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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

(Continued from page 387.)

THE next batch of Rules that demands our consideration is that which concerns the "Board of Benevolence," and with reference thereto we may remark, in the first place, that the marginal notes, with here and there an exception, do not contain the reference numbers to the existing Rules with which they severally correspond. The said numbers, however, are given in the Synopsis. Rule No. 120 is verbatim Art. 1, p 96—not Art. 1, p 26, as stated in the Synopsis. Existing Rule—Art. 2, p 96, is passed over under this head. It regulates the amounts to be paid to the Fund by the London and Provincial Lodges, and these amounts will be found in the General Register of Fees, at the end of the Proposed Edition. Rule No. 22 corresponds, almost word for word, with the first sentence of paragraph 1 of Art. 3, p 96—not Art. 1 as in the Synopsis. The marginal note should read—"Board of Benevolence. Of"—not "By"—"whom it consists." We note also that it is proposed to call it "Board" instead of "Lodge"—a point to be remembered by brethren who are sticklers for exactness. Rule No. 222 contains the "Disqualification" to which the Master of a Lodge is subject in certain circumstances, and is the same as Art. 4, p 99. Rule No. 223 is the opening sentence of the second paragraph of Art. 3, p 97, and the only trifling observation we have to offer is that, as Grand Lodge is a body, not a person, the words "shall be submitted to grand lodge in December, who shall elect" should be altered into "shall be submitted in December to grand Lodge, which shall elect." No. 224 corresponds with the second sentence of paragraph 1 of Art. 1, p 98, No. 225—"Disqualification for vice president"—with the last sentence; and No. 226 with the last sentence but one of the second paragraph, and No. 227 with the last sentence of the first paragraph of the same article. Nos. 228, 229, and 230 correspond with the several parts comprised in the third paragraph of this article, but are arranged in a different order. This subdivision of one long article of three paragraphs into some eight or nine separate rules is unquestionably an improvement.

Rules Nos. 231, 232, and 233 compare with Art. 5, pp 99, 100. As regards the first of these, the words in the existing law, "have been registered in the books of the grand lodge," are properly omitted, the requirement of registration having already been provided for in the opening words, "No mason registered."

No. 232 is much more compactly worded than the part of the existing law with which it corresponds, as will be seen from a comparison of the two.

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"232. Secretaries who by the Bye-laws of their Lodges are exempted from the payment of subscription, shall be considered in all respects as regular subscribing members of their Lodges, their services being equivalent to subscription; provided their dues

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5 (pp 99, 100). "Secretaries who are by their Lodges exempted from the payment of subscription, shall not thereby be disqualified from obtaining assistance from the fund of benevolence, but shall be considered as subscribing members of their

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lodges, their services being equivalent to subscription: provided their dues to the grand lodge have been duly paid."

We would avoid the unpleasant jingle of "dues" and "duly" in the last clause by the omission of the latter, and we may remark also that in all previous rules the word "Bye-laws" is spelt "By-laws." It is as well to be consistent even in trifles.

No. 234 is Art. 6, p 100. Nos. 235, 236, and 237, concerning the relief of widows and children, correspond with Art. 7, pp 100, 101, only No. 236 is an enlargement of the clause relating to certificates, or, rather, it embodies also Art. 11, p 103.

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"236. Before the petition of a widow or child shall be taken into consideration, the grand lodge or other masonic certificate of the deceased brother, and those of his marriage and death, or burial, and in the cases of children, of their births or baptisms, shall be deposited with the grand secretary. In the case of loss of any of the above-named certificates, or impossibility to procure them, the Board may, nevertheless, grant relief if such loss or impossibility be proved, and the facts otherwise established to the satisfaction of the Board."

No. 238 is Art. 8, p 101, with some trifling alterations. Thus, "in the case of foreign brethren," the words "exceeding three pounds" are altered to "exceeding five pounds," and it is to be understood that such assistance "is intended to assist them," not only "to return to their native land," but, if they prefer it, or in the case of settlers in some colony, "to any country in which they have been established or have friends." Sickness of course is an exception from this understanding in both rules.

Nos. 239, 240, and 241—relating to the "Form of petition," "Recommendation of a petition," and the "Form of recommendation," respectively—are the same with Articles 9, p 101; 10 (first paragraph), p 102; and part of 17, p 105; while No. 242—"Petitioners to be visited"—is the second paragraph of Art. 10, p 102, and the concluding section of Art. 17, p 106, and compares advantageously with the existing Rules.

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"242. A visit shall be paid to every applicant by the master or some member of the lodge, or some other brother, who shall, in writing, on a form to be from time to time settled by the president and vice-presidents of the board of benevolence, and the grand secretary, certify to the best of his information and belief to the actual condition of the applicant, his age, profession or calling, means of subsistence, what aid he receives from his family, his

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10 (p 102). "A visit shall be paid to every applicant by the master or some member of the lodge, or some other brother, who shall certify in writing the result of his inquiries; and in addition, in all town cases, the brother giving the certificate, or some other brother who has visited the case, shall attend the lodge of benevolence, on the consideration of the petition."

17 (p 106). . . .
Certificate to be sent with

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future prospects, the position he has held in the Craft, and any matter that may guide the board in adjusting the distribution of relief from its funds. The application of widows or children to be accompanied with a like certificate so far as practicable, with the probable disposal of the funds if relieved. Every brother certifying shall also state that he is not aware of any circumstances disqualifying the applicant to relief, or which ought to be disclosed to the board of benevolence before it deals with the application. In all London cases the brother giving the certificate, or some other brother who has visited the case, shall attend the board of benevolence on the consideration of the petition.

N.B. — Masters of lodges or visiting brethren are earnestly requested to forward the fullest particulars of each case, to enable the board to relieve applicants to the utmost extent of its means."

The "N.B.," in italics, is common to both proposed and present Rules, and has therefore been reproduced under the former only.

Nos. 243—"Time of presenting petition;" 244—"Petitioner to attend. Exceptions;" and 245—"Second applications"—correspond exactly with Articles 12, 13, and 14, p 103; and No. 246, "Sums which may be given," is Art. 15, pp 103, 104, the word "lodge," where necessary, being in these and all cases replaced by "board."

The four remaining rules, namely, No. 247—"Extraordinary cases;" No. 248—"Votes requiring the confirmation of the board;" No. 249—"Exceptional grants;" and No. 250—"The laws to be read in January"—as they embody the present Regulations of Grand Lodge, and go no further, require no comment.

