before God and the Father, is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." And St. James himself comments upon his own words when he says: "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled, notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful for the body, what doth it profit?"

And St. John the Evangelist, one of the Patron Saints of our Order, says: "But whosoever hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Now, my dear brother, your Freemasonry teaches you to do these

things, and you are under solemn obligation to perform them. If you fail to observe and to do these things, you are not a Mason, and if you will neglect your vows as a member of the Lodge, and perform them not, unto men and before God, you will be neglectful, unruly, disobedient and unfaithful toward any vows you may take anywhere else. In such case, there is nothing named under heaven that will be "a good enough religion" for you!

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 9th inst., at 7 o'clock, at Bro. McDiarmid's, Cambria Tavern, Loughborough Junction. Present—Bros. Stacey W.M., Larchin S.W., Tate J.W., McKinley Sec., Martin S.D., Eidman J.D., Fox I.G., Johnson Preceptor. The Fifteen Sections were admirably worked by the members of the Lodge, as under: First Lecture—Bros. Jones, Martin, Webb, Johnson, Harding, Brown, Tate. Second Lecture—Bros. Snelling, Abell, Fox, Larchin, Gush. Third Lecture—Bros. Stacey, Gush, McKinley. The following brethren were elected members:—Long 1541, Whitlock 1158, Templeman 1339, Dane 1158, Eagle 1901, Tallant 1901, Sarjeant 1765. There were fifty-two brethren present. A vote of thanks was accorded to the members of the Lodge who had so kindly assisted in working the sections. Bro. Stacey was elected an hon. member. Bro. Stacey thanked the brethren for the vote, and for electing him an hon. member. If he had done anything for the welfare of the Lodge, he was amply repaid by the kind wishes of so large a number of brethren. He hoped he should have the pleasure of meeting them on many future occasions. The S.W. and J.W. responded in the same strain. The J.W. said he had never been at a working of the sections where the brethren had been so quiet and attentive. This was a proof that their endeavours had been appreciated. It was announced that the ceremonies of consecration and installation would be rehearsed at the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, near Champion Hill Station, by Bro. James Terry Prov. S.G. Warden Norths and Hunts, P. Prov. J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Thursday, 26th October 1882. Lodge will be opened at 6.45 for 7 precisely. Brethren to appear in full Craft clothing.

**United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.**—At the meeting, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 6th inst., Bro. J. B. Sarjeant presided as W.M. His Officers were:—Bros. J. N. Bate S.W., R. Poore J.W., A. J. Styles S.D., H. Stokes J.D., J. W. Hartley I.G. There were also present Bros. John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, M. E. Stokes, J. S. Eidmans, R. W. Pooler, &c. The Lodge was in the first degree during the evening, and the work comprised the rehearsal of ceremony and the charge, the working of the first and second sections, calling off, entry drill, and calling on. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. Sarjeant for his services for the first time in the chair of K.S., and the manner of his work fully justified the encomiums he received. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the Lodge will be in F.C., and the ceremony will be rehearsed, and the charge and sections of that degree will be worked in full. Bro. Hartley was elected a member, and Lodge was then closed in harmony.

**Amherst Lodge, No. 1223.**—This Lodge held its last meeting of the present session on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, Kent. Present—Bros. J. Smalman Smith W.M., Thomas J. Baker S.W., Harry Lemon Hall J.W., Joseph H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, Richard Dartwell P.M. Treasurer, Charles Edward Birch S.D., Rufus Stevenson J.D., Edwin S. Strange M.C., Frederick J. Crowest Organist, William Sparrowhawk Steward, Charles J. Craig I.G., William South Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. A. W. Duret and Charles J. Dodd. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. John Watkins was raised, and Mr. Alfred Walter Bowie was initiated as a serving brother. A banquet was afterwards partaken of, the W.M. presiding. The table was excellently well supplied, and the after music first class, under the direction of Bro. F. Crowest. Lodge adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on the first Saturday in April 1883.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 7th inst., Bros. Galer W.M., Wolf S.W., Giller J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Parkes S.D., Gush J.D., A. M. Marks I.G.; also Bros. I. P. Cohen, C. K. Killick jun., Houghton, Von Holtorp, W. Williams, Carr, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Von Holtorp acting as candidate. The W.M. then gave the charge of the degree, in a very impressive manner. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and from refreshment to labour. Bro. Cohen worked the fourth and fifth sections, assisted by the brethren, and the sixth by Bro. Gush. Bro. Wolf was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Galer W.M., for the able and efficient manner he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. After which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Bro. C. K. Killick W.M. Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1530, will read a lecture, by Dr. Oliver, on Ancient Masonic Rituals, at this Lodge of Instruction this (Saturday) evening, when the attendance of brethren is respectfully requested.

## MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE, No. 1489.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday evening, the 6th inst., at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, when there was a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors. In the unavoidable absence of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. James Glaskin, the chair was occupied by Bro. Wm. Stephens P.P.G.D. of C. Middlesex, Wor. Master elect, who was supported by Bros. H. Smout S.W., A. J. Stanton J.W., J. E. Halford P.M. Treasurer, E. W. George P.M. Secretary, Wm. Gray S.D., John Tovell J.D., F. R. Hawthorn I.G., J. J. Marsh Tyler; T. E. Jessett P.M.; also Bros. Edwin Blunt, E. H. Fisher, J. Glover, H. Patient, W. Matthews, G. J. Glover, A. J. Rousseau, J. Haynes, J. H. Patient, H. G. Buss G.A.S. Visitors—Bros. W. J. Marlis P.M. 1612, James Bartle S.D. 1612, G. Tidcombe jun. P.M. 1519 P.D.C. Middlesex, H. Massey W.M. 1928, S. Parkhouse P.M. 1642, J. Terry P.M. 228, Charles Smith 1489, E. M. Lander P.M. 1642, J. D. Adkins P.M. 990, J. Garrod P.M. 754, G. R. Soper P.M. 1365, H. Taylor 1612, T. Mayes W.M. 1897, M. Hart 1816, Rev. C. Darby Reade W.M. 1642, S. Smont I.P.M. 1642, J. Fisher 733, &c. Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities. The first degree was conferred on Mr. F. T. Twining, M.B., Bro. Stephens occupying the chair. At the conclusion of the ceremony Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Stephens was duly installed into the chair of the Lodge as Master for the year. Bro. Terry acted as Installing Master on this the second time that Bro. Stephens has been placed in the first position in this Lodge, he having been installed as first Master on the consecration of the Lodge by the late Bro. J. Hervey, in 1874. Bro. Stephens next appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. J. Tovell S.W., W. Gray J.W., J. E. Walford P.M. Treas., G. J. Glover Sec., F. A. Hawthorn S.D., E. George J.D., J. Hannay I.G., C. H. Fisher M.C., H. Patient Steward, W. Matthews Organist, and J. J. Marsh Tyler. The W.M. presented a new set of collars to the Lodge, and then proceeded to close it. Before doing so he proposed, and Bro. Walford Treas. seconded, that the rank of Honorary Membership should be conferred on Bros. Buss and Terry, in consideration of their services to the Lodge, both at its consecration and since. The vote was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Buss, in acknowledging it, said he distinctly remembered having been elected an honorary member of the Lodge on the occasion of its consecration, and had considered himself as such ever since. If, as the W.M. had said, the minutes contained no notice of it, the Secretary for the time being had omitted part of his work. Bro. Terry also replied, and acknowledged a special vote of thanks passed to him for having acted as Installing Master for that day. A banquet followed, after which the usual toasts were given.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.**—The first assembly after the summer recess of the members of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 11th instant, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement, when the following brethren were present:—Wooding W.M., T. J. Tyer J.W. and S.W. pro tem, A. G. Clements Secretary and J.W. pro tem, C. Veal P.M. S.D., J. Oxley J.D., Twinn I.G.; also Bros. J. McGrath I.P.M., J. W. Dawson P.M., W. H. Hayward P.M., Sommers, Loftus, Wise, Oppenheim, Haussmann, Carrociero, Flack, Crawley, Pipe, Green, Tarling, Barnes jun., and others. Visitor—Bro. G. H. Stephens West Smithfield Lodge 1623. Lodge opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting, and the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Alfred William Flack being present, and a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge advanced, and the candidate duly passed to the second degree, the ceremony being worked in a very impressive and interesting manner. Lodge having closed in the second degree, several propositions were taken for initiates, as well as for a joining member. A proposition was made by the S. Warden, seconded by Bro. Oxley (notwithstanding the tardiness in bringing it forward), that considering the great amount of trouble undertaken by Bro. C. Veal P.M. during his year of office, for the future welfare of this Lodge, in which special reference was made to his success in removing the Lodge from its old quarters, a testimonial engrossed on vellum should be prepared and presented to him. This was carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, Lodge closed and adjourned till 8th November ensuing. The brethren afterwards partook of refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—At the meeting held at the Institute, Ealing, W., on Tuesday last, there were present—Bros. J. Green W.M., Dyer S.W., Seward J.W., Millsom S.D., G. S. Wright J.D., H. E. Tacker Preceptor, J. Fryers I.G., A. Beasley P.M. Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary; also Bros. Danby, Sherman, Wills, Penny, Acworth and J. Owen. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Penny candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Danby candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Penny was elected a member. Bro. J. R. Furnée will be W.M. for the meeting on the 17th inst. Lodge was closed in due form.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday, the 12th inst., Comp. Sparrow occupied the chair of Z.; he was supported by Comps. Gregory and Gillard, who fulfilled the duties of Haggai and Joshua. Comp. Ferguson performed the duty of P.S., while Comp. Edmonds was S.N. On Thursday evening, 19th of October, the Principals and Officers of the Metropolitan Chapter will rehearse the ceremony of exaltation, by invitation from this Chapter of Instruction. Companions will please accept this notice.

## A MONUMENT TO MORGAN.

FROM THE ELMIRA SUNDAY TELEGRAM.

ON Wednesday, 13th September last, a monument, erected to the memory of Captain William Morgan, at Batavia, was unveiled. The exercises were under the auspices of the National Christian Association, and consisted of a hymn, composed for the occasion; prayers by President J. Blanchard, of the National Christian Association; presentation address on behalf of the monument Committee by Rev. Dr. McFall, of Boston; an address by Professor C. A. Blanchard, of Wheaton College, Ill.; a brief retrospective address by Judge Moss Taggart, of Batavia, who was personally acquainted with William Morgan for three years. Other survivors of the Morgan affair also made short addresses. The monument is nearly forty feet in height, and bears a statue of Captain Morgan seven feet six inches high. The cost of the monument—2,500 dols.—has been raised by subscription throughout the country. One of the inscriptions on the monument is this:

Sacred to the Memory of

WILLIAM MORGAN,

A native of Virginia, a Captain of the War of 1812,

A respectable Citizen of Batavia, and

A Martyr to Writing, Printing and Speaking the Truth.

He was abducted from near this spot in the year 1826,  
by Free Masons,

And Murdered for Revealing the Secrets of their Order.

Grand Recorder Robert Macoy, of New York, speaking about the erection of the monument, said: "Morgan was a blacksmith, living in Batavia. He was a thief, drunkard, and wife-beater. These facts were not known to the Lodge that made him a Mason until some time after he had joined the Order. As a Mason, he was an impostor, working his way among Masons by the grossest falsehoods. He employed the then Grand Lecturer, Blanchard Powers, to instruct him; he was thus enabled to play the character of a mercenary dependent upon Masonic charity. He took the degree of Royal Arch at Le Roy, and began immediately to prepare an 'exposition' of such of the esoteric Masonic matters as he could remember or would best serve his purpose. It became known to the Brotherhood that he was employed upon this shameful task, and they denounced him through the newspapers. On 12th September 1826 he was arrested upon a warrant, for theft and taken to Canandaigua. Four days later he was released and taken in a carriage to Fort Niagara, at the mouth of the river by that name, a distance of 115 miles. This journey was made with his own consent. He was confined in the fort a few days in a room formerly used as a powder magazine. There all traces of him disappear.

A body was found in the whirlpool below Niagara Falls, and it was said to be that of Morgan, but the identity was never established. The theory is absurd that Eli Bruce, and the men who assisted him would have publicly conveyed Morgan over one hundred miles to throw him over the Falls. There was an alarming excitement over the affair. Anti-Masonic associations were formed. They worked in the political campaign that fall and carried the state. Thurlow Weed was among the anti-Masonic politicians. He was informed that the body found was not that of Morgan."

"Never mind," was the reply; "it is a good enough Morgan body until the election is over."

