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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

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RULE No. 190—the first paragraph of which fixes the “Charge for initiation,” while the second deals with the “Initiation and status of serving brethren”—and No. 191—“Proposer responsible for fees”—correspond with Art. 9, pp 86-87, the two side by side reading thus:—

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“190. No person shall be made a mason for less than five guineas, exclusive of the registration and certificate fees, and no lodge shall remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum.

“This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated by the lodge which they are to serve, or for the service of grand lodge, provided that no fee be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand master or provincial or district grand master be first obtained, which shall be specified in the return made to the grand secretary, when the serving brother shall be registered free of expense, but must pay for his grand lodge certificate. A brother so initiated cannot be a member of the lodge in which he was initiated, unless he be afterwards duly proposed and elected as in the case of a joining member, upon which event he shall be liable to pay the same fees as an initiate, and on so doing he will be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the Craft.

“He is, however, eligible to become a subscribing member of any other lodge; and, upon being registered a joining member of such other lodge, and paying his contributions in like manner with other members, he shall be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the craft.

“In case there be no other lodge in the vicinity of his dwelling of which he can become a member, he may be permitted to pay through the lodge in which he was initiated the quarterly dues to the fund of benevolence; and after having served the lodge and paid such dues for four years at least, he shall be eligible to be relieved in case of distress, and entitled to the other privileges of the craft in the same manner as if he had been a regular subscribing member.”

“191. The member who proposes a candidate is responsible to the lodge for all the fees payable on account of the initiation.”

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9. (pp 86, 87). “No person shall be made a mason for less than three guineas, exclusive of the registering fee, nor shall a lodge on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. The member who proposes a candidate must be responsible to the lodge for all the fees payable on account of the initiation.

“This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated by the lodge which they are to serve, provided that no fee or reward be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand master or provincial grand master be first obtained, which shall be specified in the return made to the grand secretary; but a brother so initiated cannot be a member of the lodge in which he was initiated though eligible to become a subscribing member of any other lodge; and, upon being registered as a joining member of such other lodge, and paying his contributions in like manner with other members, he is entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the craft.

“If, however, there be no other lodge in the vicinity of his dwelling of which he can become a member, he may be permitted to pay through the lodge in which he was initiated the quarterly dues to the fund of benevolence; and after having served the lodge and paid such dues for four years at least, may be considered eligible to be relieved in case of distress, and entitled to the other privileges of the craft in the same manner as if he had been a regular subscribing member.”

So far as the increase in the initiation fee from three to five guineas, exclusive of the certificate as well as registration fees, is calculated to ensure a better class of candidates, it must be set down as most desirable. At the same time it must be remembered that money is by no means a criterion of worth. The removal of the second sentence of the same paragraph, so as to form a Rule—No. 191—by itself, is also an improvement. In the first sentence of the second paragraph of No. 190, there is inserted at the end a reasonable clause, “When the serving brother shall be registered free of expense, but must pay for his grand lodge certificate.” As to the alteration of that portion of the law which absolutely excludes a serving brother from being “a member of the lodge in which he was initiated” so as to allow of his becoming such after having been “duly proposed and elected as in the case of a joining member,” we see no objection to this extension or to the provision that having been so proposed and elected “he shall be liable to pay the same fees as an initiate, and on so doing he will be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the craft.” Are we, however, to understand that, having been already “registered free of expense” as a serving brother, he is, regardless of any service he may have rendered to the Lodge, to be registered as an initiate, when, if he becomes a subscribing member of any other Lodge it is only necessary he should be registered as “a joining member” thereof? As to the remainder of No. 190, we have no remark to offer, except that in the last paragraph the words “may be considered eligible” have been altered into “shall be eligible.” This likewise is a decided change for the better.

Rule No. 192—“Intervals between degrees”—corresponds with Art. 7, p 86, and No. 193—“Initiate entitled to a grand lodge certificate”—with Art. 1, p 89, and Art. 16, p 67. With reference to the latter proposed rule, however, the words at the end—“for which certificate the lodge shall pay the fee”—appear to us to be irreconcilable with Rule No. 190—“No person shall be made a mason for less than five guineas, exclusive of the registration and certificate fees,” unless, indeed, we are to understand that, in respect of these fees, the Lodge is merely the channel through which the brother's money passes into the coffers of Grand Lodge. No. 194 is a new Rule, and provides for a brother who has lost his certificate obtaining a duplicate, “on payment of the regular fee.” The other Rules relating to certificates are No. 195, corresponding with Art. 2, p 90; No. 196, with Art. 3, p 90; No. 197, with Art. 6, p 91; No. 198, with Art. 5, pp 90, 91; No. 199—“Certificate for begging purposes”—with Art. 17, p 67; and No. 200—“Private lodge certificates”—with Art. 7, p 91. They do not need any comment.

The four Rules which follow relate to “Offences,” No. 201—“Assisting at irregular lodges”—save for a few verbal alterations, being a reproduction of Art. 2, p 79. No. 202—“Printing and publishing”—is much more comprehensive than Art. 3, p 80, and, as far as we can see from the following comparison, may be said to sufficiently provide for every possible contingency.

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“202. No brother shall presume to print or publish, or cause

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3. (p 80). “No brother shall presume to print or publish, or

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to be printed or published, the proceedings of any lodge, or any part thereof, without the consent of the grand master, or provincial or district grand master, or print or publish any thing which by the laws and regulations of masonry is improper to be published. Nor shall any brother publish or circulate any document relating to any case of masonic complaint before the regularly constituted authorities, until after final adjudication thereon, and then only if the same be proper to be published according to the laws of masonry.

"This law does not extend to furnishing printed copies of documents for the use of any board or committee investigating the matter, provided the same are sent through the grand secretary, provincial or district grand secretary, or the secretary of such board or committee respectively, nor to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons, issued to the members of a lodge, by the authority of the master, nor to the proceedings of any festival or public meeting at which persons not masons are permitted to be present."

What we have printed in italics constitutes the material additions to the existing law, nor is there any reason to find fault with their insertion. On the contrary, as we have said already, they extend the contingencies for which legal provision must be made to the utmost limit. As regards the penalty for violating the law, provision appears to be made in Rule No. 204. There are one or two minor amendments we would suggest. Thus, in line 6 of the first paragraph we would insert, after "print or publish," the words, "or cause to be printed or published;" and in the third line of the second paragraph, for the words "investigating the matter," we would read "investigating such case of masonic complaint."

No. 203—"Public appearance in masonic clothing"—embodies in brief but sufficient compass all the requirements of Art. 2, p 94; Art. 3, p 41; Art. 1, p 93; Art. 18, p 67; and Art. 3, p 94. As another specimen of compactness it is worth reproducing. "No brother shall appear clothed in any of the jewels, collars, or badges of the craft, in any procession, or at any funeral, ball, theatre, assembly, or meeting, or at any place of public resort, unless the grand master, provincial grand master, or district grand master, as the case may be, shall have previously given permission for brethren to be there present in masonic clothing." The last of the four Rules as to "Offences," has the marginal note, "Other offences," and corresponds with the first part of Art. 31, p 71, concerning such other offences committed by a Lodge, and Art. 7, p 82 (first part), concerning the same when committed by a brother. Rule No. 205, respecting "Fines" in like manner embodies the second and third parts of the same two articles, one concerning a Lodge offence, and the other concerning a brother's offence, and the application of the Fines.

No. 206—"Exclusion from the lodge"—is Art. 20, p 67, but apparently with a penalty far less severe in one respect.

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"206, If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the lodge, he shall be formally admonished by the master; and, if he persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished by censure, fine, or exclusion for the remainder of the meeting, according to the opinion of the majority of the members present, or the case may be reported to higher masonic authority."

No. 207, as to the "mode of exclusion," is Art. 21, p 68, but very much enlarged, and with great advantage, as will be seen by a comparison of the two.

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"207. Every lodge has the

cause to be printed and published, the proceedings of any lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the consent of the grand master, or provincial grand master, under pain of being suspended or expelled the order.

"This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons, issued to the members of a lodge, by the authority of the master, or the proceedings of any festival or public meeting at which persons not masons are permitted to be present."

power to permanently exclude any of its members for sufficient cause, provided that such member shall have received due notice in writing of the complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, when he may attend and be heard. This power of exclusion can only be exercised by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present. The name of every brother excluded from a lodge, with the cause of the exclusion, shall be forthwith sent to the grand secretary; and, if the lodge be a provincial or district lodge, also to the provincial or district grand secretary."

We omit the note as to the difference between "expulsion" and "exclusion," because it is verbatim the same in both editions. As to the proposed rule, we think it is a wise provision that the sentence of exclusion can only be carried against a brother in the event of there being a two-thirds majority in its favour. In respect of Provincial or District Lodges, we see no reason for altering "provincial grand master," as in the existing rule, into "provincial or district grand secretary." In previous cases the word "master" has been maintained.

We have already referred to No. 208—"Power to reinstate excluded brethren"—in connection with New Rule No. 87, and pointed out that functions appertaining to the Grand Master, and Provincial or District Grand Masters, should have their place, the former under the head of "Grand Lodge," and the latter under that of "Provincial and District Grand Lodges," even though it should be necessary to have a corresponding rule or rules under "Private Lodges." The first paragraph corresponds with Art. 9, p 32, of the existing edition, which is placed under the heading "Grand Master." The second paragraph corresponds with the second paragraph of Art. 4, p 46, which is under "Provincial Grand Master," and the third is, of course, a necessary addition, to provide for District Grand Masters. The existing arrangements appear to us to be satisfactory, nor can we understand why they should not be retained. We give the proposed and the existing regulations side by side.