Rules Nos. 251 to 278, both inclusive, relate to the Board of General Purposes. There is in them a considerable re-arrangement of the existing Rules, but the alterations are few and comparatively immaterial. We note, however, an entire absence from the marginal notes of the reference numbers to the existing Rules, though they are contained in the Synopsis. Nos. 251-254 correspond with Art. 1, p 107, the word "appointed," with reference to the President and ten of the twenty-four members, being substituted for "nominated." No. 255 agrees with Art. 2, p 107, but for the words, "and for that purpose the names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination are to be delivered in writing," we have the following: "and for that purpose the names of the several brethren put in nomination, together with the names and numbers of their lodges, and whether at the time of such nomination they are masters or past masters, and in the case of a master, the date of his installation, are to be delivered in writing," while the said names "shall be printed alphabetically," instead of "may be printed" in a list, &c. In No. 256, which corresponds with Article 3, page 108, the number of "scrutineers" to be respectively elected and nominated is in each case "eight" instead of "four," but we are at a loss to understand why the sentence, "These scrutineers" should not read "These sixteen scrutineers" unless the Revision Committee is afraid to commit itself to the simple addition of eight to eight. No. 257 corresponds with Art. 5, p 109, and No. 258 with Art. 4, p 108. In the case of the latter proposed Rule, we would suggest, as preferable from a grammatical point of view, that for "the vacancy shall be filled up. If one appointed by the grand master, then by the grand master; and if one elected by the grand lodge then by the grand lodge at the next quarterly communication," we should read "the vacancy shall be filled up;—if of one appointed by the grand master, then by the grand master, but if of one elected by the grand lodge, then by the grand lodge," &c. Nos. 259, corresponding with Art. 6, p 108, and 260, corresponding with Art. 7 on same page, as to the "Meetings" and "Quorum" respectively, require no comment. No. 261—"Power to inspect the grand lodge books, &c."—is Art. 9, p 110 reproduced, and the same remark applies to No. 262—"Care of building, &c."—present Art. 19, p 112; No. 263—"May originate improvements"—present Art. 21, p 113; No. 264—"Care of the cor-

every application for relief from the Lodge of Benevolence.

The master or visiting brother of any lodge recommending a case for relief at the lodge of benevolence shall, to the best of his information and belief, certify in writing, to the actual condition of the applicant, his age, profession or calling, means of subsistence, what aid he receives from his family, his future prospects, the position he has held in the craft, and any matter that may guide the lodge of benevolence in adjusting the distribution of relief from its funds. The application of widows or children to be accompanied with a like certificate so far as practicable, with the probable disposal of the funds if relieved,"

respondence of the grand lodge"—present Art. 20, p 113; No. 265—"Charge of the finances"—present Art. 10, p 110; and No. 266—"Quarterly accounts"—present Art. 11, p 110. In No. 267, which relates to the "Audit" of accounts, and corresponds with Art. 12, p 111, the clause, "and shall, at the quarterly communication in March, state the amount of receipts and expenditure under their respective heads," is altered into "and shall, at the quarterly communication in March, state the amount of expenditure," &c. We see no valid reason for the exclusion of the "receipts" from the operation of the proposed rule, especially as we are told later on that its object is "to give the grand lodge full information respecting the receipt and application of its funds." Doubtless the omission is the result of an oversight. No. 268 is Art. 13, p 111, and Nos. 269 and 270 together correspond with Art. 8, p 109. No. 271, "To summon lodges and brethren," is the same as Art. 14, p 111; No. 272, "When to be in masonic clothing," as Art. 16, p 112; No. 273, "Mode of Procedure," as Art. 17, p 112; No. 274, "Complaints affecting members," as Art. 18, p 112; and No. 275, "Communications to the Board," as Art. 15, p 112. Nos. 276, "Communications from the Board;" 277, "Precedence of business," and 278, "Minutes," are textually reproductions of Articles 22, 23, and 24, pp 113, 114 respectively.

As regards the six Rules—Nos. 279-284—which affect the Colonial Board, its constitution and functions, they correspond in all material respects with Articles 1 to 6 at pp 114, 115.

What remains of the Revised Book is grouped under the two heads of "Regalia, Clothing, Insignia, and Jewels," and "Fees and Contributions." On these we have nothing particular to remark. We do not understand why such a formidable array of words as "Regalia," &c., should be used, when two of them certainly will suffice. Further, there is a rule at the end of the same section, after particulars have been given as to the "aprons" to be worn, which is to the following effect: "In addition to the foregoing, grand officers and past grand officers wear garter-blue silk gauntlets with the emblems of their respective offices or past offices embroidered in gold. The same rule applies to provincial and past provincial grand officers. In private lodges gauntlets of light blue silk with silver embroidery may be worn by the officers."

We shall close our lengthened commentary by offering one further remark, namely, that all such words and terms as "Officers," "Lodges," "Grand Officers," "Grand Wardens," "Provincial Grand Masters," "Masters," "Secretaries," &c. &c. &c. should uniformly be printed with capital letters. No rule appears to have been followed hitherto but the whim or caprice of the Revision Committee or their copyist, "Grand Master," "Grand Lodge," "Grand Secretary," &c. sometimes figuring with capitals and sometimes with small letters. As they are "proper names," they ought to appear with the former.

We regret, with reference to the letter we published last week, from Bro. Lawton, that our comments on the said Rule have not secured his favourable opinion, more especially as he appears to confine his criticism to the wording of the proposed and present Rules; for this we are not responsible. Nor can we congratulate him on his criticism, which is directed principally against the literal interpretation of the said Rules, and not against their spirit, which is manifest. There is not the slightest objection, in our opinion, to the first clause of the proposed Rule, "Every Lodge must receive as a member, without further proposition or ballot, any brother initiated therein." Membership does not, as a matter of course, follow initiation in a Lodge, for a candidate may be initiated in one Lodge and received into the membership of another. As far as our opinion goes, the language of both Rules, subject to what we said a fortnight back, is unobjectionable. A brother having been initiated in a Lodge, has the right to claim membership thereof, but he need not exercise such right. If he wishes to join another Lodge, he must make a statement to that effect "on or before the day of his initiation." but because the law lays this down, it does not constitute him a brother before he has become one by actual initiation. The law in fact, speaks in general terms, and, to a certain extent, necessarily, in the past tense, nor, as far as we can see, is there the slightest possibility of any one being misled by the language it employs.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting on Thursday, when Colonel Creaton occupied the chair. The following brethren were also present—Bros. James Willing jun., C. G. Dilley, J. Culmer, C. A. Cottebrune, George Snow, James Brett, James Kench, F. J. Murlis, W. H. Goodall, William Stephens, J. A. Farnfield, J. Newton, J. M. Case, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Hilton, L. R. Gallant, G. L. Moore, J. J. Berry, C. H. Webb, Julius Quitmann, Jabez Hogg, Thomas Cubitt, E. C. Massey. The death of one annuitant was reported to have taken place since last meeting. The deceased had received from the Institution, in the aggregate, a sum of £295. The Warden's Report was presented, from which it appeared that Messrs. Chatto and Windus, publishers, had forwarded to the Institution a parcel of books. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for several small sums, including one for £20 towards the expenses of the annual entertainment given to the inmates of the Institution on New Year's Day. The widow of the above-mentioned deceased annuitant applied for a grant of one-half of her late husband's annuity, and the papers being in order, the application was granted. The Secretary reported that two Festival Stewards—1881 and 1882 respectively—had not paid over the money they had collected, with the exception of a small sum, and the Committee decided that unless the money was paid within fourteen days, the matter should be reported to the Lodge of General Purposes. Bro. Dilly, who had given notice that he would at this meeting move for the grant of a gratuity of £10 to the widow who was at a previous meeting found ineligible, according to the Bye-laws, to receive the grant of half her late husband's annuity, for which she had applied, on rising to speak to his motion, said his attention had been that evening called to some remarks made upon the subject in the *Evening News*, in which the reporter had pointed out that the Institution was the dispenser of Annuity Funds, and was not a Board of Benevolence, which he (Bro. Dilly) considered was dictating to them in a manner in which no reporter had a right to dictate to that Board. Bro. Dilly said that since giving his notice—and quite uninfluenced by the paragraph in question—he had upon reflection felt he had no right to allow his pity to make him do that which he felt was wrong, and had therefore intended to withdraw his motion; but as this liberty had been taken with the Board, he would move that the £10 be paid. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg thought it was a pity that the subject had been brought forward in such a spirit. He did not think there was anything wrong in the paragraph from the *Evening News* which Bro. Dilly had read, and as the motion was in order, it could be discussed upon its merits. A reporter was perfectly at liberty to offer a comment, pointing out that the case was a little out of the way, and required more consideration on that account. After the remarks that were made in Grand Lodge, he thought that the caution recommended in the paragraph was required, as the Board did need to act with a good deal more caution than they had previously done. He rather thought the remarks were not out of place, and that the Board was fairly open to them. The motion to grant the sum of £20 was put and carried. There were fourteen petitions, of which thirteen were approved. The other stood over for a medical examination, and report, which Dr. Hogg kindly offered to make.