"Sheriff Bruce and several others were arrested for the alleged abduction, and tried on the charge of murder. The trial created great excitement. Bruce narrowly escaped conviction. Men of unquestionable veracity testified that the only object of carrying off Morgan was to produce a separation between him and his publisher (Miller), and thereby prevent a publication of Morgan's books. Was Morgan killed? Morgan had neglected his family, had no property, was despised by the community, owed many debts, had a charge of larceny hanging over his head, and was only too glad to turn his back for ever upon his native place. The theory held by the best informed is that he was supplied with money by his abductors and passed over into Canada, the scene of former adventures in his career, where, amid a rough population, he met the end likely to befall a man whose pockets were sufficiently well lined to make him the victim of a highwayman. The suspicion that he was murdered by his abductors will never be entertained by a person who looks closely into the character of the men who took him upon that journey, and the train of circumstances connected with that unfortunate affair. It is possible that the whole truth may yet come out. I have just received a letter from Mr. Robert Morris, of La Grange, Oldham, county, Ky. It is dated from Batavia. Mr. Morris writes me that he has spent thirty years in trying to solve the Morgan mystery, and that he is now at Batavia trying to procure closing proof upon which to publish the result of his investigations."

**Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185.**—The first meeting for the season of this Chapter was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, Comp. Nathan Moss Z. presiding. There was also a good attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Ernest Isaacson, of Joppa Lodge, No. 188, was exalted to the Royal Arch degree, the whole ceremony being splendidly performed. After Companion Moss Z. had mentioned Col. Shadwell Clarke's circular bringing to the notice of the Order the Prince of Wales's scheme for the Royal College of Music, the Companions partook of an excellent banquet. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. T. C. Walls.

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## IS FREEMASONRY FLOURISHING?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday, in reference to one of the petitions a long discussion took place, not so much as to this special applicant, who was well known to a good many present, but as to the Lodge that presented him. This Lodge has contributed something under £300 in all to this Institution, and has received about £3 000 from it, and I learn is about sending up two more applicants. If there is not a case from this Lodge at the Board of Benevolence at every meeting it is looked upon as a wonder, and the same commercial speculation is being carried on in regard to both the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Permit me to throw out a note of warning, both to the Lodge and the members of Committee. "Let the galled jade wince, our withers are unwrung."

Yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF COMMITTEE.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION ON BOARD SHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Do pray set your face against the establishment of any more Lodges of Instruction (?)—no matter whether on the ocean or on terra firma. It is becoming a well-known axiom, that if you want "not to do it," you may attend the so-called Lodges of Instruction. What with Bro. A.'s version, and what with the hodge podge served up by those who pretend to be pupils of A. or of B., we are scarcely able to recognise our once sacred ritual.

Yours truly,

AN OLD MASON.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the St. James's Lodge of Instruction, on Monday evening, 30th October, at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. Bros. J. Davison P.M. 299 W.M., W. Martin S.D. 879 S.W., W. Beavis S.W. 879 J.W., J. Laurence Secretary. First Lecture—Bros. G. Emblin, J. Jackson, R. Tilling, J. Cox, J. Davis, C. W. Kent, H. J. Lardner. Second Lecture—Bros. James Perkins, G. Perkins, W. Pennyfather, W. Martin, Thomas McButt. Third Lecture—Bros. W. Beavis, Clark, James Hawkins. The Lodge will be opened at 7 precisely.

By the brethren of the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, at Morland's Hotel, Dean-street, Oxford-street, W., on Wednesday, 18th inst. Bros. J. W. Elvin I.G. 538 W.M., J. C. Smith W.S. 1744 S.W., W. J. Burgess P.M. 1472 J.W., J. Hurdell J.W. 1348 Preceptor. First Lecture—Bros. T. Smale, J. Lonsdale, T. W. Cooper, J. Skinner, E. Child, J. Hemming, J. Hurdell. Second Lecture—Bros. L. G. Langdon, W. J. Burgess, W. H. Richardson, J. C. Smith, F. Sillis. Third Lecture—Bros. G. A. Cundy, W. C. Smith, J. Edwards. At 7 precisely.

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To consider the following Notices of Motion based on Resolutions of the Special Committee appointed at the Quarterly General Court, holden on Monday, 10th April 1882.

1. "That the Days of Election in the Two (Boys' and Girls') Institutions remain unaltered, provided only—that when the Quarterly Courts for Election of Candidates shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed to the corresponding days in the ensuing weeks."

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To amend Rule 55 as follows:—

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No. 10 on the List—Hill, Reginald Augustus Lowder.

No. 43 on the List—Worthington, Walter Ralph (deceased).

N.B.—To the Candidates whose "Last Application" is noted on the Voting Papers, should be added:—

No. 21, Nicholas, Thomas Moreton { To be removed from the List, under Law  
No. 30, O'Doherty, Charles Patrick } 52, if unsuccessful at this Election.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'Clock at noon punctually.

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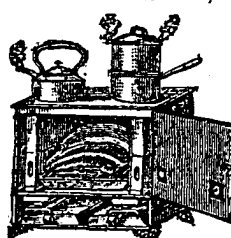
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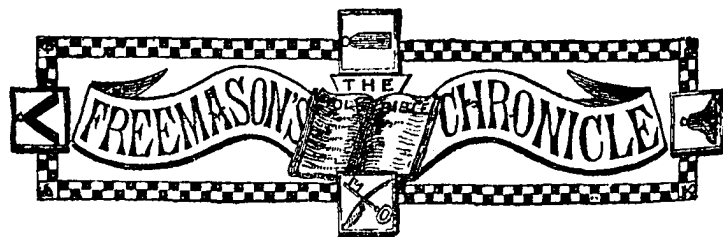
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### COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday, 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. (in the chair), Abner Torkington, Edgar Bowyer, A. J. Duff-Filer, John L. Mather, Arthur E. Gladwell, Don. M. Dewar, H. S. Goodall, Alfred Williams, H. Massey, G. P. Britten, C. H. Webb, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Fredk. Adlard, W. H. Saunders, George J. Palmer, George P.



Gillard, George Cooper, Edward Baxter, and F. Binckes (Secretary). On the recommendation of the House Committee, it was resolved to invest a further sum of £1,000. There were five petitions before the Committee, four of which, after examination, were passed, and the boys were placed on the list for the April election: the fifth was deferred. Outfits of £5 each were granted to four pupils of the Institution, and £15 to a fifth. The following Notices of Motion were given for the Quarterly Court next Monday:—

1. That the days of election in the two (Boys' and Girls') Institutions remain unaltered, provided only—that when the Quarterly Courts for the election of Candidates shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed to the corresponding days in the ensuing weeks.