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"208. Should the grand master be satisfied that any brother has been illegally, or without sufficient cause, excluded from any of his masonic functions or privileges, he may order him to be reinstated, and may suspend, until the next ensuing quarterly communication, any lodge failing to comply with his order."

"A provincial grand master has the same power within his province."

"A district grand master has the same power within his district, and in case of failure to comply with his order may suspend the offending lodge during such time as he thinks proper."

EXISTING EDITION.

9 (p 32.) "If the grand master should be satisfied that any brother has been illegally, or without sufficient cause, excluded from any of his masonic functions or privileges, by a private lodge or other authority, he may order him to be reinstated, and may also suspend, until the next ensuing quarterly communication, the lodge or brother who shall refuse to comply with his order."

4 (pp 46, 47) second para. "The provincial grand master has no power to expel a mason, though he may, when satisfied that any brother has been illegally excluded from any of his masonic functions or privileges, by a lodge within his district, order him to be immediately restored, and may suspend, until the next quarterly communication, the lodge or brother, who shall refuse to comply with such order."

That the proposed Rule is well drawn up must be allowed, but this does not appear to us to justify its appearing under "Private Lodges." Or, by slightly altering the wording, and making the brethren of a private lodge the subject, the proposed arrangement might stand.

Rules Nos. 209—"Excluded brethren joining another lodge"—and 210—"Certificate to be furnished, and reproduced when joining"—correspond with Art 5, p 81, the former with the first, and the latter with the second sentence. They are substantially the same as the existing Rule. No. 211—as to "Differences and complaints"—will be found to compare with Art 6, p 81, Art. 18, p 25, and Art. 6, p 74, the last prescribing that lodges in places where there is no Prov. or D.G.M. must submit "their communications and complaints direct to the grand secretary in London." The new Rule reads well. "All differences

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20 (p 67). "If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the lodge, he shall be thrice formally admonished by the master; and, if he persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished by censure, fine, or exclusion, according to the by-laws of the lodge; or the case may be reported to higher masonic authority."

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21 (p 68). "No lodge shall

between, or complaints of members of London lodges or of lodges in places where no provincial or district grand master is appointed, that cannot be accommodated privately or in a regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the grand secretary, who shall lay the same before the grand master or the board of general purposes, or the colonial board, or other board or committee specially appointed by the grand lodge. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case investigated, such order and adjudication shall be made as the laws and regulations of masonry authorize."

No. 212—"Differences and complaints in the provinces"—compares with Art. 1, p 72 (part), and Art. 5, p 47 (part).

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"212. Complaints against brethren in the provinces must in all cases be made to the provincial grand master, or his deputy; failing whose attention thereto the complaint may be transmitted to the board of general purposes."

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1 (p 72). "All country lodges are under the immediate superintendence of the provincial grand master of the district, to whom, or to his deputy, they are to apply in all cases of difficulty and doubt, and to whom all complaints must be transmitted. If those officers should neglect to proceed in the business, the application or complaint may be transmitted to the board of general purposes."

5 (p 47) "If the provincial grand master or his deputy shall neglect to proceed forthwith on any case submitted for his decision, the application or complaint may be transmitted to the board of general purposes."

Here, though a function of the Provincial Grand Master is concerned, the Rule makes the complaints of brethren the subject, and is rightly, therefore, included under this division. No. 213 concerns complaints in Districts, and No. 214 embodies the Rules at pp 95, 73, 57, 47, which relate to appeals from subordinate authorities—including District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge. We notice, however, that the sentence, "At the hearing of the appeal no fresh evidence shall be adduced by either party," which occurs in the existing Article on Appeal, at pp 95, 96, is excluded from the proposed new Rule, and we presume, therefore, that fresh evidence may be adduced. Rule No. 215 is the same with Art. 10, p 32, except that applications on business to the Grand Master cannot be made "except through the grand secretary," the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Registrar being no longer channels of communication between the Grand Master and Lodges or brethren. No. 216 is Art. 29, p 71, the last clause, "but if all the members of a lodge withdraw, the warrant becomes extinct," being altered into "but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three the warrant becomes extinct." Rules Nos. 217—"Lodge failing to meet"—and 218—"Surrender of warrant"—correspond with part of Art. 26, p 70, and Art. 27, p 70, respectively, except that in the latter the words "without his" (the Grand Master's) "consent," are altered into "under any circumstances." No. 219 is new, and provides as follows: "In all cases not expressly provided for, the laws and regulations for the conduct or proceedings of the grand lodge are applicable to, and are to be taken as the rule for, private lodges." This brings us to the end of the third principal division, "Private lodges."

The Province of Hertfordshire, over which R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., so ably presides, is about to make an addition to its muster roll. The Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1984, is to be consecrated on Wednesday next, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Watford. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be conducted by the Prov. G. Master. Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, Dep. Prov. G. Master, is the W.M. designate, and Bros. J. L. Mather and H. J. Giller are, respectively, the Senior and Junior Wardens designate.

The Martyn Lodge, No. 1983, will be consecrated on Monday, the 18th inst., by the Lord Waveney, Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk. The ceremony will take place at the Town Hall, Southwold. Bro. John M. Canova is the Worshipful Master designate, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, D.G.M. of the Province, has kindly undertaken the duties of installing officer.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE decision arrived at on Wednesday last, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on the question mooted some time past as to the advisability of increasing the dues payable by every registered Mason to the Fund of Benevolence, is one which will materially affect the future of English Freemasonry. The actual question before the English Brotherhood was, whether or not the dues should be increased from four to six shillings per annum in the case of London brethren, and from two to three in the case of Provincials? but the issue involved was of far greater importance, even if it did not affect the whole structure of Freemasonry. Up to within a very few years—we might say months, for it is only since 1879 that the change has taken place—the dues payable to the Fund of Benevolence not only provided for every grant made from it, but left a surplus, reaching at the time to which we refer to something like £50,000, but for some unexplained cause the expenditure since then has so far exceeded the income as to arouse the gravest fears in the minds of many brethren, who see that a continuance of the course now adopted will not only swallow up the accumulated fund, but will lead to the greatest difficulty in dispensing relief to necessitous members of the Order. It cannot be denied but that the Masonic Charities occupy one of the foremost—if not the first—place among the Benevolent Institutions of this country, and therefore any question which concerns them not only affects the Brotherhood, but also has great weight on the general public. Freemasonry has become very popular during the past few years, and its popularity has led to greater publicity of its doings, until its great principle of charity has become a matter of general comment, instead of, as it formerly was, one of Masonic interest only. The amounts expended month by month in relief of those whose position necessitates an appeal to the Fund of Benevolence, the sums annually raised for the Masonic Institutions, and the grants of Grand, Provincial, and Private Lodges, are all matters which we Freemasons may justly feel proud in publishing to the world, but the greater publicity of these benefits of Freemasonry has, perhaps, caused a feeling of unworthiness in many, who see in Freemasonry nothing but a great benefit society, and who thus seek to join it with a view of reaping advantages should occasion offer. We do not care to commit ourselves to an expression one way or other as to whether this feeling has had any effect on the number who have recently joined Freemasonry, suffice it to say that the opinion that it has is a pretty widely spread one, while the ever increasing number of the claims made for assistance go far, in the eyes of many, to prove it. It cannot be wondered at, then, that a proposal to increase one of the funds available for relief by an addition of fifty per cent. in its chief item of income should call forth strong expressions of opinion, or that it should be strongly opposed by all who entertain the feeling that so much actual giving of money is detrimental to the best interests of the Order.

As we have said, the expenditure of the Fund of Benevolence during the past few months has so far exceeded its income as to arouse the gravest fears for the future; and the question which presents itself is, how to stop the heavy calls which have recently been made on the funded property? There are two methods—either to increase the income, or lessen the expenditure. The latter course entails—so say those who argue in favour of the former—a disregard of the true principles of Freemasonry, and of the necessities of those who appeal; while the other side argue, that what was sufficient a year or two back might be made sufficient now; and the latter is, we think, the more generally accepted idea. The causes which have led to this unsatisfactory state of affairs have not, as yet, been officially explained; we think, however, there is but one feeling as regards it. Up to 1879 there was a surplus, which about that time caused great trouble. It was getting so large as to be a disgrace to the Order—so much money lying idle, and still accumulating, was wrong—and so a proposal was made to spend some of it; and, strange to say, by the same brother who now (less than two years later) argues that the funds are insufficient to carry on the work which was then insufficient to absorb the income. Brother Clabon at that time argued ably in support of his scheme; the income of the Fund of Benevolence was amply sufficient, not only to satisfy all

claims, but to leave a margin; why then should not a part of the surplus be devoted to some other good cause? The general feeling, however, was against him, there was a majority who thought the fund of Benevolence had enough claims on it, and accordingly Bro. Clabon's proposal was rejected. The future, it was said, would show that the income was only sufficient to meet the expenditure. The future has shown, that not only is the expenditure equal to the income, but that it can be made to exceed the amounts received, for the disproportionate rise in the expenditure, as compared with the income, prevents our considering the advance as legitimate, and such we think must be accepted as the opinion of Grand Lodge, which has now decided that the sums dispensed by the Lodge of Benevolence *must* be kept within the limits of its income. The arguments used on Wednesday last, both for and against the proposed increase, were numerous, and may receive further consideration at our hands on a future occasion.