The Committees of the Schools have requested us to state that Bro. Michael Mullen, of Bradford, the celebrated elocutionist, vocalist and humourist, has kindly consented to give his clever and pleasing Two Hours' Entertainment of Mirth, Music, and Mimicry, at the respective Institutions, on Monday and Tuesday Evenings, as a treat to the Pupils before the Christmas Vacation, when they cordially invite friends and supporters of the Institutions to attend. The entertainment on Monday Evening, 18th inst., will be given at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W., where Miss Malora F. Goodridge will be the Pianist. On Tuesday evening Brother Muller will endeavour to amuse "Our Boys" and their friends, at the School at Wood Green, where Miss Agnes Edith Binckes has kindly consented to preside at the pianoforte. Bro. Michael Muller is unquestionably a most versatile artist, and doubtless on both of these occasions he will be greeted most cordially. The entertainment on each evening will commence at 6.30.

We have received a communication from a brother, whom, if it were possible, we should be very glad to oblige, in respect of the recent appeal of Bro. John James, P.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 105, Plymouth, against a certain decision of the Provincial Grand Master of Devon in August last. We regret, in common with every one else, that there should have arisen any difference between members of the same Province, but we fail to see how the prolongation of the difference will in any wise make matters smoother. We greatly deprecate the public discussion of squabbles between brethren, especially when such public discussion is calculated to involve the Fraternity in ridicule. We are of the old school, and prefer that as little dirty linen—especially Masonic dirty linen—as possible should be washed in public.

Our worthy brother the present Lord Mayor has had his time pretty well occupied since his accession to office on the 9th ult. Leaving minor matters out of the question, we note that on the 4th inst. he took a prominent part in the opening of the Royal Courts of Justice. On the 12th inst. he had an even more conspicuous role to play, when the City of London School was formally opened by the Prince of Wales, and the day following he attended in state, with the Lady Mayoress, at the inauguration of the International Electric and Gas Exhibition at the Crystal Palace.

Thursday was the twenty-first anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort, and the fourth of his beloved daughter the Princess Alice. The solemn occasion was celebrated, as usual by the Queen and the members of her family by a memorial service in the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore. The ladies and gentlemen of the Court were also present.

The *Evening News* states that G. Lodge Royal York of Friendship of Berlin is about to inaugurate next month a new hall, in which it will hold its meetings. It is a magnificent building, especially erected for that Lodge, which is the mother of forty-nine daughter Lodges in other parts of Germany. The outer front in the Doretheenstrasse is a most imposing piece of architecture, although its general appearance, the more so in consequence of the garden in front of it, is that of a grand country mansion. There are on the ground-floor three large principal halls, namely, the large social hall, the arched temple or working hall, and the dining hall. The edifice has two entrances, one at its western corner leading to the offices, especially to the kitchen, and one at the eastern corner, namely, the principal entrance to the Lodge. Through the latter is an entrance into an ante-room, a kind of entrance hall, and thence to the vestibule, the arched roof of which is supported by four high pillars of coloured marble, the capital on which are corinthians bronzed in gold. To the left of this hall is the social hall, and the moment the curtain is removed is observed in front of the western wall the grand and mighty oil painting, representing the German Emperor life-size in General's uniform; not as Emperor, but as Prince of Prussia, in which capacity he assumed, on the 22nd of May 1840, after the Conference of the Association of Grand Masters in the Grand Lodge of Royal York, the protectorate of the Masonic Lodges in Prussia. The floor of the hall is parquetté, and the walls are divided into coloured panels. At the northern side of this hall a portal supported by marble pillars leads opposite an orchestra into the Lodge, the working hall, which is a most beautiful piece of architecture in the Alhambresque style, and its roof is formed of a cupola with a skylight. A grand organ is here erected. The dining hall is a very fine apartment, and its ceiling is richly ornamented in stucco.

A pleasant meeting of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, took place on Saturday last. Report shall appear next week.

Lodge St. John, No. 70, will hold its installation meeting at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the day of St. John the Evangelist, 27th December. The brethren will afterwards dine at Bro. Watt's, Globe Hotel.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