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By Brother J. L. Mather, V.P.—To amend Rule 55, as follows:—

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Bro. W. H. Saunders moved a vote of congratulation to Bro. Binckes on his recovery from his recent severe illness, and stated that the Committee were pleased to see him back again in his place. The motion having been seconded by Bro. J. L. Mather, was put, and carried unanimously. Bro. Binckes acknowledged the vote, and said the Committee were not more pleased to see him back again than he was pleased to be back. However, if he took the advice of his medical attendant, he should have to be quiet for the next six months; but that would not mean a want of interest in the Institution. The Committee then adjourned.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, at four p.m., when there were present Bros. Raynham Stewart (in the chair), Tate, Cottebrune, Custance, Perceval, Woodford, Dilley, Gallant, Farnfield, Cass, Robbins, C. H. Webb, Goodall, W. Stephens, Moore, Godtschalk, Tattershall, Rawson, Daniels, W. Verry, H. Massey, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from General Brownrigg, C.B., accepting the President's chair for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival in February 1883; it was received with pleasure. The Secretary reported two deaths since the last meeting. The Report of the Audit Committee was read, received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Petitions were then read from two brothers, and one widow, which were accepted. All business being ended, the meeting was dissolved.

There is expected to be some contest on Saturday over the confirmation of a resolution come to at last Quarterly Court to preclude purchasing into the Masonic Girls' School a sister of any girl admitted by election, unless the vacancies exceed the number of candidates. Already no two sisters can be in the Institution at the same time by election. Some brethren think that so long as a girl can be purchased into the School she should be admitted, but the general opinion seems to be the other way. In the case of life presentations, that is, where an individual has already paid £500 on condition that he or she during his or her life should always have one child in the School, or where Provinces have paid the sum of £1,050 sterling for the same privilege, the original condition should hold good, but the understanding should be that future purchases will not include the sisters of inmates of the Institution. There is also to be a proposition brought forward on Saturday to present a donation of 35 guineas to the second assistant governess, who has obtained the appointment of head governess of the Dublin Female Orphan School. It is always considered ungallant to oppose anything in which a lady is interested, but it is to be hoped that the Craft as a body will bestir themselves in the matter of the increasing expenses of the Masonic Institutions. Donations to clerks and other employés, the increase of salaries in all directions, portraits of leading individuals, besides the sums of money given to children leaving the Schools, are now absorbing an amount that might profitably be employed in extending the benefits of the Charities.—*Evening News*.

St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, No. 1536.—At a meeting of this Chapter, held at the Guildhall Tavern, on the 3rd inst., Comp. George Gregory was installed into the chair of Z., but, owing to a recent family bereavement, was unable to preside at the usual banquet.

## PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge will shortly be summoned for the purpose of electing a gentleman to fill the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, which, as has already been announced, was relinquished at the last annual P.G. meeting by Bro. Mark E. Frost, who, after seventeen years' arduous service, finding that failing energies incapacitated him from carrying out the duties with that zeal which had hitherto characterised his Masonic career, desired to be relieved of his responsibility. No successor was appointed at the time, as revised bye-laws were being considered for the future government of the Province, and these in some measure affected the duties of the Officers. It is anticipated that a Portsmouth brother will again be elected to fill the post, it having been the custom for many years past (the Secretary being elected from the Southampton Lodges) that the Treasurer should be chosen at Portsmouth. Bro. Frost retires from his active Masonic duties with the good wishes of every Lodge in the Province, and the P.G. Master (W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P.) has personally expressed his regret at the termination of his long period of office, and thanks for his valuable assistance and counsel on many occasions. Bro. Frost has filled the chair in several of the local Lodges, and his first office in the Province was that of Grand Superintendent of Works. He was elected P.G. Treasurer at a special P.G. Lodge, held at Portsmouth, in 1865. At that time a sum of £100 was invested, and £262 was received by him from the representatives of his predecessor. The progress of Freemasonry in the Province is evidenced by the fact that at the present date the sum invested has been increased to £800, and a balance of £390 19s 4d in cash was handed over by Bro. Frost on relinquishing office. During the seventeen years, the sum of £1,834 13s has been disbursed in Charity, viz., £967 3s to individual Masons, or some members of their family requiring pecuniary assistance, and £867 10s to the three Institutions connected with the Craft. These donations to the Masonic Institutions have secured the following votes in perpetuity for the Province:—Boys' School, 105; Girls' School, 31; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 36. The current expenses have amounted to £766 11s in the seventeen years. It must have been a gratifying circumstance to Bro. Frost that, having received funds to the amount of £362 on acceding to office, he was enabled on retirement to hand over a larger amount, viz., £390 in cash, in addition to bonds for £800, invested principally in Colonial Government Securities.—*Portsmouth Times*.

## YE ANTIENTE FRATERNITIE OF YE RAHERE ALMONERS.

THE annual Festival of the above fraternity has, by special request of Bro. the Lord Mayor, been postponed till Monday, the 23rd inst., the 20th having been appointed by his Lordship, the Junior Grand Warden of England, for the entertainment of the Grand Officers and members of his Lodge, No. 1, at the Mansion House. The Rahere Festival promises to be a very unique affair. "Ye Lord Mayore offe ye Citie of London wille be in ye Chair atte VI offe ye clocke," and will be supported by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex (of whom Bro. Ald. De Keyser is one), and numerous members of the Court of Common Council. We are informed that during the banquet a boar's head will be introduced in ancient style of Stato and Old English Carol; and that much of the quaintness which characterised the Inauguration Festival of the Society last year, at the Crystal Palace, and contributed so much to its success, will be repeated at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 20th inst. The Rahere Almoners have, in the words of the Lord Mayor, "done good and useful work" during the past winter, and we cordially wish them that further support which a testimony of that kind from so influential a personage should certainly secure.

The Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden, will entertain his brother Grand Officers for the year, and the members of the Grand Master's Lodge No. 1, of which he is now Worshipful Master, and other Masonic guests, at the Mansion House on Friday, the 20th inst. Sir Francis W. Truscott gave a similar entertainment during his mayoralty, when he was Grand Junior Warden. On that occasion the Prince of Wales was the principal guest of the evening.—*Evening News*.