As regards the other business before Grand Lodge, the first items, after the confirmation of the minutes, had reference to the chiefs of the Order for next year—the nomination of a Grand Master, the appointment of President, the election of Senior and Junior Vice Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence, and of twelve Past Masters to serve on the same; each requiring attention. As regards the former, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was again nominated for the office of Grand Master; the nomination being received with the same hearty approval as has marked the similar proposition in past years, Bro. James Brett and Bro. Charles Atkins were elected respectively Senior and Junior Vice Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence; and the following were chosen as the Past Masters to represent Grand Lodge on the same board:—

Brother GEORGE POLE BRITTEN	183
JOSEPH D. COLLIER	1366
THOMAS CULL	1446
CHARLES DAIRY	141
HENRY GARROD	749
CHARLES F. HOGARD	205
JOHN M. KLENCK	1339
WILLIAM MANN	186
JAMES H. MATTHEWS	143
WILLIAM H. PERRYMAN	3
WILLIAM STEPHENS	1489
EDWARD FRANCIS STORR	22

The grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence were agreed to; they were eighteen in number, and amounted to £1100, there being four recommendations for £100 each, and fourteen of £50. This reduction in amount, as compared with the proposals of the past, is a much better plan for bringing the outlay of the Lodge to something like its income, than increasing the income to correspond with an outlay which, in some minds at least, was fast approaching extravagance. The report of the Board of General Purposes contained one peculiar item—a report of irregularity in a Provincial Lodge, where a Fellow Craft was recently raised to the degree of Master Mason within a period of thirteen days from his having taken the former degree. The law on this subject is so distinct that we can hardly imagine how it could have been transgressed, notwithstanding the fact that it is said the Lodge By-laws in a measure sanction it. However, once having been brought under notice, the necessary alteration has been ordered, and we imagine no further such mistakes will occur in the Lodge in question. The Colonial Board has apparently been led away from its ordinary quiet lines by the excitement of the public as regards Egypt, for we find a recommendation from it that four Lodges warranted for that country, viz., Nos. 1068 at Cairo, 1154 at Alexandria, 1156 at Cairo, 1419 at Ramlah, be erased from the list of Lodges on the Registry of the United Grand Lodge of England. Doubtless this step is very desirable, but we can hardly imagine that these four are the only Lodges which should come under the direction of the Colonial Board, and which are defunct. Still, as we have said, the proposal is a good one; we only hope it will be followed up as regards other countries, and that a general erasing of defunct Lodges, both in the Colonies and at home, will take place. Each of these reports were adopted. There were three appeals to be submitted to Grand Lodge, the first of which, from

the Victoria Lodge, No. 1186, Brisbane, Victoria, against the ruling of the District Grand Master—that a Lodge of Instruction can only be held under the Warrant of the Lodge under which it is sanctioned, and consequently not in any other building, appears very strange to us. It was dismissed against the District Grand Master. The second appeal rested on the legal definition of what is a "material alteration" in a law; but the third was again a public matter—a Provincial Officer opposed the election of a brother to the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer. The latter thereupon sought for a public explanation of the why and wherefore of the opposition, finally calling upon the Provincial Grand Master, and then Grand Lodge, to force the objecting brother to explain. Of course, the appeal was dismissed. Four notices of motion followed; to the first—that by Bro. Clabon, as to the increase of Grand Lodge dues—we have already referred; the second, by the same brother, a proposal to prevent any part of the capital of the Fund of Benevolence being sold without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge, was withdrawn; while, as regards the others, the first, which was a proposal that Grand Lodge should endow two scholarships in the projected "Royal College of Music," was negatived; and the second, a proposal by Bro. James Stevens to subdivide the London Lodges outside a four-mile radius from Freemasons' Hall, was ruled out of order.

Obituary.

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BRO. ELIAS SOMERS.

WE regret to have to announce the decease of Bro. Elias Somers, P.M. 1602 and 1897, who expired on Monday last, after a long and painful illness. Bro. Somers was initiated in the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365; was a founder of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, 1489, wherein he was the first Senior Warden. He was likewise a founder of the Sir Hugh Myddelton and Citadel Lodges, in both of which he was the first Worshipful Master. Bro. Somers was exalted in Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, and was one of the founders of the Duke of Connaught Chapter, No. 1524. The funeral will take place this day (Saturday), at Abney Park Cemetery, at One o'clock.

MRS. C. J. SCALES.

On the 6th instant, the funeral took place, at Nunhead Cemetery, of the beloved wife of Bro. C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507, who departed this life on the 30th ultimo. A circle of sympathising friends attended to show their respect. Brother G. W. Knight, of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, attended, and presented, as a mark of respect, on behalf of the Lodge of Instruction, a handsome floral wreath.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Saturday last. There were present Bros. Mann (in the chair), Leopold Ruf, J. L. Mather, C. F. Matier, G. P. Gillard, A. Williams, Edgar Bowyer, A. E. Gladwell, Donald M. Dewar, F. Adlard, E. Baxter, Thos. Cubitt, A. H. Godson, and E. C. Massey. The minutes of the General Committee of the 4th November were read and verified, and those of the House Committee of the 17th idem, for information. There was one petition, from the widow of a professor of music, who died a short time since, of typhoid fever. Petitioner has eight children, including a posthumous child. The case was recommended by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, and all documents being in order, the petition was accepted, and the name added to the list of candidates for election. A grant of £10 was made to a former pupil, in the employ of Mr. Dickinson, Marine Engineer, Monkwearmouth. There were special circumstances in this case, which induced the Committee to exceed the usual grant of £5. A vote was made of £5 to another ex-pupil, subject to enquiries. This being the whole of the business, the meeting broke up, after a vote of thanks to the chairman.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THE monthly meeting of this old Lodge was held on Monday, the 4th December, at the Masonic-rooms, Bolton, at 6 o'clock in the evening. Present—Bros. Garstang W.M., Booth S.W., Pacey J.W., Slater P. Prov. S.G.D. Treasurer, Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. Secretary, Poynter J.D., Hardcastle I.G., Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Roiley Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. John Morris, Samuel Crowther P. Prov. Superintendent of Works, James Walker; also Bros. Naylor, Steward, and Golding. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the unanimous choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. George Parker Brockbank, doubtless in token of appreciation of his long services to the Lodge and Masonry generally, and especially in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial of the Lodge in October last. Arrangements were made in regard to the installation meeting, and the ordinary Lodge business transacted. A Brother was proposed as a joining member, after which the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at seven o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was held on the 24th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Market Hill, Sudbury, when Bro. Ardley S.W. was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed, in his usual able manner, by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk, who is a P.M. of 1224. The Officers for the year were then invested as follow:—Bros. Jennings S.W., Grimwood J.W., Rev. J. F. Wilkinson Chaplain, Hills P.M. Treasurer, Wheeler P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, Alston S.D., Rev. J. H. Chadwick J.D., Pratt I.G., George Steward, Shole Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Rose and Crown Hotel, under the presidency of the new W.M., when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Among those present were Bros. Taylor, Clarke, Humphery, Pretty, Bolding, Symonds, Vincent, Barnes, Cooke, and the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. Walford, Emmerson, Grimwood, Inman, Row, Kilpack, Pratt, Wilkinson, Bennet, Pate, Swain, George, and Bailey.

Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughboro' Junction. Bros. Da Silva jun. W.M., Westley S.W., Westmore J.W., McDiarmid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Perkins S.D., Banks J.D., Cornock I.G., Johnson Preceptor; Bros. Hill, Littlewood, Harvey, Abel, Lander. Visitors—J. Da Silva sen., Webb, L. Norden, Spencer, Price, Carroll. There was a good muster of the brethren. Punctually at 7.30, Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and subsequently resumed to the first. Bro. Da Silva, W.M. Lodge of Israel, 205, then rehearsed, in an efficient manner, the ceremony of installation, and was afterwards awarded a hearty vote of thanks. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Webb P.M. for visiting this Lodge (he having come a great distance) to assist during the installation ceremony. Lodge was adjourned till Monday, 11th inst. The usual harmony meeting followed. To these gatherings brethren are cordially invited.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, Islington. Bros. Weeden W.M., A. Ferrar S.W., Gribbell J.W., Percy Preceptor Fenner Secretary, Lorkin Treasurer, Houghton S.D., Dixie J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Cohen, Wolf, Jones, Chipperfield, Marks, Bevan, Richardson, Humphreys, Ruffett, C. Killick jun., Hatch, Burtenhaw, Galer, Forge, &c. The usual preliminaries were observed in opening the Lodge. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Richardson candidate; the same was performed in a very careful manner. Brother Cohen worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. J. Humphreys and J. Ruffett, of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, were elected members. Bro. Ferrar was appointed to preside at next meeting.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The meeting of this Lodge, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday last, 1st instant, was presided over by Bro. M. E. Stokes as W.M., and the Officers were Bros. J. A. Styles S.W., J. N. Bate J.W., Wiltshire S.D., Poore J.D., Thurston I.G., Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Terry P.M. Secretary. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the Worshipful Master, and the sections of the degree worked by the brethren, Brother Stevens explaining, where requested, many points not fully understood by some of the members present. Brother Styles was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Brother Bate was elected W.M. for the week ending the 29th instant, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by the Preceptor, and the members and their friends will sup together. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting at the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday last. Bros. Tucker W.M., Dyer S.W., Seward J.W., Bellerby S.D., Hadley J.D., Fryers I.G., Wells Secretary; P.M.'s Bros. Bnrr, Green, Rickwood; also Bros. Henning, Coop, Porter, and Fernie. The Lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. Bros. Henning

and Hadley answered the questions leading to the second degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hadley candidate. Bro. Coop, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. Bros. Pensley, Burr, Green, Kasner, Andrews, and Rickwood—Past Masters; and Bros. Tucker, Seward, Dyer, Coop, Porter, Fryers, Jones, Smith, and Bellerby were elected a Committee to consider the Bye-laws of this Lodge of Instruction, the meeting to be called early in 1883. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned till Tuesday, 12th inst., when Bro. Smith will occupy the chair.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1691.