THIS excellent working Lodge, many of the members of which are Past Masters of other Lodges; one member has been the recipient of Grand Honours in the G.L. of England; has for the past three years been located at the Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood, where the Lodge was consecrated. It has now, by the resolution of its members, removed to the Langham Hotel. This (Wednesday last) was the first occasion on which a Masonic Lodge had been held at the Langham, and although the accommodation was in every respect good, the brethren laboured under a disadvantage by not having the commodious rooms that will in future be allotted them. This Lodge has a Benevolent Fund attached, with a capital amounting to nearly £300. Every member pays 4s per annum; every initiate 20s, and joining members 5s. At the meeting we are about to chronicle, the W.M., Bro. Benjamin Phillips, who is a P.M. of No. 1563, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. White P.M. S.W., Moufflet J.W., Baker Secretary, Hill S.D., Halliday J.D., Baker I.G., Kent Organist, Smith M.C.; P.M.'s Draper, Fowler, Ashdown, Ashwell, Foxall P.G.P., Stringer, and a numerous attendance of the members and Visitors. Amongst the latter were J. Tustin P.M., H. Price 55, Higgins 1290, E. Mayo 1732, L. Binet P.M. 179, E. C. Birch 1223, Gardner 177, Fredericks 188, Bloomfield 1613, J. Soper W.M. 1769, Lucas P.M. 192, Gapp late of 21, Garnham 933, Davie Secretary 173, Hammond W.M. 1563, Arnett 365, J. Emanuel 15, Leach 861, Austin P.M. 753, Nicols 173, Captain Finch P.M. 173, Jewell late of 194, Ealey 1615, Andrews 35, Bilby 19, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. The Lodge was opened, and then a peep at the agenda paper showed that a goodly amount of work was to be done. Bros. Saville and A. A. Skoeins were raised to the sublime degree. Ballots were taken for the admission into the Order of Messrs. C. Cartis, E. Barr, and H. Ashdown. Result in each case being satisfactory, these gentlemen were duly initiated by the W.M., whose perfect working of the ceremonies deserves especial praise. Bros. E. B. Cox 1503, Douglass 228, and Victor Tassaud (late of this Lodge) were unanimously elected joining members. A notice of motion was handed in by Bro. E. White S.W. to revise the By-Laws. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and then a vote of condolence was unanimously passed to the bereaved widow and family of the late Bro. Myers, who was a brother-in-law of the W.M. Lodge was then closed until the second Wednesday in February, and the brethren, 68 in number, sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert provided by Captain W. C. Gordon, the service superintended by Mr. Cooke. The repast gave unqualified satisfaction, and grace having been said, the W.M., who makes a capital President, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toast. The National Anthem was sung, by Miss Grace Godolphin. In proposing the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, the W.M. said he was pleased to know that at the last meeting of Grand Lodge His Royal Highness was again re-elected. All Masons hope that he will be with them in his present capacity for many years. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was then sung by Bro. Kift. The W.M. then proposed the health of the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom D.G.M.; the brethren appreciated the honour of having a Brother a member of their Lodge who had been selected for Grand honours; he hoped to see Bro. Foxall among them for many years to come. He was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and was esteemed by all the members. Miss Grace Godolphin here sang—with great spirit—"The Kerry" Dancers," and well merited the applause she received. Bro. Foxall P.M. P.G.P., in reply, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their reception of the toast. He then, in assuming the gavel, said it was a great privilege to have to propose the health of the W.M. Those who saw Bro. Phillips in the chair that evening could certify how ably he had discharged his duties, in initiating three brethren and raising two. His genial presidency, not only on this occasion, but on each one when he had occupied the chair, entitled him to respect. He would ask the brethren to give the toast especial honour. Brother Arthur Thomas sang, most artistically, "Forget and Forgive." The W.M. in replying thanked Brother Foxall for his kind expressions; he was pleased to be with them in the capacity of W.M. If he had done his duty to their satisfaction, it was a great pleasure to know it. This was his mother Lodge, and though they had hitherto been located at another establishment, for many years, he could not say they had been comfortable. They now for the first time, met in this large and influential Hotel, where he hoped they had been made comfortable. He was sure the worthy manager would do all he could to keep them with him for years. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates. Those brethren, he was sure, would become ornaments to the Craft. On this occasion also they had three joining members, who the brethren were proud to welcome. After a humorous song by Brother J. Kift, Bros. Cartis, Barr, and Ashdown severally responded. The toast of the Joining Members was next given; they were Bro. Victor Tassaud, late a member of the Lodge, and Bros. Cox and Douglass. The toast was responded to by the latter Brother, in a very excellent speech; he was followed by Brother Cox. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters. They had present Bros. Foxall and Stringer, both of whom he was pleased to see. The latter when W.M. initiated him into the Order, he hoped to see him among them for many years to come. There also was Bro. Draper, no brother in the Craft is more respected than he; he is ever kind and genial. Next we come to Bro. Baker, the Secretary; all knew his work and capabilities. Then came Bros. Ashwell and Fowler, the latter had travelled from Ramsgate to be present at this especial meeting. Brother Stringer P.M. said that when he initiated the W.M. he had a lively recognition of prognosticating he would make a good and worthy Mason, and one day would occupy the chair. That had come to pass. He could frankly state their W.M. was an honour and a credit to them. Brother Fowler said he had travelled

a long distance to be present on this inaugural night. He would come any distance if he felt he could be as comfortable as they were then; a very agreeable evening had been passed, and he hoped to be present on many similar occasions. Bro. Draper also addressed the brethren. The Wor. Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Bro. Austin in responding said he was a very old attendant at their meetings; he reminded the brethren that the R.A. Chapter attached to the Lodge would be held at the Langham, on the second Wednesday in January. Brother Baker P.M. and Secretary is the M.E.Z. Brother Captain Finch P.M. 173, in a very eloquent speech followed. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary; he regretted the absence of the former brother, through a domestic affliction; Bro. Baker is a host in himself. No better Secretary could be found, nor one who has the interest of the Lodge more at heart. The duet, "No, Sir," was here sung, excellently, by Miss Grace Godolphin and Bro. Kift, and then Bro. Baker responded to the toast. He hoped that every success would attend the Lodge in their change of locality. The W.M. had that night initiated three gentlemen, while three members had joined; he regretted the cause that kept their worthy Treasurer away. Bro. Chaplin was one whom they all respected. The W.M. here said he was about to propose a toast somewhat out of ordinary course; that was the health of Dr. Spurgin, who although but a lay member, is one who has the interests of the Lodge at heart. It was to him, in conjunction with Bro. Baker, to whom they were indebted for the removal of the Lodge to its present quarters. The music which they had that night enjoyed was to be credited to him. After Bro. Dr. Spurgin had responded, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers. The S.W., Brother White, is one who knows his duties; he had passed the chair in an influential Lodge, and all hoped he would occupy the chair here. The J.W. and other Officers know their duties thoroughly, while Bro. Drake as W.S. is not only a liberal, but an economist. After a response from Bro. White, who said that after twelve years they had embarked on a new era; he hoped the Lodge would prosper. Bro. Moufflet J.W. followed, as did Bros. Halliday and Smith. Then the Tyler's toast was given. During the evening it was suggested that a ball, in connection with the Lodge, should take place at the Langham Hotel on the last Tuesday in January. A strong committee will be organised to carry this out.

NEW CONCORD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,
No. 813.