GILPIN'S "FOREST SCENERY."—Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston and Company, are about to publish a cheap edition of the illustrated re-issue of Gilpin's "Forest Scenery," edited, with notes bringing it up to date, by Mr. F. G. Heath, author of "Autumnal Leaves." It is a curious fact that the existence of the third Edition of "Forest Scenery," which was revised by Gilpin himself, and which forms the text of Mr. Heath's reprint, was unknown to Sir T. D. Lander, first Editor of this famous work, and there is no copy of it even in the British Museum.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AT WATERLOO HOUSE.—The extensive premises comprising nearly the whole of the quadrangle formed by Cockspur-street, Trafalgar-square, Pall Mall East, and the frontage directly looking down Pall Mall, and which have for so many years been known as Waterloo House, and in the occupation of Messrs. Halling, Pearce, and Stone, have just acquired a very successful installation of 16 Arc Electric Lights which have been furnished by the Metropolitan (Brush) Electric Light Company, the power generator being a 12 horse power (nominal) Otto gas engine.

## 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, 14th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 176—Clare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1278—Birdett Centre, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Ed. rd. Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon St. Hotel  
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
 1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1671—Mizrah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

## MONDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.  
 21—Fidelity, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 882—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 907—Royal Alliance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1475—Hyde Park, The Washhouse, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Peabury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tudor, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Tiverton  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Chelsea Hotel, U. bridge. (Instruction)  
 424—Pough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 627—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 823—Sutton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 931—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbach.  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.  
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1419—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.  
 K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.  
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

## TUESDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 177—Domestic, St. Andrew Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederic: William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 890—Dalhousie, Siste's Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1011—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1341—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1361—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)  
 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1420—Carl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
 1441—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Slington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Middelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park  
 1707—Eleanor, Trecadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
 217—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 334—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 418—Merbury, Mechanics' Institute, Manley.  
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 1006—Tregu'ov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
 1032—Calleader, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Angelsea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1127—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.  
 1473—Ecce 116 Berry-street, Bote, at 6. (Instruction)  
 1534—Conceal, George Hotel, Prestwich.  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.  
 R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.  
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

## WEDNESDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.  
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich  
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Cowdale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 538—Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St, at 8 (Inst.)  
 619—Falcon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 781—Marchant, Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 867—Vandalia, Red Lion, Pannin-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1321—Phlebotomic, Goat and Car, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1349—Flora  
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cubitt Town  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 R.A. 141—Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Peizance  
 175—Eusebia, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.  
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.  
 325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport  
 421—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
 531—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
 591—Duckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 594—Oxfordshire, Ma. G. Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
 816—Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Wandle, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 874—Tomesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tambridge Wells  
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
 1046—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Asen  
 1341—Brighouse, Masonic Rooms, Bradford-road, Brighouse  
 1347—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
 1631—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramshoton  
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

## THURSDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 179—Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 701—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 991—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 992—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood  
 1153—Southern Star, Phoenix, Staungate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Swan, John's Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1257—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, V.C.  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C., at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londeshorough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1723—Temple Bar, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 R.A. 217—Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederic: William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

- 12—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 13—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 313—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 315—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Gravelly Edge  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Hall-street, Leicester  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1012—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Castle George-street, Leeds  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Latham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Huddersfield  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralston Tavern, Plumstead  
 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts

## FRIDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, King's Bridge. (Instruction)  
 831—Raneagh, Six Bells, Hanover-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 19 A. Colindale-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, G. Wyndham, Richmond  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portland Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1154—Belgrave, Ermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1195—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
 1208—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1701—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 R.A. 70—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 132—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horse Hotel, Tipton  
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Brookland Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Colinger-street, Newcastle  
 993—Aleandra, Midway Hotel, Loughborough  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hotel, Leeds  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. General Charter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 827—Marquess of Rinon, Town Hall, Rinon  
 K.T.—De Farnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield  
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junction, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 Sinn Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel  
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
 1897—Cradel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE, No. 1900.

THE installation meeting of this new Lodge, which, since its consecration in July of last year, has achieved a success that not even the most sanguine of its well-wishers could have anticipated, took place on Wednesday, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields. There was a very large gathering of brethren, many present holding high rank in the Craft, amongst those who signed the attendance book were General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master Surrey; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, and Rev. C. W. Arnold D.G.M. Surrey, Grand Chaplains; A. H. Stevenson P.D.G.M. Canada, H. E. Prinsep District G.M. Bengal, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Sir J. B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Raphael Costa P.G.D., Peter de L. Long P.G.D., Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., J. M. P. Montagu D.P.G.M. Dorset, C. A. Cottebraune P.G.P., W. Clarke P.G.P., Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., T. W. Walford 771, Frederick Hunt 188, H. Massey P.M. 619, A. E. Gladwell P.M. 172, W. F. Larkin 209, S. M. Lazarus 53 P.P.G.W. Wilts, John Wilson P.M. 209, J. B. Docker P.M. 1687, Henry Perks I.G. 209, E. W. Shelton P.M. 1366, E. Letchworth P.M. 2, G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. East Lancashire, Howard Prov. Grand Secretary Dorset, B. Swallow P.G.D. Middlesex, E. Baxter P.M. 8, Lewis Bryett P.M. 1828, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, R. Barton W.M. 771, E. Farwig P.M. 180, C. Graham S.D. 894, Cavaliere Buzzagoli 1491, E. B. Cox 1563, H. W. Schartau 1519, E. Moss W.M. 1919, H. A. Dubois P.P.G.W. Middlesex, James Terry Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, J. E. Shand P.M. 1564, A. Nicols W.M. 1974, Edgar Bowyer P.P.G.W. Herts, J. Mason P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, George Read P.M. 511. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the Worshipful Master, Bro. William H. Festa (W.M. elect) S.W., F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls) J.W., J. D. Collier P.M. Secretary,

H. J. Capon S.D., H. Slyman J.D., W. H. Gardener I.G., W. H. Staff Organist, and B. Banks Tyler. The minutes of the last regular meeting in April, and of the Lodge of Emergency, held on the 20th of June, were read by the Secretary, and duly received confirmation. The report of the Audit Committee was next presented, and adopted. The members then proceeded to elect a Tyler, and Bro. Banks was chosen to fulfil the duties. The W.M. elect was presented by the acting Immediate Past Master, and Bros. Colonel Shadwell Clerke and Capt. N. G. Philips took the Wardens' chairs. The obligation having been administered, a Board of Installed Masters (about forty in number) was opened. On the readmission of the brethren below the degree of Installed Master, the new W.M. was saluted. The following brethren were then invested with their respective collars:—F. R. W. Hedges S.W., H. J. Capon J.W., W. H. Dean P.M. Treasurer, J. D. Collier P.M. Secretary, Hy. Slyman P.M. S.D., W. H. Gardener J.D., Samuel Brooks P.M. I.G., E. N. Doble M.C., W. H. Staff Org., C. M. Tate W.S., B. Banks Tyler. Bro. Festa was very happy in his choice of words; the remarks he made to each Officer showed that he had fully considered the responsibilities entailed on each one who undertook the duties of Lodge management. A most elegant Past Master's jewel, together with a Past Master's collar and silver jewel attached, was presented, in the name of the Lodge, to Bro. Dean. The following is the inscription:—

Presented by the  
MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE, No. 1900,  
to

W. Brother W. H. DEAN, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset,  
As a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the courteous and  
efficient manner in which he presided over them as  
first W.M. and Founder.  
Oct. 11th, 1882.