—At the meeting of this Lodge of instruction, held on Tuesday last, a very large number of members and visitors were present to hear Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation. Brother Terry having taken the chair, appointed the following Officers:—Bros. John Thompson S.W., Hollis P.P.G.S.B. Heits J.W., Davies M.C., Berry Sec., Bastable S.D., Frampton J.D., Oldis I.G. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremonies were proceeded with, and carried through with that excellence specially pertaining to our worthy brother, and to the manifest pleasure and satisfaction of all present. The musical arrangements were carried out in the most perfect manner by Bro. Hoare, of Lodge 1765, who acted as Organist on the occasion; he was assisted by Bro. Tremere and others. A vote of thanks to Bro. Terry was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.

—On Tuesday evening last, the 5th instant, at the Prince Regent, Bro. Monk's, Dalwich-road, East Brixton, Bro. Stephen Richardson J.D. 183 W.M. was supported by the following:—Bros. R. Poore S.W., H. Hooper J.W., H. M. Williams Secretary, C. H. Phillips Treasurer, H. Stokes S.D., B. W. Pooler J.D., J. Howe I.G., H. Goodwin, G. W. Knight, E. Bye jun., A. L. Albert, A. Jones, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Phillips as candidate. The bye-laws were read. It was proposed that a Benevolent Association should be established in connection with the Lodge. The discussion on the matter was, however, postponed. Bro. Alfred Jones, Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, was elected a member. Bro. Poore was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was decided that the first Festival of the Lodge should be held on the third Tuesday in January next, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. On the motion of Bro. Williams, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Richardson for his able conduct of the ceremony, and the work of the evening, for the first time in his Masonic career, the resolution to be recorded on the minutes. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned in perfect harmony until the following Tuesday evening.

Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Baker's, the Highbury Station Hotel, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. A. W. Fenner the I.P.M. took the chair, supported by Bros. C. K. Killick jun. P.M., H. P. Isaac P.M. Treasurer, C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, Crosbie S.W., Western J.W., Thompson S.D., Oppermann J.D., Pummell I.G., and a goodly muster of members; also Bro. Douglass, of the St. Leonard's Lodge. The acting W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. W. A. Fruncke, the ceremony being performed in a most efficient manner. The W.M. having now arrived, took the chair, and initiated Messrs. P. L. Spienger and J. R. Collins. Several matters of business being disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent supper, in the serving of which Brother Baker succeeded in giving general satisfaction.

NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, No. 360.

THIS Chapter held its usual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, 30th November, when there was a goodly attendance of the Companions. Bro. T. P. Dorman, of the Eleanor Cross, 1761, and Bro. Thomas Wetherell, of the Pomfret Lodge, 360, having been duly ballotted for, presented themselves for exaltation. Comp. J. U. Stanton P.Z. M.E.Z. performed the ceremony, being assisted by Comps. H. J. Atkins H., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders J., H. W. Parker P.S., and P.Z. Butler Wilkins Deputy Superintendent of Northants and Hants. The following Officers were afterwards elected:—H. J. Atkins M.E.Z., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders H., John Bingley J., George Robinson P.Z. E., H. W. Parker N., J. U. Stanton P.Z. Treasurer, George Ellard P.S., H. Brown 1st A.S., G. M. Percival 2nd A.S., Brook Sampson Org. After the completion of the business, the Companions adjourned to the supper room, where full justice was done to the refreshments, served in Mrs. Forth's usual excellent manner. In addition to the Companions mentioned above, were J. Kellett P.Z., J. J. Hart, A. Cockerill, James Clayson, A. Jones, H. Spoor, T. Emery, and others.

The weekly meetings of the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, continue to be well attended. On Thursday evening, the 7th inst., Comp. Osborn occupied the First Principal's chair; Comps. Hunter H., Percy J., Edmonds P.S., Gregory S.N. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, a profitable evening was spent.

LODGE OF S. MARY, No. 1312.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the White Hart Hotel, Bocking, when Bro. J. J. Cavill W.M. elect was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a very able manner by Bro. Vero Taylor P.M. 1312 P.P.G.S.W. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. F. C. Lake I.P.M., R. G. Kellett S.W., Moore J.W., Tufnell P.M. Treasurer, A. Portway P.M. Secretary, Hasler S.D., Porter J.D., C. Brown I.G. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master for performing the ceremony, and, all business being ended, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Contes, &c. Amongst those present, besides the brethren before mentioned, were Bros. E. H. Inman P.M., Contes, Harsell, &c. Visitors—Pissey, Green, Hollington, Turner, Bowles.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723.

THE monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd November, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at half-past six o'clock in the evening. Present—Bros. W. Court W.M., Wm. Blain I.P.M., Robert Latham S.W., John Barrett J.W., John Priestley Chaplain, George Ferguson P.M. Treasurer, Nathaniel Nicholson P.M. Secretary, E. G. Harwood S.D., A. Cosgrove J.D., J. W. Taylor P. Prov. G.Org. Master of Ceremonies, T. E. Smith Organist, T. B. Tong I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler. Bros. Naylor, Parkinson, Goulborn, Thomas Morris P.M., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D., Thomas Arden, Morris jun., W. E. Bardsley, J. M. Rutter P.M., J. Richardson P.M., James Smith, J. H. Greenhalgh P.M. John Bromley P.M., J. W. Forbes, Benj. Derham. Visitors—Bros. Brothroyd W.M. 221, Siddorn 221, Fliteroff P.M. 221, Naylor 37, Crankshaw S.W. 348, Higson 348. The Lodge was opened in due form, and some formal business transacted, after which Bro. Blain I.P.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing board in the first degree, in a most impressive and correct manner, and was listened to with great interest by the brethren, and very cordially thanked. The next part of the proceedings was the presentation of a beautifully illuminated address to Bro. Harwood Junior Deacon of the Lodge, who had recently been elevated to the distinguished position of Mayor of Bolton, by the unanimous vote of the Town Council, in which body he had distinguished himself by many years' hard work in the capacity of chairman of one of the most important committees; and although he had been vigorously engaged during the day in conducting the polling for the School Board Election, he attended in his place in the evening as a Junior Officer of the Lodge. From his well known punctual habits, the brethren anticipated that he would not neglect his Masonic duties, and accordingly resolved to give him a fraternal welcome on his first appearance since his accession to the civic chair. The Lodge-room was beautifully decorated, and the following brethren sent their private banners to adorn the wall, namely, Bros. Brockbank, Court, Rutter, Blain, Heywood, Ferguson, Richardson, Nicholson, Greenhalgh, Bromley, Barrett, Morris, Latham, Stead, Isherwood, Aldred, Boothroyd; the Grand Lodge banners, Banners of 221 and 1723 were also hung in a conspicuous part of the room. The address was congratulatory, on Bro. Harwood's accession to his high municipal office, and expressive of the good wishes of the brethren, and their high appreciation of his personal character as a man and a Mason. Bro. Harwood briefly replied, thanking the brethren for their kindness and goodwill towards him, and offered his obligations Masonically to the elder members of the Lodge, who had always given him their help and support in his duties, expressing his determination to win by merit the continued good wishes of the brethren. Hearty good wishes having been expressed by the visiting brethren, a portion of the Ancient Charges was read by the Senior Warden, and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 7.30. A most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent, the brethren separating at eleven o'clock.

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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not like your explanation and remarks as to the root of the difficulty in either new or old rule 188 of the Book of Constitutions. Take the first clause:—Every lodge must receive as a member, without further proposition or ballot, any brother initiated therein; this at once assumes that the initiation has taken place, or how could he be a brother? How can a brother express his wish to the contrary on or before the day of his initiation? Because he would not be a brother before. The conclusion is absurd; the reason for the above is there given:—"As no lodge should introduce into Masonry a person whom the brethren consider unfit to be a member of their own Lodge;" first, the Lodge is prohibited from doing a certain thing; second, it leaves it to the brother already initiated therein, or the intended (if so) brother (already so-called) to decide the question himself as to whether he will be a member or not, and the last goes on to say that no Lodge should introduce, &c. &c. &c. This rule has been read by very many, and several lawyers among them, but, as written, cannot be agreed upon.

Yours fraternally, JAMES LAWTON,

P.M. Candour Lodge, No. 337, Upper Mill.

[An answer to this communication shall be given next week.—ED. F.C.]

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Thursday afternoon, the 30th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, for the installation of the new office-bearers. Bro. Villiers of Closeburn, the Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, officiated as Acting Grand Master, Major Crombie, Aberdeen, acted as Senior Grand Warden, and Brother Caldwell of Craigielea as Junior Grand Warden. There was a good attendance of members. The Acting Master declared the elective offices vacant, and moved the re-election of the Earl of Mar and Kellie as Grand Master Mason. This was unanimously agreed to, and the Grand Master was thereupon installed into office with the usual formalities. He then nominated Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythwood, Bart., as Depute Grand Master, and Brother R. F. Shaw Stewart, as Substitute Grand Master, and installed them into office. The other office-bearers were then elected for next year, and installed as under:—Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington Senior Grand Warden, Right Hon. The Earl of Breadalbane Junior Grand warden, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, David Kinnear Grand Cashier, Rev. James Barclay, A.M., and Rev. W.W. Tulloch, B.D., Grand Chaplains, Major John Crombie Senior Grand Deacon, the Most Noble the Marquis of Tweeddale Junior Grand Deacon, John Baird Grand Architect, James Crichton Grand Jeweller, David Hume Grand Bible Bearer, Captain Farquhar Macgillivray Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Molyneux H. Nepean, Baronet, Grand Bard, James T. S. Elliot younger of Wolfelee Grand Sword Bearer F. W. Bridgman Grand Director of Music, Robert Davidson Grand Organist, Major William Hills Grand Marshal, William Barry Grand Inner Guard, David Robertson Grand Tyler, James Turner President, and Dr. George Dickson Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards. At the close of the installation ceremonial the Grand Lodge repaired to the Great Hall, there to celebrate the Festival of St. Andrew. There were about 250 present. The Grand Master occupied the throne, and on his right were—Brothers Sir Archibald Campbell Depute Grand Master, J. C. Forrest Provincial Grand Master of Lanark Middle Ward, F. E. Villiers Provincial Grand Master of Dumfries, J. Martin Provincial Grand Master of Dumbarton, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, Rev. J. Barclay Grand Chaplain, Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow; W. Officer Representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, J. Crichton Grand Jeweller, Rev. C. J. Ridgeway Edinburgh, F. W. Bridgman Grand Organist, D. Hume Grand Bible-Bearer, Captain Farquhar Macgillivray Grand Director of Ceremonies, M. Muller, &c. On the left of the Grand Master were—Brothers R. F. Shaw Stewart Substitute Grand Master, G. Maxwell of Glenlee, Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., Grand Bard, Rev. W. W. Tulloch Grand Chaplain, J. Baird Grand Architect, A. Kerr Past Grand Architect, Rev. Macadam Muir, Colonel Stewart, Glasgow, H. Y. D. Copland, Edinburgh, Rev. T. N. Wannop, J. Graham, C.A., Glasgow, George Miller, C.A., Glasgow, &c. Bro. Crombie acted as Senior Grand Warden, supported by Bros. E. Savage, Aberdeen, and David Kinnear Grand Cashier. Bro. Caldwell acted as Junior Grand Warden, supported by Bro. Allan, Glasgow, &c. Several apologies for absence were intimated, and deputations were in attendance from the daughter Lodges.