THE members of this Lodge of Instruction celebrated their Annual Festival, at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury Corner, on Wednesday evening. This Lodge of Instruction holds its regular meetings at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road, N., but owing to other engagements the proprietor was unable to offer, on this occasion, the necessary accommodation. Hence the migration to Bro. Baker's. In the absence of Bro. Haslip, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who was prevented from attending through indisposition, the chair was taken by Bro. T. J. Cusworth P.M., who was supported by Bros. Sampson George P.M. 813, Boulton Treasurer 813, Stillwell 813, Woodman S.D. 1950, R. P. Forge W.M. 1950, W. W. Morgan, Ashton, Chipperfield, Thompson, R. M. Jones, Marks, Weeden, Wolf, A. Perl (Treasurer), F. Perl (Secretary), Kalen, Bevan, A. Potter, W. Potter, Wicks, Dixie, Chubb, Sargent, Charles, Willcock, T. Jones, Moorhouse, Edell, Stevenson, Flack, Cotton, and several others. The repast was placed on the table by Bro. Baker with every attention to detail, and afforded the most unqualified satisfaction to all present. On the removal of the cloth the President gave the first toast—Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the best interests of the Craft. After the National Anthem, Bro. Cusworth introduced the second toast—Success to the Mother Lodge—with it was associated the name of Brother Sampson George P.M. After a song by Brother August Perl—capitally rendered—Bro. George replied: He was called on somewhat unexpectedly, in consequence of the absence of Brother Haslip—which all regretted—to respond to this toast. He felt assured the members of the Mother Lodge who were present would have preferred to have seen assembled around the festive board more of their number. However, those who had come were gratified at the success that had attended the gathering. He might be pardoned if he went out of his course somewhat to announce that the Mother Lodge was, financially and socially, in a very happy condition. The members fully appreciated the labours of the Lodge of Instruction, by whose exertions the Officers were enabled to perform their several duties in a perfect and satisfactory manner. This in the main was due to the zeal and energy displayed by the Preceptor, Bro. T. J. Cusworth P.M., who so ably conducted it. He would now call upon the brethren to join him in wishing continued prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction, and a long life, with happiness, to its Preceptor, Bro. Cusworth. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Cusworth, after thanking the brethren, stated that he had filled the office of Preceptor for more than fourteen years, during which time they had seen many changes. The Lodge of Instruction met every week, and all necessities to make the working perfect were at the disposal of the brethren. The Lodge room was amply furnished, and any Craftsman who chose to pay a visit would be cordially welcomed, and he ventured to think would derive satisfaction and profit from the visit. He would conclude by heartily thanking them for the reception they had given to the toast introduced by Bro. George. The Visitors, was the next toast given by the President. There were several distinguished Masons present, and he trusted they would make themselves better acquainted with the members; doubtless many of them, on a future occasion, would join the Lodge of Instruction. With this toast he would associate the names of Bros. Edell, Charles, Jones and Moorhouse. After a song by Bro. Venning, the brethren whose names were mentioned in connection with the toast severally responded, each expressing himself gratified with the visit. After a Shakespearian selection, delivered by Bro. Morgan with his wonted vigour, the

Treasurer and Secretary were complimented, and to this the Brothers Perl replied. Several other toasts were given. Bro. Morgan responded for the Press. Special recognition was vouchsafed Bro. Baker for his attention to the creature comforts of his guests. The evening throughout was essentially a harmonious one; song succeeded song in rapid succession. Among those who distinguished themselves, in addition to those already named, we must mention Bros. Woodman, Wicks, Wolf, Venning, &c. Bro. W. Wright, as usual, proved himself an able pianist, and received hearty applause for his performance of the March of the Turkish Patrol. Bro. Dixie contributed a capital recitation.

St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.—The meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. Fletcher W.M., Wade I.P.M., Stoner P.M. S.W., Baker J.W., Maxted S.D., Chester J.D., Denne I.G., Miles Treasurer, Parsons Secretary, Farwig P.M., and a goodly attendance of the brethren. Visitors—Bros. Baker I.P.M. Joppa, and Gibbs. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of previous meeting had been confirmed, Bro. Spence was examined and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Lodge was resumed, when Mr. A. Paillard was initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. According to ancient custom, the brethren then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Baker was unanimously selected. Bro. Miles was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. P.M. Stoner Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. I.P.M. Wade then proposed that a Past Master's jewel be voted to Bro. Fletcher W.M., from the funds of the Lodge, to mark the appreciation of the brethren of the very satisfactory manner in which Bro. Fletcher had presided over the Lodge during his year. Not only had he earned the good opinion of all by his administration in the Lodge, but also his presidency at the banquet table left nothing to be desired. The W.M., in a few chosen words, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kindness shown him, more particularly this evening. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, which was served to the satisfaction of all, bringing a very pleasant evening to a close.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—A regular meeting of this popular Lodge was held on the 4th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Myers W.M., Benjamin S.W., Martin S.W., Lyon Treasurer, Albert P.G.P. Secretary, Bean S.D., Botibol J.D., Walls I.G., Dewasnap M.C., Jacques Wynman Steward, Richard Baker I.P.M., P.M.'s Berkowitz, Hickman, Dodson, Levy, Alexander, Roberts, Abrahams, Alexander. Visitors—Bradshaw 405, Bathard 1287, Stunt 1641, Lyon 185, Fletcher W.M. 180, Siems 1502, Jennings. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The bye-laws were read by Bro. Baker. Bro. Lorie having answered the usual questions very satisfactorily, was raised to the third degree by the Worshipful Master. The election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months then took place, and Brother Benjamin was elected to fill that important position. Bro. Lyon was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodstock Tyler. Five brethren were elected on the Board of Management, eight on the Benevolent Fund, and two as Auditors. A distressed brother was relieved with the sum of 21s. Bro. Dodson announced that a new Lodge was about to be formed, and that he was to be nominated its first Master. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the petition be signed by the Lodge. Bro. Baker then proposed that a testimonial be presented to the W.M., on his retiring from the chair, for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties: and the sum of £5 5s was voted from the funds of the Lodge to form a nucleus for presenting him with a testimonial worthy his acceptance. This was carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to light refreshments. The W.M. presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Albert responded for the Grand Officers. The toast of the Benevolent Fund was responded to by Bro. Alexander, Past President. The W.M. then offered the toast of the W.M. elect. He was pleased to see Bro. Benjamin in that position, and wished him health and prosperity. Bro. Benjamin in reply said he felt the responsibility of the duties devolving upon him; he knew they were great, but he hoped to discharge them to their satisfaction. He might remind them that he was almost born in Freemasonry; many of his family had distinguished themselves, and had gained Provincial Grand honours in Lancashire. He sincerely thanked the brethren one and all. Bro. Baker said he rose for the last time in his present capacity. No words of his could enhance what he was about to say—that was that the brethren should drink to the health of the W.M. Bro. Myers was one who had ably and efficiently done his duty during the past year, and however enthusiastically this toast had been received hitherto, he hoped the brethren on this occasion would give it a hearty reception. The Worshipful Master in reply thanked Bro. Baker for his kind expressions; also the brethren for the way they had received the toast. He likewise had to thank Bro. Baker for his kind assistance; at the same time every Officer had done well; he heartily thanked them. The toast of the Visitors was next given; the W.M. gave them a hearty welcome. He assured them that though the Lodge was about to leave the Albion, they would be always pleased to see them in their new quarters, especially Bro. Jennings, who, with Bro. Bathard, he would call upon to respond to the toast. Bro. Jennings said that it was a well-known axiom, "tis hard to part from those we love," and harder to die; but changes must take place. He regretted the Lodge was about to leave the Albion; he would take an early opportunity of visiting. He could assure them that a token presented him by the members of the Lodge would ever be valued by him. Bro. Bathard followed, as likewise did Bros. Bradshaw and Fletcher. The other toasts were the P.M.'s, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Wardens and Officers; and then the Tyler's was given. Altogether a very agreeable evening was passed. Bro. Baker gave an excellent recitation, while Bros. Dodson, Hicks, and Martin contributed to the harmony.

AIRE AND CALDER LODGE, No. 458.