In making this presentation Bro. Festa assured Bro. Dean it afforded him intense personal gratification to hand him the Past Master's jewel. It had been unanimously voted by the brethren, for the able manner in which the first Master had conducted the business, as well as for the eminent services he had rendered to the Lodge. He (Bro. Festa) hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength that he might wear it for many years, to his own satisfaction, and to the honour of the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Dean in reply said, he scarcely knew how to find words to return thanks. He should at all times wear the jewel with pride and pleasure, and should ever feel gratification in knowing he was the first Master of the Montague Guest Lodge. The addresses were given in splendid style by Bro. Dean, who was heartily congratulated on the completion of his labours. A proposition for a candidate for initiation at the next meeting was handed in; several letters of regret at inability to attend were read,—notably from Bros. Montague Guest, Sir Francis Burdett, Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton, H. G. Buss, Wilhelm Ganz, Frederick Binckes, H. C. Levander, J. S. Eastes, J. L. Thomas, Alderman Knight (Lord Mayor Elect), Nicols, De La Coste, —and a communication from General Sir Henry Ponsonby, on behalf of the Queen, thanking the brethren for the vote of congratulation passed by the Lodge on Her Most Gracious Majesty's providential escape from assassination. This letter was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Shortly afterwards hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Gosden, the manager of the Hotel, and great credit is due to him for his exertions. On rising to propose the first toast Bro. Festa said, the toast was one he always felt was done most honour to by the fewer the words in which it is given. Therefore, without any further preface, he would propose the health of our Sovereign, Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of the Craft. After the National Anthem, the W.M. submitted that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. He felt convinced that in mentioning so august a name as that of our Supreme Ruler the toast would be received with that enthusiasm which it deserves. In speaking to the toast of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers of England Present and Past, the W.M. said, of the Pro Grand Master it was unnecessary for him to say much; the brethren knew how well his Lordship, in the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, discharges the official duties. His great ability and winning manners leave nothing to be desired from him. They also know the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, who is the embodiment of one of the hardest worked Masons in the country. He is the essence of what is desired in a gentleman, and is in every respect worthy of admiration. With respect to the other Grand Officers; we are honoured to-day with the company of several. General Brownrigg is deservedly popular in the Province over which he rules; he brings to bear the proper qualifications for a president, and this was notably instanced at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge. Brother Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary, was our Consecrating Officer, and we may take it he is satisfied with the way in which this Lodge has been conducted; this may be accepted by the fact that he is with us to-day. We also have many other distinguished Masons. Bro. Stevenson a Past G.M. of Canada, the Hon. Justice Prinsep D.G.M. Bengal, Captain Philips, the Revs. J. Studholme Brownrigg and C. W. Arnold, besides many others. With a list of such dimensions he knew he might commend the toast to their notice, and would call on General Brownrigg to respond. After a glee, General Brownrigg rose. He always thought the toast with which his name had been associated was a somewhat difficult one to say anything new upon. The Grand Officers were burdened with great responsibilities; this especially applied to those who held the permanent offices. They had, however, an influence which the Craft at large acknowledged, and the toast of their health was always warmly received. After a very happy allusion to the condition of the new Lodge, which he said might be expressed as having been just weaned from its first nourisher, with whom it had parted in a sound condition, General Brownrigg concluded,