After an excellent dinner, which was well served by Bros. R. Kay and Sons, the loyal toasts were given from the chair. The Rev. P. Macadam Muir then proposed the Navy, Army, Militia, and Volunteers, and Bro. Dr. W. T. Black replied for the Navy, Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., for the Militia, Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell for the Militia, and Colonel T. T. Stewart for the Volunteers. Thereafter, Bro. John Graham, Glasgow, proposed the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and Bro. Rev. C. J. Ridgeway replied.

Sir Archibald Campbell next proposed the health of the Grand Master, and in doing so remarked that the Earl had made it part of his duty to go round and visit the Provinces and see how they were working. He was sure that in this the Grand Master had done a great deal of good in the Provinces, and that the manner in which the duties of his office were discharged would secure the gratitude of every member of Grand Lodge. The toast was received with much enthusiasm.

The Grand Master, who was received with much applause, thanked Grand Lodge for again placing him in the honourable position to which he had been reappointed. He then congratulated them on the entire absence of all cliques from Grand Lodge, and exhorted the brethren to maintain the harmony at present existing, and to do their utmost for the purity of the Order, and to make the world consider it an honour to belong thereto. Referring to his visits to the Provinces, he said he had not found anything but good work done, and he was glad to see that at present in Grand Committee a great many parts of the country were well represented. Not only from the great centres in the east and west, but from Aberdeen and further north, they had an excellent contingent of as good Masons as were in Scotland, and to the Grand Committee and to all Masons it would be a great pleasure to see Masons representing other Provinces appointed as members of that body. Speaking of work that still remained to be done, the Grand Master expressed a hope that ere next year something would be done to prepare a ritual, so as to secure, if not strict uniformity, at least an approximation thereto among all the Lodges in Scotland. Next, touching on the financial condition of Grand Lodge at the present moment, the Grand Master mentioned that the amount of their debt in 1877 was £15,000, that £1000 had been paid off during the past year; and that during the past five years the debt had been reduced from £15,000 to £1,500. That £1,500 included their whole indebtedness. The accounts were brought up to the present date, and showed that £1000 had been paid on alteration of premises and new furniture, so that if these expenses had not been incurred their total would not have been more than £500. During the past year the number of entrants had been greater than in any previous year, having amounted to 4,534. The number of new charters issued had been eleven. The gross income for the past year was £4462, and

the gross expenditure £3522—showing an excess of income to the amount of £930. He thought that those results during these five years were satisfactory. In afterwards proposing the toast of the Past Grand Masters, the Grand Master said that it had been intended to present that evening to the Immediate Past Master, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, a jewel of a Past Grand Master, which was in very good taste, and did great credit to the new Grand Jeweller. He regretted the absence of Sir Michael, owing to indisposition, and that the presentation would be postponed until next meeting.

The toast of the Foreign Grand Lodges was proposed by Brother J. Clerk Forrest, and responded to by the Grand Bible Bearer. Bro. the Rev. W. W. Tulloch proposed the Depute Grand Master, remarking that Sir Archibald had made himself popular, loved, and esteemed as a county gentleman, a soldier, and a Mason. Sir Archibald responded in appropriate terms; and thereafter Bro. Villiers proposed the Countess of Mar and Kellie, and the Grand Master replied. The health of the Substitute Grand Master was proposed by Brother Maxwell, of Glenloe; and the Grand Master then proposed in groups the toasts of the different Lodges which had sent deputations, and the head of each Lodge replied. A variety of toasts followed, including the other Office Bearers of Grand Lodge, in proposing which, the Grand Master spoke in high terms of the services of the Grand Secretary, Brother Murray Lyon. The proceedings were interspersed with songs by several of the brethren, and with music supplied by a band under Brother H. Dambmann. Grand Lodge was closed about ten o'clock.—*Edinburgh Courant*.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Canonbury Tavern, on Monday, 4th instant. Bros. Gilham W.M., Woodman S.W., Weston J.W., Thompson S.D., Woolf J.D., Ashton I.G., Forge W.M. 1950 Secretary, Trewinnard Preceptor; Brothers Jones, Bevan, Weeden, Marks, Killick senior, Killick junior, Snook, Rhodes, Gribbell, Chipperfield, Gillard, Morgan, &c. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Brother C. K. Killick junior candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history, and an explanation of the tracing board. Some new members were enrolled, and Brother Woodman was appointed to preside at the next meeting. It is gratifying to note that this Lodge of Instruction is always well attended.

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LYCEUM.—At 7.45, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. This day, at 2 also.
STRAND.—At 7.45, THE HEIR-AT-LAW. At 9.30, FROLIQUE.
SAVOY.—At 8.15, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.40, IOLANTHE.
COMEDY.—At 7.15, THE FAST COACH. At 8, RIP VAN WINKLE.
HAYMARKET.—At 7.50, NEARLY SEVEN. At 8.10, THE OVERLAND ROUTE. (Last night).
OPERA COMIQUE.—ON CONDITION. At 9.40, SOMETHING NEW.
COURT.—At 8, THE PARVENU.
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AVENUE.—At 7.30, WEDDING BLISS. At 8, MANTEAUX NOIRS.
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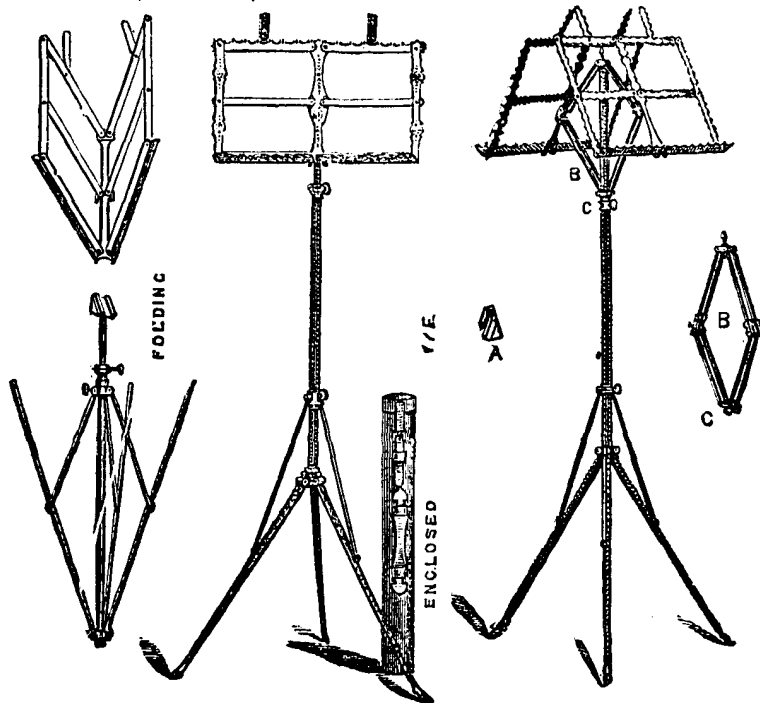
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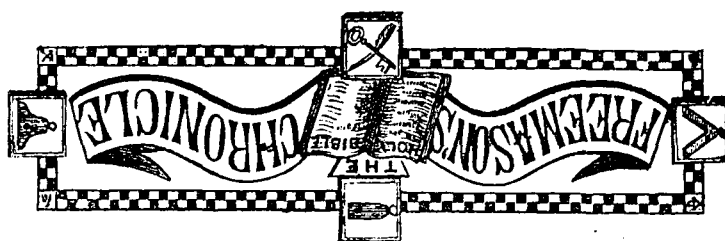
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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

PRESENTATION OF A WEDDING GIFT TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY, K.G.