THE annual installation of the W.M. of this Lodge took place on Friday afternoon, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Onse-street, Goole. Bro. Ezra Gooderidge, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Gardiner I.P.M., there being, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a number of visitors from other towns in the district, including Leeds, York, and Howden. The W.M. elect afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. H. Wilson S.W., W. Brook J.W., R. Wright P.M. Treasurer, E. C. B. Tudor M.C., T. Raven Secretary, W. Everett S.D., E. J. Foster J.D., R. Dayson I.G., Dixon and Blasdale Stewards, Stevenson Organist, and Brother H. Handley Tyler. Brother Wilson Senior Warden was re-elected charity member. At the close of the ceremony Bro. M. Wright presented to the retiring Master a handsome jewel bearing the inscription: "Presented to Bro. H. T. Gardiner, by the brethren of No. 458, Aire and Calder Lodge, in appreciation of his services in the chair for two consecutive years. 8th. Dec. 1882." The annual banquet was held at the Sydney Hotel, where the W.M. elect presided, being supported by Bro. Anderton W.M. 630, St. Cathberts, Howden, and the Past Masters and brethren of the Lodge, there being a larger attendance than for several years past.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—The anniversary banquet of this useful and progressive Lodge of Instruction was held on Friday evening, the 8th inst., at Bro. Grey's, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, Shoreditch, under the presidency of Bro. R. W. Pearcy W.M. 1227. The company included Bros. P.M.'s Fenner, Andrews, Clark, Serjeant S.W., Gieseke J.W., Free Secretary, Stroud I.G., Sherwin Organist, Horley W.S., Pearson 458, Pratt, Amphlett, Oxley, Marks, Ford, Smith, Moss, R. Pringle, Grey, Wright, &c. Ample justice having been done to Bro. Grey's excellent catering, the customary loyal toast was duly honoured, and the healths of our Masonic Rulers were received with the utmost enthusiasm. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the evening—Success to the Upton Lodge of Instruction—said he was very happy to inform the brethren that it had met with much success during the past year. The total number of attendances had been 619, giving an average of sixteen per meeting, which they must regard as very satisfactory. They had a balance in hand of something like £9, after having given two guineas to Bro. Robinson's list, and one guinea towards the Old People's Christmas Entertainment. There was also an Association connected with the Lodge, which had likewise been a success, for they had been enabled at every monthly meeting to have a draw—at the last meeting there were two draws—and the result had been to contribute in the aggregate 130 guineas in one year to the Charities. He thought, therefore, they might fairly congratulate themselves upon the success which had attended their efforts; and he really did not know where the Charities would be were it not for the Lodges of Instruction. He could say, with perfect truth and confidence, that quite one-half, and perhaps two-thirds, of the amount subscribed to the Institutions was derived from the various Lodges of Instruction. Therefore it behoved one and all, who had Freemasonry at heart—and it was comprehended in the one word "charity"—to look after their Lodges of Instruction, and do their best to render them all the assistance that lay in their power. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Fenner. The toast having been received with hearty fire, Bro. Fenner said he thanked the brethren most heartily for the cordial reception they had accorded him. He was very proud to hear the announcement made by their W.M. and which he (the speaker) had heard for the first time, as to average number of brethren who had attended this Lodge of Instruction. It showed the Lodge had done a vast amount of good, and he trusted it would long continue in the same direction. Of course, a Lodge of Instruction was almost a nonentity without a head, and as they had kindly placed him in that position year after year, he had done the best he could to afford the brethren what instruction he could. Any influence he could bring to bear, however, would be unavailing without the assistance of every member of the Lodge in forwarding its interests, in binding together and uniting in attaining such instruction as should enable them to rise to any office to which they might be called in the mother Lodge. He thought Lodges of Instruction were, as Bro. Terry once said, "the real backbone of Freemasonry." There would be few competent Officers in any Lodge unless they attended the meetings for instruction. Those who attended for the first time felt very strange, and naturally nervous, but when they had been in the habit of attending they gained confidence, and were able to acquit themselves in any position they might be asked to fill in their mother Lodge, not only with satisfaction to themselves, but with honour to the Lodge. For many years he had had the support of the Upton Lodge, and this gave him great confidence and pleasure in doing what little service he could in the way of imparting instruction to others. He hoped to see this Lodge of Instruction go on and prosper in the future as it had done in the past, and that Freemasonry might flourish and become increasingly influential, not only in promoting feelings of reciprocity and good fellowship, but also in cementing together good men and true who might otherwise have remained apart and unknown to each other. He then proposed the health of their excellent W.M., who fulfilled that position with as much credit as any who had preceded him. That he had striven to do his best, as Master of the parent Lodge, no one could doubt who had watched Bro. Pearcy's Masonic career. They all knew it was a difficult position to be placed in the chair of a Lodge, and that it required all a man's judgment and tact to carry on the duties satisfactorily. Bro. Pearcy had done so with much credit, and it augured well for the future success of the Lodge when their W.M. took so active an interest in its affairs. He trusted Bro. Pearcy might have the cordial co-operation and assistance of the Officers and brethren in the discharge of his duties; if so, it would give him confidence and enable him to carry on the work in a manner which must conduce to the best interests of the Lodge. No man had Freemasonry more at

heart than he had, as was evidenced by the support he gave to the Charities, and the way in which he did his work in Lodge, which was highly creditable and satisfactory to them all. The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Percy in acknowledging it, thanked Bro. Fenner for the too eulogistic terms in which he had brought his name before the company. It was quite true that he had Freemasonry very warmly at heart. When he joined it he did so with the intention of getting to the top of the tree; and as whatever was worth doing at all was worth doing well, he had endeavoured to discharge his duty to the utmost of his ability. In the same way, whatever honours a man wished to gain were worth working for. With that idea he asked some one to introduce him into a Lodge of Instruction, and as there happened to be none in his neighbourhood, a few friends of his agreed that they should found this Lodge. He believed he was the only remaining founder who now attended, and several of the other originators had passed away. They first met to the number of thirteen; they subscribed their money, and they had gone on with varied success, sometimes up and sometimes down. This year had certainly crowned their efforts with success, and he trusted they would grow in the future even better than they had done in the past. He then proposed in felicitous terms the health of the Visitors, for whom Bros. Amphlett and Sherwin suitably responded. The W.M. then gave the Masonic Charities, in doing which he said it was his privilege to be a member of the Board of Benevolence, though the privilege was often a painful one, when they had to listen to so many tales of poverty and distress. But though the applicants for relief were so numerous there was rarely an instance of any one being sent empty away. At the last meeting there were fifty-eight cases, and all were relieved with the exception of one, which would not bear investigation, and the total amount granted was £1,500. Seeing the immense amount of good done by the Charities they could not do better than to render them all the support available; and in no way could they do this better than by promoting to the uttermost of their power the Lodges of Instruction. Bro. Moss replied to the toast in a practical speech. Several others were proposed, including the Treasurer and Secretary, who suitably responded. During the evening some capital songs were sung, Bro. Sherwin rendering efficient aid as accompanist on the pianoforte.