with thanks to all for the way in which the toast had been received. Bro. Dean rose. It was his privilege to give the next toast. He did so with the greatest pleasure. Their W.M. was a most zealous efficient, and charitable Mason. The Lodge, since its commencement, had collected for the three Institutions a sum of nearly £500. Two-thirds of this had been realised by the efforts of Bro. Festa; this result would fully testify to his efficiency. With respect to his zeal, this was displayed fully by what he did when the members of the Lodge were endeavouring to obtain their warrant. If they were to be guided by what Bro. Festa had done towards the preliminary work, he (Bro. Dean) was assured the brethren could not have made better choice of a Master. He sincerely trusted their W.M. might have health and strength to carry on the work of the Lodge. In reply, Bro. Festa said, if he were to reduce into words all that his heart felt at the present moment, his speech would be of great length; yet if he attempted to condense all that he wished to say, it would be like one of those meat lozenges which, though it may contain the essence of one or two good mutton chops, is none the less disappointing. This much, however, he might venture to urge, that ever since he had been a member of this most honourable Order it had been his earnest endeavour to do his duty, and to practise, in their integrity, those virtues which have been laid down for our guidance. He need scarcely say that his experience in the past would be his guide for the future. He thanked Past Master Dean for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast; and the brethren, for the cordial manner in which they had received it. In proposing the health of the Visitors, the Worshipful Master said the members of the Lodge were gratified at seeing so many present. He had already referred to the Officers of Grand Lodge, and to speak of them in this connection, he should merely repeat what he had already advanced. We are proud to have them with us. We have also several distinguished brethren who hail from the Provinces, who we look upon as representatives of the Craft, and feel intensely flattered at their having come so far to visit this Lodge. The Metropolitan District may also be said to be ably represented. With the toast he would associate the name of Bro. A. A. Stevenson D.G.M. Canada. Bro. Stevenson in reply, said he did not desire that the brethren should accept him as a fair specimen of Canadian Masons, for this particular reason, which would commend itself to their judgment—he was sure that they had within that room two magnificent specimens of Canadian Masons, Bros. General Brownrigg and J. M. P. Montagu. Both these brethren were made in Canada; and he believed the brethren would admit that even the Grand Lodge of England owed something to that benighted country, inasmuch as it had given it two such useful members. Following the example which had been set of making short speeches, he would say he was exceedingly grateful for the courtesy and the kind and fraternal feeling which had been shown him during the past two or three days that he had been within this great city, and it had occurred to him that if he could only spare the time (and people who lived in such a great city believed the visitors from abroad could spare the time) he would experience the same hospitality that people going to America would experience. Now, his stay was a very limited one, but he had enjoyed himself thoroughly. It was a most fortunate thing for him to have met the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, through whom he had received great hospitality. He had experienced this at Golden-square, and now he had experienced it again in the Montague Guest Lodge. For such a young Lodge it was a marvel, and it had presented a most creditable spectacle that day. He had admired, as everybody else must have admired, the very efficient manner in which everything was done in the Lodge. He thought they had made a splendid selection in their choice of a W.M., who had exhibited great judgment in his choice of Officers. He should look with considerable interest upon the working of No. 1900. They had no such high number as that in Canada. The people there had more to do in clearing the forest, sowing the seed, and reaping the harvest, than in learning Freemasonry. Still there were parts here and there where Freemasonry was cultivated, and when England, Scotland and Ireland had learned that it was their duty to send people out there instead of to foreign nations, where the feeling was not always in favour of this country, he had no doubt they would be able in Canada to build it up, and on the same principles has had been witnessed that evening. He had enjoyed himself very much in the Lodge; he had enjoyed himself very much at the banquet table, and he had also very much enjoyed the music. After a few remarks on the programme, the distinguished brother said, the brethren must be cautious as to whom they admitted into the Order; number was not to be so much accounted as quality; and that if the privilege of the ballot box was not carefully exercised they might get inferior members into the Order, who would be found as destructive as one bad apple in a barrel of fruit. In proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, the W.M. pleaded his lack of knowledge of the English language as an excuse for not speaking all he could wish. He might however say, Bro. Dean had brought with him all the qualifications that could be desired in a Master, and the members of the Lodge would assent to the statement,—he had exercised those qualifications to their advantage. After acknowledging the compliment paid him, and thanking all for the reception they had given the toast, Brother Dean said the year just past had truly been spent in a labour of love for Freemasonry. The W.M. had been an enthusiastic co-worker with him, and each of the Founders had done his best. In fact, one and all had but one aim, and that was to unite in promoting each others happiness and comfort. It was essentially gratifying to know there had been no differences of opinion; all had striven for the common welfare. The progress made during the year had far exceeded his expectations; they had initiated eleven candidates, and had had several members join the Lodge. Personally he thanked all for the reception given the toast. In speaking of the Masonic Institutions the W.M. said that Charity is the fundamental object of Freemasonry. In bringing the consideration of this cardinal virtue forward, he would ask the brethren to examine it under two heads. First, to assist those in want;

the second, moral charity, which all of us at some time or other are called upon to practise. It was the second application he wished earnestly to urge upon the members of this Lodge, in order that they might continue to exercise it as hitherto they had done. This may be called the leading qualification of a true Freemason; it conduces to the promotion of that brotherly love which should at all times characterise us. In order, however, not to occupy too much time, he would leave to Bro. Terry the exemplification of the other feature referred to. After a song by Bro. De Lacy, Bro. Terry rose to reply. After thanking the W.M. for associating his name with the toast, Brother Terry announced that Brother Festa had munificently entertained the "Old Folks" at Croydon, on this the occasion of his Installation, and he had just received intimation that the inmates desired to pledge the Worshipful Master of the Montague Guest Lodge. Bro. Terry made reference to what this new Lodge had done, since its establishment, for the three Institutions, and availed himself of the opportunity to intimate that General Brownrigg, who was a guest that evening, had consented to preside at the next Anniversary Festival of the R.M.B.I., and suggested that it would be a compliment to him if the Lodge would appoint a Steward to represent it in February 1883. The next toast was the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. As the W.M. remarked earlier in the day, in Bro. Treasurer we have a good working Mason, who brings with him a knowledge which essentially qualifies him for the office to which he has been elected. In our Secretary, we have an indefatigable worker, who will be assiduous in his duties, and courteous to all. Bro. Dean, in reply, said he considered it a great honour to succeed, as Treasurer, so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Montague Guest. Bro. Collier also responded. At this stage of the proceedings the Worshipful Master asked permission to interpolate a toast; they had just been joined by Bro. Howard, Prov. Grand Secretary of Dorset, who though under pressing engagements had travelled a long distance to spend a short time with the Lodge. He felt assured the members would pay all honour to the toast. This compliment having been acknowledged, the W.M. said it was with no small amount of pleasure he found himself in a position to congratulate the Lodge on its staff of Officers. From the S.W. Bro. Hedges, down to the Assistant Wine Steward Bro. Tate, one and all are zealous workers in the Craft, and men any Master may be proud of. He trusted they would, with unabated energy, continue to give that earnest support so essential to the welfare of the Lodge. This, undoubtedly, had combined to the success of his predecessor. He called on the brethren present to give a warm reception to the toast, with which he coupled the name of Bro. Hedges, Senior Warden. This was gracefully, but briefly acknowledged by Bro. Hedges, and then the Tyler was summoned. The entire management of the evening was admirably carried out. Bro. Edwin Moss was entrusted with the conduct of the musical arrangements; he was ably assisted by Bros. Albert James, Herbert Schartau, and R. De Lacy.

**St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.**—This Lodge resumed its duties after the summer recess on Tuesday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. Usher Back W.M., W. E. Young S.W., F. J. Hentsch J.W., C. Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, A. Withers P.M. as S.D., H. Martin J.D., E. Thring I.G., C. F. Speight Tyler, P.M.'s W. Radcliffe, John Laver; Bros. Crapper, Burr, H. Green, &c. &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular, and an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read a letter he had received from Mr. Joseph Parsons, son of the late Bro. G. Parsons P.M., thanking the brethren, on behalf of himself and other members of his family, for the letter of condolence he had received from the Lodge, through the Secretary. This letter was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Pembroke, a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was advanced a step, and Bro. Aires was interrogated. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. W. Radcliffe P.M. took the chair, and raised Bro. Aires to the sublime degree. Lodge was resumed in the second, and Bro. Back passed Bro. Pembroke to the degree of Fellow Craft. Both ceremonies were carefully performed, Bro. Martin officiating as Organist, and thus adding materially to the impressiveness of the proceedings. Later on a candidate was proposed for initiation, the ballot to be taken at the next meeting. The Secretary announced that Mr. Bradley, who was ballotted for as a candidate in November last, but who met with a very serious accident about that time, which had incapacitated him from business pursuits, was happily recovering, and had just started for China in the steam ship Glenalvon. The members expressed their gratification at this intelligence, and then Lodge was closed.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 6th of October, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Becket W.M., Gedowski S.W., Sperring J.W., F. Botley S.D., Goss P.M. J.D., Maton I.G.; P.M.'s Andrews Preceptor, Blasby. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Botley candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. The votes for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys were voted to Bro. Botley. Lodge was closed and adjourned till Friday, 13th inst., at 8 p.m.