IN the history of this attractive Order in Freemasonry, no more important or grander gathering of its members has ever taken place than that of the 5th instant. We have had intimate acquaintance with the progress of the Mark Degree during nearly twenty-five years, and could not avoid comparing the assemblage of Grand Mark Lodge on this occasion with many of its former gatherings, even so lately as some ten or twelve years ago. Then one of the smallest Lodge-rooms in the Freemasons' Tavern afforded more than ample accommodation for the few earnest and indefatigable members who comprised the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. On Monday last the largest hall the building possesses only conveniently accom-

modated the brilliant assemblage; and the most spacious banquetting-room could scarcely provide seats at table for those who remained to support the highly esteemed Grand Master. As, in the Craft degrees, Freemasonry has benefitted and largely increased by Royal Patronage, and the adhesion of some of the highest and noblest in the land, so in Mark Masonry princely favour and the connection of the brightest ornaments of "pure and simple Masonry" with the Order has enhanced its prestige, and caused earnest consideration of the important position it ought ever to have held in the past of English Freemasonry. The guiding spirits of former years, who would not let difficulties damp their ardour, and foresaw the great esteem in which the Mark Degree would some day be held, must have been amply rewarded for their past labours, and cheered and stimulated for future exertion, by the spectacle which they beheld on this occasion, and more particularly at the moment when His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, after the performance of an elaborate consecration ceremony, dedicated and constituted "The Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Master Masons," of which the three first principal Officers are the Earl of Lathom, Lord Henniker, and the Earl of Kintore, respectively, with Captain N. G. Philips as Deputy Master.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, the M.W. G.M.M., and his Deputy, were respectively saluted with Grand honours. The minutes of the Grand Lodge, held on the 6th June last, were read and approved. A report from the General Board was brought up, from which it appeared that ten new Lodges had been granted during the past six months, and the registered advancements to the degree had reached a total of 16,733. Several important changes in the Provinces had taken place, all of which received approval. The fourteenth Anniversary Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund had been held in July last, when the amount of contributions reached a total of £553. The Educational Branch of the Fund had so completely fulfilled the expectations formed on its foundation that an extension of its benefits was agreed upon. Several Grants, which had been made to distressed Mark Masons, or the widows of Mark Masons, were confirmed. Each of the Funds had benefitted by investments, and each showed respectable balances in hand. The report in its entirety was received, and its recommendations fully adopted. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker M.W. G.M.M. was nominated by Bro. Capt. Thomas Hargreaves P.G.D. as Grand Master for the ensuing year. The following Stewards of the last Benevolent Fund Festival were presented by the Grand Master with Charity Jewels, after the expression of thanks for their services, and congratulations from the Grand Master on the successful results of their exertions, viz.:—Emanuel Hunts and Isle of Wight, Emerson Kent, George 265, Glasspool 265, Godson 40, Goodenough 255, Hodges 257, Homfray P.G.M. Monmouth, Hudson 164, Huet 32, Hughes 247, Inglis 7, Lardner 223, Lewis 271, Lovegrove 214, Manwaring 104, Meek 284, Mildred 104, Moorland 225, Ousey 239, Pulley 54, Ramsey Old Kent, Spice 3, Thorp 194, Venn Old Kent, White 266. At this moment the arrival of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany was announced, and a deputation was formed to receive and escort him into Grand Lodge. His Royal Highness was most enthusiastically received on his entrance, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz G. Org. playing the National Anthem. On taking his position as Past Grand Mark Master the Duke was saluted with Grand honours. After a short interval the M.W. Grand Master addressed his Royal Highness, expressing the loyalty and devotion of the Mark Masters under his rule towards the Throne, and the kindly regard which they at all times entertained towards the members of the Royal Family generally, and, having relation to his connection with the Mark degree, to His Royal Highness in particular. To mark in some slight degree their good wishes towards him, and also towards his amiable consort the Duchess of Albany, the several Lodges of the Order, as well abroad (and hence the delay in presentation) as at home, had united to provide a suitable wedding gift, the acceptance of which he, the Grand Mark Master, now hoped would be agreeable to his Royal Highness. The present, which consisted of two very handsome and elaborately-chased silver *pot pourri* jars, with covers, and a wine flagon of chaste design in massive silver, was then unveiled, and the Grand Master read the inscription, which had been engraved on each article, to the following effect:—

"Presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., M.W. P.G.M., by the Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, on his marriage. 1882."

With a few further brief remarks, the Grand Master closed a most forcible address of congratulation and wishes for the long life and happiness of his Royal Highness and the Duchess. In response, his Royal Highness, who appeared to be much affected by the heartiness of his welcome, thanked the Grand Master and the members of the Order generally for their earnest of their esteem and kindly regard towards the Duchess and himself. He had promised, when he accepted the position of Past Grand Master, that what active work he could undertake on behalf of the Mark degree he would carry out. Until this occasion, no fitting opportunity had arisen, but on this day, when he had that before him which, beyond all its intrinsic worth, became so valuable, as the outcome of strong brotherly affection, he should be able to discharge some portion at least of his promise. His Royal Highness resumed his seat amidst great applause.

The Grand Master having temporarily vacated the throne, it was assumed by his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., M.W. P.G.M., as Consecrating Officer, for the purpose of consecrating the Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The ceremony was rendered throughout in admirable style, the addresses of the Consecrating Officer, with dedication and constitution, being delivered with much effect. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz presided at the organ, and the anthems and chants were beautifully rendered by Bros. Sexton, Hodges, Abercrombie, Beckett, Dalzell, De Lacey, and Moore. On the completion of the consecration ceremony, Bro. Captain Philips was installed as Deputy Master into the chair of A. of the new Lodge, of which the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom M.W. P.G.M. is the first

Master. The Officers of the Lodge were then invested with the collars of office, viz.:—

Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker	...	...	Senior Warden
The Earl of Kintore	...	...	Junior Warden
C. F. Matier	...	...	Master Overseer
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	...	...	Senior Overseer
Lord Arthur Hill	...	...	Junior Overseer
Rev. R. F. Sanderson	...	...	Chaplain
Frederick Davison	...	...	Treasurer
Frederick Binckes	...	...	Secretary
Donald M. Dewar	...	...	Registrar of Marks
Robert Berridge	...	...	Senior Deacon
William Roebuck	...	...	Junior Deacon
Alfred Williams	...	...	Director of Cer.
Wilhelm Ganz	...	...	Organist
Thomas Cabitt	...	...	Inner Guard
R. Paulton Spice	...	...	Steward
C. H. Driver	...	...	"
C. T. Speight	...	...	Tyler

The only business transacted by the new Lodge was the election of His Royal Highness the Consecrating Officer, and several Past Grand Masters as honorary members, and twenty-eight proposals for joining having been given, the Lodge was closed.

On the resumption of Grand Lodge, His Royal Highness retired, having to catch an early train, and his departure was marked by much enthusiasm. Brother His Highness the Rajah Rampal Singh was introduced to Grand Lodge and took his position on the dais. An application for a Provincial Lodge for Nottinghamshire was received, and an invitation to hold a Moveable Grand Lodge at Nottingham given. Brother Woodall, Prov. G.M. of N. and E. York, on behalf of his Province, also invited the Grand Mark Lodge to hold a Moveable Grand Lodge at York, under the banner of the York Lodge. After apologies for absence had been read by the Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The banquet that followed this long afternoon's work was very largely attended, a difficulty being found in securing accommodation for all who desired to be present. It was exceedingly well served, and the menu gave entire satisfaction. After grace had been sung by the choir above named, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, Lord Henniker. In response to the toast drank in his own honour, the Most Worshipful G.M.M. acknowledged the kindness with which he was at all times received by the members of the Order, in behalf of which time and distance had not prevented his attendance when absolutely necessary. It was a great pleasure to him to be able to record so satisfactory a progress as the Order is now making. It appeared as though more and more vigour were infused into it day after day. The proceedings which had just taken place were of a most gratifying description, and placed the position and influence of the Order beyond all doubt or fear of diminution. He could not omit to offer a meed of praise to all his Officers, and especially to those of the executive, as Bros. Binckes, Dewar, and others, who had made his exalted office so light and pleasurable to himself. For the toast of the M.W. Past Grand Masters, the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., responded, and to many of the older Mark Masons present it was good to hear that worthy brother again addressing them. He referred to a period of repose during which his armour had been unbuckled, although the cause of Mark Masonry had not been forgotten. Now, as the "trumpet to the war horse," was the call to assist in the proceedings of this day, and again he buckled on his armour. It was, indeed, a great pleasure to him to be present to note such great progress, and he could not do otherwise than in this moment of success, refer to those who had helped towards it in the past. He paid a tribute of great respect to, and admiration for, the Most Worshipful the Rev. Canon Portal, whose earnest services and zealous labour had so consolidated the Order, and he could not forget many indefatigable brethren who had worked for the best interests of the degree, when it had all its difficulties to encounter. After a brief reference to the elision of the Mark degree from the ceremonies of "pure and simple" Masonry as a great mistake of the past, Bro. Beach terminated a brilliant speech by congratulating the rulers and members of Mark Masonry on its ability to stand alone, as a worthy and important part of true Freemasonry. Amongst the other principal toasts was that of Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, proposed by Bro. the Rev. W. Randall Grand Chaplain in a very effective speech, in the course of which the speaker took up the key note of Bro. Beach's remarks as to the connection of Mark Masonry with the Craft, and supported the views so frequently expressed that in the Mark degree only is to be found that which connects Speculative with Operative Freemasonry. He pointed out what had been done by Mark Masons for Charity even in their least prosperous years, and was glad to think that now fortune had attended their efforts, such Charity was readily increased. With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Binckes, whose response was as effective as any of its many predecessors in relation to the same subject. To the last toast, that of the Visitors, his Highness the Rajah Rampal Singh replied in very tolerable English, although the speaker offered as an apology that it was not his mother tongue. His Highness stated his great love for Freemasonry, than which he thought nothing could better combine the nations of England and India. It was his pride and boast to be one of the Order of Mark Masons, and as far as in him lay, it would be always his endeavour to instil the principles of the Craft whenever opportunity afforded. The Rajah's remarks were received with much applause. This terminated the evening's proceedings, and the large party broke up, well satisfied with both labour and refreshment.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE Fourth Quarterly Communication for the year 1882 was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, when there were about 600 present. The Earl of Limerick presided, Lord Carrington acted as Grand S.W., and Bro. Victor A. Williamson as Grand J.W. There were a large number of eminent Masons present, including, among others, Bros. Beach, M.P., General Brownrigg, Le Gendre Starkie, Sir Albert Wood, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke; Bros. Sampson Peirce, Sandeman, Col. Creaton, Nunn President of the Lodge of Benevolence; and Bro. Rucker President of the Colonial Board. Bro. Raymond Thrupp nominated H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, which was received with great applause. The President announced that the Grand Master had appointed Brother Joshua Nunn to be the President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and Brother James Brett was elected Senior Vice President, Brother Charles Atkins was elected Junior Vice President, and the following twelve Past Masters were elected to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence: Bros. Britten, Collier, Cull, Dairey, Garrod, Hogard, Klenck, Mann, Matthews, Perryman, Stephens, and Storr. The result of the presentation of the report of the Colonial Board was, that four Lodges which had been inoperative for many years were ordered to be struck off the Register of Grand Lodge, namely 1068 and 1156, Cairo; 1154, Alexandria; and 1419, Ramlah. The Lodge of Benevolence recommended eighteen grants of from £50 to £100, for confirmation by Grand Lodge, and after some explanations had been demanded and given about some among them, they were all agreed to. Of these grants six only were to brethren (or widows of brethren) of London Lodges, while twelve came from the Provinces. There were four grants of £100, all upon petitions from the Provinces. The whole amount of the votes so confirmed was £1100. The Report of the Board of General Purposes referred to the irregular conduct of a Provincial Lodge in having raised a Fellow Craft within a period of thirteen days from the time of his being passed to the second degree, and it appeared that the Board had ordered that the degree so irregularly granted should be cancelled, and that the brother should be obligated in the third degree before being registered as a M.M. It appeared from the report that the balance at the credit of the Grand Lodges accounts on the 17th November, when the Finance Committee last met, was £4187 12s 4d. Three appeals were considered. The first came from Brisbane, against the ruling of the District Grand Master, that a Lodge of Instruction can only be held in the same building as the Lodge under whose warrant it works, and the appeal was allowed on the ground that the identical *locus in quo*, though desirable, was not prescribed by the Book of Constitutions: but it was stated that there was at present a proposal to amend the Book of Constitutions in that particular. The second appeal came from Jamaica, and was against the ruling of the Deputy District Grand Master, allowing an alteration in a Lodge's by-laws, although the alteration in question had not been submitted for the approval of the Deputy District Grand Master. This appeal was dismissed, Grand Lodge concurring with the view of the Deputy District Grand Master that the alteration was not material within the meaning of Article 5. The third appeal was from a brother at Plymouth, against the decision of the Prov. G. Master for Devonshire, refusing to call for information upon which a brother had opposed the election of the appellant as Provincial Grand Treasurer. This appeal was dismissed. Upon Bro. Clabon's motion to raise the quarterages payable to Grand Lodge from 4s to 6s from Metropolitan, and from 2s to 3s from Provincial brethren, so as to increase the income of the Lodge of Benevolence, and enable them to continue the present liberal grants in aid, there was a long discussion. The opposition to the increase came entirely from the Provinces, which were strongly represented, and although Bro. Clabon, in his reply to the objections raised pointed to the fact above referred to, that two-thirds of the grants just voted were to provincial brethren or their widows, the motion was lost; the numbers being 182 for the motion, and 186 against it. Bro. Clabon then asked permission to withdraw the second motion of which he had given notice, that no part of the capital should be sold without the express order of a Grand Lodge, but this was opposed, and was only