KINGSTON LODGE, No. 1010.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull, Bro. B. S. Jacobs W.M. in the chair. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, Bro. Henry Forder J.W., the Worshipful Master elect, was presented to the installing Officer, Bro. B. S. Jacobs, for installation as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed, according to the ancient customs of the Craft. Bro. H. Forder, on taking the chair, appointed the following brethren to their respective offices:—Bros. Jacobs I.P.M., Seaton, C.E., S.W., Logan J.W., Rev. H. C. Casson, M.A., Chaplain, Mosely Lecture Master, Copland Treasurer, Sidman Sec., M. Grant-Dalton, C.E., S.D., Wellsted, C.E., J.D., Nicholson, M.D., Director of Ceremonies, Keyworth Almoner, Pyburn, M.D., Organist, Fullerton I.G. Firth and Sutton Stewards, Lambert Tyler. The banquet was subsequently held at the Royal Station Hotel. Bro. H. Forder occupied the chair, and was supported by many distinguished Masons of the Riding, and visitors from the neighbouring Lodges. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 1766.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. The W.M., Brother Elias Benjamin, opened the Lodge, and was supported during the evening by the following brethren:—Jones W.M. elect S.W., Clement J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson, M.A., Chaplain, Cox Secretary, Funston S.D., Walker J.D., Drysdale M.C., Young Org., Matthews I.G., Thrower Steward; P.M.'s Bros. Barham, Barr, Stean, Terry, Clarke P.G.P., Buss Assist. G. Sec., several members of the Lodge, and the following, among other visitors—Bros. Berry 172, Thorey 1365, Turner 186, Finch P.M. 1365, Lee P.M. 1384, Steel J.D. 1365, Potter 1445, Bradgate 55, Hill 813, Edwards 907, Francke 1692, Stephens J.W. 1692 1382 and 898, Green 861, Smithers 193, Francis 55, Rowe 1096, Sanders 861, Hodges 1310, Frew 959, Douglass 1744, Jones 1607, Downing P.M. 20, James 723, Ames 860, Haggs 813, Heale 45, Symmons, Peacock 201, Brien P.M. 1076, Sims 861, Salter 861, Joseph Little 1607, J. Goodwin 1133, John C. Pitt 1076, Wallace S.D. 907, Cox P.M. 1566, Sarson 76, Hughes W.M. 1816, Roberts 1623, Tibbetts S.W. 1950, Lobb 538, Turner W.M. 183, Morrell 1839, Bridges 591, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, Robson 1445, Smith S.W. 193, Page 214, Stevens 1564, Clarke 1158, Harwood 813, Stephens P.M. 751, Mellor 1744, Darrant P.M. 569 1185, Birkett 569, Munro 569, Hawkins P.M. 569, Nicholson I.P.M. 1566, Cain 813, Bowen 65, Snook 1693, Doubleday 193, Hallows P.M. 1662, G. J. Freeman 1613, Gooding 1329, Iron S.W. 1579. After the confirmation of the minutes, the Lodge was advanced with the customary formalities. Bro. J. A. Jones was installed as W.M., appointing, in due course, the following as his Officers:—Bros. Clement S.W., Funston J.W., Henderson Chap., King Treas., Cox Sec., Walker S.D., Matthews J.D., Drysdale I.G., Thrower M.C., Harrison and Staff Stewards, Young Organist. Messrs. E. J. Rose, J. L. Fraser, E. T. Henman jun., and George Colls were, after the ballot had been taken and proven in their favour, initiated by the newly appointed W.M., who then proceeded to close the Lodge. Before doing so he presented to the retiring W.M. a P.M.'s jewel, and it was stated that a testimonial would have been presented to the late Treasurer—Bro. C. Stevens P.M.—but for that brother's absence. The brethren then

proceeded to banquet, which was presided over by the W.M. At its conclusion and after grace, the customary loyal toasts were honoured. With that of the Grand Officers was coupled the names of Bros. Buss and Clarke. The former referred to the great progress the Lodge had made, and hoped it might continue on its successful career. The Grand Officers felt deeply the responsibility reposed in them by the Grand Master, and did all that lay in their power to prove themselves worthy of it. It was a most fortunate thing for the Grand Officers that Grand Lodge chose men whose ability won for them the respect of the whole Craft. Bro. Clarke hardly thought he would have been called upon to respond to this toast in the presence of so worthy and distinguished a brother as the Assistant Grand Secretary. He was however very pleased to offer his thanks to the W.M. and the Lodge, with those of Brother Buss. He felt he could not let the opportunity pass without referring back a few years to the time when he had assisted at the consecration of the Lodge, and considering the short space of time that had elapsed since that event he felt they could but congratulate all connected with the St. Leonard's Lodge on the success that had attended it. Brother Benjamin next proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He considered it quite superfluous for him to give a lengthened description of Brother Jones's capabilities, his acts that night had spoken far more forcibly as to his ability than any words he could utter, if their new W.M. carried out all the duties of the chair as ably as he had the ceremonies required of him on the first night of his ruling, it must redound to his credit and prove for the benefit of the Lodge. The W.M. in reply felt he could not sufficiently thank Bro. Benjamin for his kind words in proposing the toast of his health, he also thanked Bro. Buss for the compliment he paid him. To have one's working praised by such an experienced Mason as Brother Buss was indeed an honour; he only hoped he might continue to deserve such encomiums. He certainly felt it an honour to be surrounded as he was by such an array of brethren—some 120 in all—this large attendance was, in itself, a great compliment both to the Lodge and himself, he only hoped that he might continue to deserve such approval, and that when the time should come for him to give up the management of the affairs of the Lodge it could be said that it was none the worse for his year's occupation of the chair. He next had to propose the health of the Installing Master. This toast also comprised the Immediate Past Master of the year, for he was pleased to say that Brother Benjamin, his predecessor, had brought his year's work to an end by installing his successor. He had worked well for the Lodge, and from what he had done the W.M. felt every member would agree with him that he was well worthy of their esteem. Bro. Benjamin most sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren for their approbation. He felt very proud of the high honour which had been conferred on him, and much obliged to the brethren for the handsome reception accorded him at all times. He was pleased that the brethren were satisfied with his exertions. The health of the Past Masters of the Lodge was next proposed from the chair. The W.M. in giving it felt he could speak of them with a thorough knowledge of their ability. He had known each of them, not only in the Lodge, but also before it was consecrated, and in every sphere he had found them to be most worthy brethren. Bro. Stean was the first to reply. It was a great pleasure to him, as year by year the day of installation came round, to see the progress made in the Lodge. He hoped this prosperity might go on for many years, and that not only would the brethren be able to boast of a flourishing Lodge, but would also be able to point to continued support of the Charities, which he considered should never be forgotten so long as the Lodge was in existence. Bro. Barr felt that the P.M.'s could only repeat each other's words, for every one of them wished for the Lodge prosperity and a bright future. It afforded them the greatest pleasure to see the work being carried out properly, and this he felt sure would specially be the case under the ruling of Bro. Jones. Bro. Barham looked upon this as the first occasion on which he had been able to respond as a full fledged Past Master. As one of the Founders he had always worked with one object in view—to make the Lodge among the first in the country. As he was particularly concerned as regarded the preparation of the banquet that night, he could but hope that every one had at least been well supplied. The number who had sat down was the largest that had ever dined in that hall, and if they had not achieved all that could have been wished, they had yet done what they could. Bro. Benjamin tendered his acknowledgments as a P.M., thanking the brethren for their reception of the toast. The next toast on the list was, the W.M. said, a most important one, for it had justly been said that without initiates Freemasonry would soon cease to exist. He sincerely hoped that the few received that night might prove beneficial additions to the Lodge, and he had no doubt that they would. He further hoped that they might live to occupy the most prominent positions in the Craft. Brother Fraser, on behalf of himself and his brother initiates, returned his sincere thanks. He was deeply sensible of the responsibilities he had taken upon himself that night, and hoped he might prove himself a worthy Mason. Brother Henman also thanked the brethren. He hoped the prominent position he and his brother initiates had occupied in that night's assembly might some day be repeated as a reward for merit in the Craft. Each of the other initiates having replied, the W.M., in a most forcible manner, proposed the Charities, to which Brother James Terry responded. In the course of his remarks Brother Terry, after referring in general terms to the Charities, pointed out the prospects for the future as far as the Benevolent Institution was concerned. They had that day had a committee meeting, and as usual had received further applications for relief from both old men and women: these and the many who had been passed on previous occasions gave a total of one hundred and ten as candidates for the next election, and there were yet two monthly meetings to be held before the list was closed, from which he might reasonably expect thirty more approved cases, making one hundred and forty in all. For these to compete for, there were at present but eleven vacancies, viz., ten men, and one widow. These figures he thought proved, most forcibly, that something ought to be done beyond what was