**Kilburn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1608,** met at the South Molton Hotel, South Molton-street, on Monday, the 9th inst., Bro. White P.M. of the Marylebone Lodge in the chair; Bros. Brander S.W., Blum W.M. Elect of the Zetland Lodge J.W., Walton S.D., Pearce J.D., Brooks I.G., Baker P.M. Preceptor, Latreille. The first and second ceremonies were rehearsed by the W.M. in a most efficient manner. It was resolved that the hour of meeting be altered from 7 to 8 o'clock.



**Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614.**—The brethren of the above flourishing and excellent working Lodge met for the first time since the vacation on Tuesday, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the presidency of Bros. Simeon Jacobs W.M., W. H. Gulliford P.M. 1017 S.W., G. Coleman J.W., E. Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, W. Bourne P.M. Secretary, J. Jacobs S.D., H. Kedgley J.D., Dixon I.G., B. Solomon W.S., Kedgley I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. J. E. Shand P.M. 1563, W. Waghorn P.M. 946, W. Roots 1273, H. Smith 1348, Holmes 141, Cruttenden 779, D. Jones I.G. 27, L. Valentine 185, J. Walsh Grand Stewards' Lodge, Komplurdy 185, G. M. Gross 901, C. Solomon late 188, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and after minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Thorpe was (by the courtesy of the W.M.) raised to the third degree, in a very excellent manner. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bros. G. S. Ripley and Harding Moore to the second degree. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Isidore Scheltjens. This was unanimous in favour of the candidate, who was duly initiated into the Order, the ceremony being ably worked by the W.M. Bro. E. Jacobs P.M. and Treasurer proposed, and Bro. Kedgley P.M. Secretary seconded, that a sum of twenty guineas be voted from the Fund of Benevolence to form a nucleus for a sum to be given to the orphan daughter of a late member, a Past Master, who is now in a lunatic asylum, and that a committee be formed to carry the same into effect. This was unanimously agreed to. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and hearty good wishes were given from the Visitors. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (limited), and superintended by Bro. Mardell. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Kedgley I.P.M. rose; with great pleasure he had to take the gavel; it was a privilege he felt proud of. The W.M. was one who, to the best of his ability, did all he could for the welfare of the Lodge. He (Bro. Kedgley) hoped he would have health and strength to carry out the duties of his important office during the year; the Past Masters would then only be too pleased to receive him into their ranks. The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had spoken. When he became a Past Master his services would always be at their command. The W.M. then proposed the toast of their newly-initiated Brother. He, Bro. Sheltzen, had come to them with the recommendation of Bro. E. Jacobs; and the Lodge was proud to receive him. He would ask them to give the toast the reception it merited. Bro. Bourne P.M. then sang the E.A. song. The toast having been responded to, the W.M. said he had now to propose a toast they were all proud to honour—that of the Past Masters; he thanked them for their kind assistance; without them he could not have got through his duties; he would couple with the toast the name of the Treasurer Bro. E. Jacobson, the Secretary Bro. Bourne, and he was sure the members would not overlook Bro. Kedgley's claims on their regard. They had witnessed the ability with which he performed the ceremony of raising. He felt assured they would give the toast the reception it deserved. Bro. E. Jacobs thanked the W.M. for the honour paid him, not only on this, but on many former occasions; the services of the P.M.'s would always be at their command. It was with great pleasure he had introduced the candidate of the evening, who would doubtless become a credit to them. Bro. Bourne followed, in a neat and characteristic speech. Bro. Kedgley also thanked the brethren. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list. The W.M. said the Lodge was pleased to see Visitors. He hoped they had all been properly attended to. He named Bros. Walsh G.S. Lodge, W. Waghorn P.M. 946, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 to respond. Bro. Waghorn said he felt he was among friends and neighbours; he had to thank Bro. Bourne for the Masonic knowledge he possessed. Bro. Walsh G.S. followed, and then Bro. H. M. Levy, who testified to the hospitality and charitable feeling shown by the Lodge. In speaking to the toast of the Wardens and Officers, the W.M. elect said they were brethren to whom the W.M. had to look for support; he was proud to say he had it from his Officers. While such men as Bro. Gulliford the S.W., and Bro. Coleman the J.W., filled the offices, the Lodge must prosper. This toast having been responded to, the Tyler's was given. A very harmonious evening was enjoyed, Bro. C. Solomons placing his valuable services at the disposal of the Lodge. Bro. Solomon also introduced his daughter, a talented young lady of nine years of age, who delighted the brethren. The W.M. also favoured the brethren with several songs. Great praise is due to Bro. Solomon for his attention to the Visitors.

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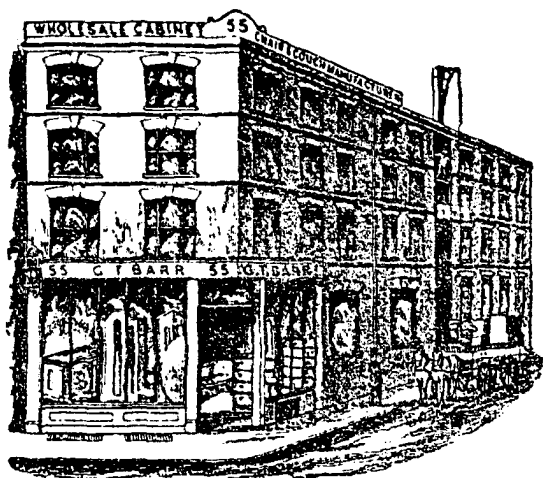
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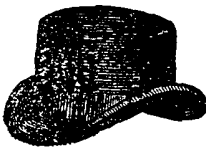
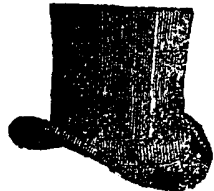
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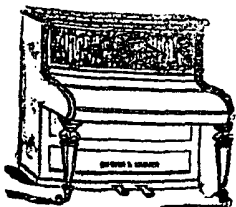
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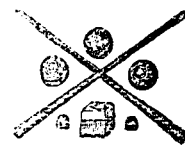
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