granted upon being put to the vote. Bro. Budden's motion that Grand Lodge should endow two Scholarships in the Royal College of Music was negatived. The President ruled that Bro. James Stevens' motion that the radius of the London district, which is now a distance of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall, should be reduced to a distance of four miles, was out of order. The proper course, he said, would have been to propose an alteration in the Book of Constitutions; otherwise they must have a resolution on the minutes at variance with the Book of Constitutions. This was an abstract resolution, which, if carried, would have to be followed by an operative resolution. The matter was therefore not proceeded with, and Grand Lodge was closed at ten o'clock.

CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

THE Concert given by this Musical Society on the evening of Wednesday, 29th ultimo, was one of the most successful we have attended, and we heartily congratulate Brother G. T. H. Seddon, the conductor, on the result achieved. The Union was established in June 1867, and in the course of its existence it has sent into the ranks of the musical profession many artists who have made their mark. We scarcely know a similar society where members have so steadily and persistently worked together, or where a more harmonious feeling has existed. The programme of the evening under notice comprised the following items:—PART I.—Overture, "Cosi fan tutte, Mozart; Larghetto, "Symphony No. 2," Beethoven; Ballet Music, "Faust," Gounod—No. 2 Adagio, No. 3 Allegretto, No. 4 Moderato; Grand Selection, "La Grande Duchesse," Offenbach, with Solos for flute, piccolo, oboe, clarinet, horn, cornet, trombone, and euphonium, by Messrs. Toussaint, Fisher, Shuckard, Hunter, Johnson, Pringuer, Herring, and Oxenham. PART II.—Overture, "Martha," Flotow, Horn Obligato, Mr. Johnson; Grand Selection, "Cinq Mars," Gounod, with Solos for flute, piccolo, oboe, clarinet, horns, cornet, and euphonium, by Messrs. Toussaint, Fisher, Shuckard, Coldwell, Hunter, Johnson, Jones, Pringuer, and Oxenham; Danse Romanesca (in F) Muscat; Fest Marsch, "Tannhauser," Wagner. The most successful of the numbers was unquestionably the "Ballet Music," Faust; but during the evening Gounod was in the ascendant;—the execution of the several solos in the Grand Selection, "Cinq Mars," evidenced great care had been paid to the rehearsals. During the evening Madame Clara West sang two or three songs, as likewise did Mr. R. Emslie. Miss Lottie West, whose name was in the programme, was prevented from attending through indisposition. In conclusion we may state that the Society meets every Wednesday evening throughout the year, at the Albion Hall, London Wall, and that any amateur who is desirous of joining may learn all particulars from the conductor (Bro. G. T. H. Seddon), or the librarian (Mr. G. H. Hillman).

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The regular meeting of the Doric Lodge, No. 316, G.R. Canada, was held on the 17th November, at the Masonic Hall, Toronto. The following were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Pearson W.M., Ritchie jun. S.W., Gilbert J.W., Collins Treasurer, Adlard Secretary, Rev. Dr. Wild Chaplain, Cowan Rep. on Hall Board.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks' longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, 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—Burdett Contts. Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

MONDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

- 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-Jane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderson's Hotel,
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
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—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
R.A. 22—Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gre-ham-street
R.A. 53—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
539—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
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M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
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TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
199—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1552—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.

- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleonor, Treaders, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 8.30
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc-on-Tyne (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown-dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1282—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marlebone, Pyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 6
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1533—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
233—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.

- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 880—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Grosvenor, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 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.)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colerhill.
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
 R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
 M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagen and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 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. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon

SATURDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

- 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. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Phnrv Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working and flourishing Lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. Waugh W.M., J. A. Hammond P.M. 1765 S.W., Eastgate J.W., J. E. Shand P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, G. F. Jones S.D., Lee J.D., W. C. Smith I.G., P.M.'s B. H. Swallow P.P.G.D. Middlesex, E. White, J. Hill Steward, and a numerous assemblage of members, with the following Visitors:—G. P. Festa W.M. 1900, E. W. Pike 1900, Bianchi Maclean

177, J. Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Collector R.M.B.I., W. J. Ferguson 177, Gore 1692, Biddlecombe 1765, Hopgood 1765, H. Tinney 1819, Hammond 1765, Crossley 1558, Smithers 1558, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, W. Carrington W.M. 1314, W. Stark 1765, Baker 1641, Goffin 1571, Rev. Bonavia Hunt W.M. 1765, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Vincent Benoist, Lodge des Desmophiles, Tours, France, was elected a joining member. Messrs. Paul Antoine and D. Wilson were balloted for and initiated into the Order. Bro. Pike 1900 was, by the courtesy of the W.M., passed to the second degree. Bros. Bott and Ashby were raised to the third degree; all the ceremonies were perfectly rendered by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. A. Hammond P.M. S.W. W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge, and, in the presence of fifteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s, was duly inducted into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Waugh, who was warmly congratulated on the conclusion of the ceremony by the brethren and visitors for the ability he had displayed. Bro. White P.M. efficiently acted as M.C., and Bro. Biddlecombe as Organist. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in ancient form, and he then appointed and invested his Officers. Bros. J. Waugh I.P.M., Eastgate S.W., Jones J.W., J. E. Shand P.M. Treas., E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, H. S. Lea S.D., W. C. Smith J.D., Hill I.G., James M.C., B. H. Swallow P.M. W.S., Cox Asst. W.S., Potter Tyler. The approbation expressed denoted unmistakably that the W.M. had made a good selection. The report of the Audit Committee, and that as to the Benevolent Fund, were read and adopted; both denoted the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. Bro. J. E. Shand P.M., having accepted the office of Steward for the next annual Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, Bro. White P.M. made, and Bro. E. J. Scott seconded, a proposition that the sum of £10 10s be placed on his list from the General Fund of the Lodge. Bro. Festa W.M. 1900 thanked the I.P.M. for his kindness in passing Bro. Pike (a member of Lodge 1900) to the second degree. Hearty good wishes were given by the numerous Visitors, and then Lodge was closed, until the fourth Thursday in February. The brethren, sixty-two in number, sat down to a very sumptuous and recherché banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols and superintended by Bro. Eugene De la Coste. The repast gave unqualified satisfaction. Grace having been sung, the W.M. said, if he could not give them a flow of wit and long speeches, he would give them something to compensate for it in the shape of some music. He hoped this would be to their satisfaction. He then proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and Bro. H. Tinney delighted the brethren with a solo on the piano—*Se J'Etais Roi*. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. This was followed by the toasts of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. Waugh said it was with great pleasure he now took the gavel, as I.P.M., to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. They all appreciated Bro. Hammond, so he need not expatiate on his excellent qualifications. They had seen his working, and approved his able presidency; he hoped they would drink the toast with that amount of enthusiasm it so well deserved. Bro. Hammond was one worthy of their esteem. Bro. Martin here sang "My sweetheart when a boy." The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he was gratified to hear such pleasant remarks. He had passed the chair in another Lodge, and his energies and best services would be at their command in every respect. He might urge it was with a great amount of gratification he had arrived at his present proud position. The next toast was a very important one—the Initiates; no Lodge can do without Initiates, and the latter would find, that in joining the Order they had taken a step they would never regret. He felt the members they had introduced that night would be a credit to the Craft. The W.M. here, by desire, gave the E.A. song. Bro. Wilson, in replying, thanked Bros. Cox and Holmes for his introduction into the Lodge; he hoped eventually to arrive at a position in it equal to that the W.M. now filled. Bro. Antoine also briefly responded. The toast of the Visitors was next brought under notice; the members were all pleased to see them. Personally he (the W.M.) must say he thanked the members of the Trinity College Lodge for being present; their W.M. (Bro. Hunt) especially; also Bro. Tinney, and the musical brethren who had contributed to the harmony. They also had Bro. Mason, who was connected with one of the Masonic Charities. He would have given him a separate toast, only time was on the wing. Bro. Stark here delighted the brethren with a piano-forte solo. Bro. Festa W.M. 1900 responded; he thanked the Worshipful Master, now the I.P.M., for having so excellently passed Bro. Pike, who was a member of his (Bro. Festa's) Lodge. Bro. Bolivia Hunt followed; as also did Bros. Madden, Carrington, and Mason, the latter speaking at some length on the Institutions. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 also added a few words. In speaking of the P.M.'s, the W.M. said they were getting numerous. Their working was well known, and it was an especial pleasure to see how ably the I.P.M. had performed the installation ceremony; he had much gratification in placing on his breast the handsome jewel voted by the brethren of the Lodge for the manner he had performed the duties during his year of office. He would call on Bro. Waugh to respond to the toast. Bro. Waugh said it was with no feeling of diffidence he had to thank them; they had responded to his appeal to assist him, and this had enabled him to carry out the duties of his office; it was not for the intrinsic value of the jewel he prized it; the way it was presented would ever be appreciated by him. Bro. Swallow followed; this Lodge was seven years old; he, when W.M., had introduced twenty-one gentlemen into the Order. The present W.M. was one of his children; he was proud of the Lodge, and of their W.M. Bro. White said he took into consideration the lateness of the hour; however, he esteemed it a very high honour to be present; it was especially gratifying to note the able manner in which the W.M. had carried out the duties of the chair. In speaking of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. said they were brethren who may be taken as patterns by any Lodge. As regards the Treasurer, he might say the funds were

in a satisfactory state. He regretted to say Bro. Scott had not been in very good health lately; however, all were pleased to see him there, and all wished him better health. After Bros. Shand and Scott had responded, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers, and Bros. Cox and Smith replied. At a late hour of the evening, Bro. John Levy, 188, the talented artiste on the cornet, arrived, and the brethren experienced a musical treat rarely heard at similar gatherings. Bro. Levy played several solos, receiving great applause for his efforts. Bros. Tinney, Stedman, Plant Martin, Stark and Turner, during the evening, entertained the brethren with some excellent music.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on 30th November. Bros. P.M.'s Lardner 1745 W.M., Davidson 299 S.W., Pennefather 299 J.W., Pinder Preceptor, Clark, Andrews, Legg, Sergeant, Rome, Stroud, Millington, Pringle, Franklin, Patrick, Clark, Wooley, Carter, Cleverley, Tartefield, Howes, Kent, Lawrence, Lane, Flack, Perkins, Probert, Collinson, Mote, Inman. Minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Fifteen Sections were worked. First Lecture—Bros. Patrick, Lawrence, Rose, Pennefather, Pringle, Davison, Pinder. Second Lecture—Bros. Perkins, Patrick, Lawrence, Pringle, Kent. Third Lecture—Bros. Perkins, Kent, Davidson. On the motion of Bro. Clark, seconded by Bro. Andrews, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Lardner for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M., and put the questions for the Fifteen Sections, the same to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Lardner was also unanimously elected an honorary member, with full privileges. He suitably responded. On the motion of Bro. Pinder, seconded by Bro. Clark, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, for so readily accepting the invitation of this Lodge to work the Fifteen Sections, and for the able manner in which they had done so. Bro. Pennefather suitably responded. The following brethren were unanimously elected members:—Bros. Pennefather, Kent, Lawrence, Lane, Doerr, Flack, Perkins, Mote, Davidson, Probert, Collinson, Inman. The Secretary having announced that a banquet would take place on Thursday, 14th December, Lodge was closed and adjourned to Thursday, 7th of December. Nothing that could conduce to the comfort of the brethren was left undone by Bro. W. Sergeant, the proprietor.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Meeting on Monday, 4th inst.—Present—Bros. Cotton W.M., Taplin S.W., Brooks J.W., Rowles S.D., Bailey J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler; also Phillips and Taylor. After the usual preliminaries, Brother Taylor, a candidate for raising, gave proof of his proficiency in the former degrees, and was entrusted. Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor candidate. The W.M. read an article from the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of 2nd December, entitled "What came you here to do?" which appeared originally in the Masonic Review. The article is an exceedingly well written one, and is full of suggestions as to the welfare of both Masons and Lodges, and will repay any brother for a careful perusal. Brother Taplin was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed with the usual formalities, and adjourned until Monday next, the 11th inst.

Royal York Lodge of Instruction, No. 318.—There was a large gathering of the Freemasons of Brighton and the adjacent districts on Monday evening last, the 4th inst., under the auspices of the above Lodge of Instruction to hear Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. read his excellent lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonies of the first degree. The Lodge was opened shortly after seven o'clock by Bro. Gibson W.M. 315, and amongst the members of the Lodge present were Bros. Carpenter, Hanney, George Nash, Smith P.P.G.D., Lelew, Thacker, Kent, Nye S.D., Wood jun., Godfice, Deane, Beaumont, Syer, Paige, Anderson, Stride P.M., Fielders, Methrell, &c. And amongst the members were Bros. Norman 22 (London), Fitzgerald 36, Colborne 145, King 217, Wellington 207, Schofield 315, Clayton 341, Winletshir 379, Legg 732, Walker 811, Knight 1446, Shackles 1511, Hornsen Prov. G.D. East Yorks, Tidmarsh 1636, Hollands 1797, Newton, Burfield, Thomson, Parsons and Tooth all of 1821, English and Gates of 1829, and several other brethren who failed to sign the Visitor's sheet. Immediately after the opening of the Lodge the W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens to the assembled brethren, and for a little more than two hours the lecturer kept his audience thoroughly interested, making his address the more attractive by an able recital of the several ceremonies in full, with most pertinent remarks on the numerous divergencies which have of late years crept into the Ritual. On the whole the hearers were in full accord with the remarks of the lecturer. On one or two points very interesting observations were made by intelligent brethren, with the result of enlightening the minds of many present, and enabling them to understand points and practices which they had not up to that time fully comprehended the importance of. At the conclusion of the lecture, Bro. Stevens was greeted with much applause, and the thanks of the Lodge of Instruction were cordially voted in slight acknowledgment of his services, the W.M. expressing his gratification to find that the working of Masonic ceremonial at Brighton agreed so nearly with that which had been set forth by the lecturer. He considered that he (the lecturer) should be heard far and wide, as many Lodges might then be able to correct existing fallacies; and by others, that their members might be confirmed, as in their own case, in the correctness of their mode of working. Bro. Stevens, in acknowledging the compliment, stated that the invite the Lodge had made, and the reception they had accorded him, were ample reward for any service he had rendered, his object being to receive, and, as far as was in his power, to give, Masonic instruction. He should be prepared, on reasonable notice, to repeat his evening's work in any other Lodge, Provincial or Metropolitan. The Lodge was then closed, and a most agreeable and enthusiastic evening was terminated by a brief entertainment in the way of refreshment at the usual meeting room of the Lodge of Instruction, at Bro. Paige's, the Union Hotel, North-street.

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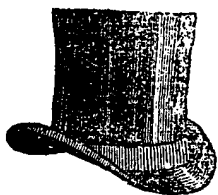


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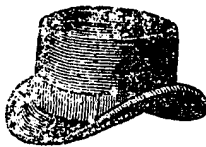
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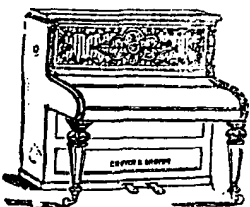
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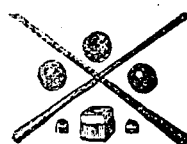
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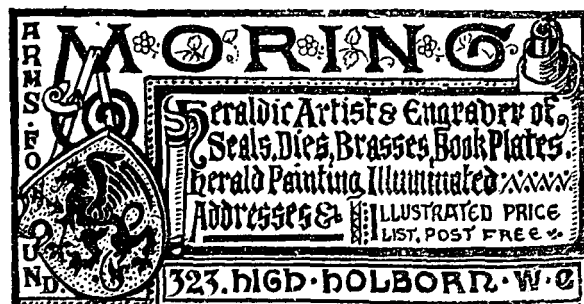
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