being achieved. It seemed woful to leave so many out in the cold. as they would unquestionably have to do. It really meant that either great help must come, a great number of deaths must occur among the present annuitants, or 133 old people would be left unprovided for. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured, and to this Bro. Captain Durrant and others replied. Other toasts followed in rapid succession, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the Tyler, but not until very late were "our distressed brethren" toasted. The arrangements throughout left nothing to be desired.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693. — On Monday last, Bros. Powell W.M., Percy P.M. S.W., Funston J.W., Trewinnard Preceptor, Forge W.M. 1950 Secretary, Killick jun. Treasurer, Weston S.D., Marks J.D., Clemmens I.G.; also Bros. Goddard, Snook, Killick sen., Jordan, Bevan, Loughurst, Venning, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history and explaining the tracing board; Bro. Venning was the candidate. Lodge was resumed to first degree. Bro. Percy, Preceptor of the Percy, Finsbury Park, and Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodges of Instruction, was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing week. It was then proposed by Bro. Forge, and seconded by Bro. Snook, both members of the mother Lodge, that the sum of £2 2s, from the funds of the Lodge of Instruction, be handed to Bro. Terry, Secretary of the R.M.B.I., towards the Christmas Entertainment of the Old People, at Croydon. This proposition was carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. Preceptor, that the sum of £1 1s be voted from the funds of the Lodge of Instruction, towards the testimonial about to be presented to Bro. Terry. This was carried unanimously. We may mention here that this testimonial will take the form of a portrait in oil, to be hung in the Asylum, at Croydon, opposite that of Dr. Crucifix, the founder. We think other Lodges would be pleased to show their appreciation, in this way, of Bro. Terry's zeal in furthering the best interests of Freemasonry. During the evening it was decided that the Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction write a letter of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. Elias Somers, who was ever a staunch friend to all Craft Masons.

THE THEATRES, &c.

ADELPHI.—At 7, RACHEL THE REAPER. At 8, LOVE AND MONEY.
PRINCESS'S.—At 7, AUNT CHARLOTTE'S MAID. At 7.45, THE SILVER KING.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, THE RIVALS.
OLYMPIC.—At 8.15, ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR.
GLOBE.—At 8, Dr. DAVEY. At 8.45, THE PROMISE OF MAY. (Last night).
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, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.40, IOLANPE.
COMEDY.—At 7.15, THE FAST COACH. At 8, RIP VAN WINKLE.
HAYMARKET.—At 7.50, NEARLY SEVEN. At 8.10, THE OVERLAND ROUTE. This day, at 2 also.
OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, SOMETHING NEW. At 9.45, AN ADAM LESS EDEN.
COURT.—COMRADES.
TOOLE'S.—At 7.20, TAKING IT EASY. At 8, GIRLS AND BOYS; a Nursery Tale. At 10, Mr. GUFFIN'S ELOPEMENT.
CRITERION.—At 8, BRAVE HEARTS. At 9, BETSY.
AVENUE.—At 7.30, WEDDING BLISS. At 8, MANTEAUX NOIRS.
GAIETY.—At 7.40, BACHELOR HALL. At 8, THE CRITIC. At 9.45, YOUNG FRA DIAVOLO.
ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, IMPULSE.
NOVELTY.—At 7.30, THE FIRST BREEZE. At 8, MELITA.
STANDARD.—THE RULING PASSION. On Monday, benefit of Messrs. J. and R. Douglass.
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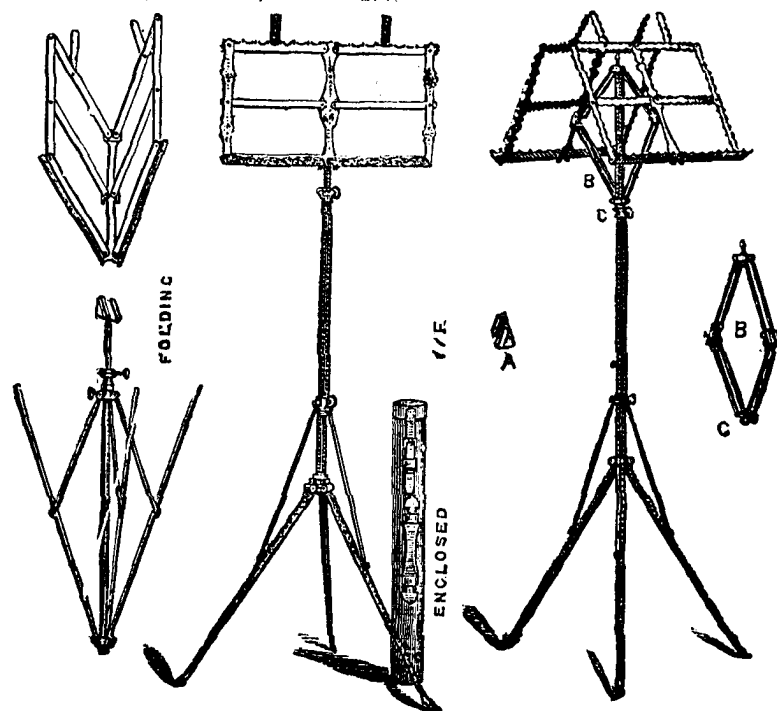
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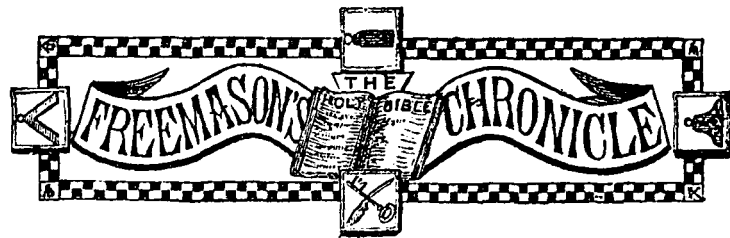
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CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1984, AT WATFORD.

A LARGE gathering of distinguished Freemasons met at the Masonic Hall, Watford, on Wednesday, 14th inst., when the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1984, was consecrated by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Herts, Bro. T. F. Halsey, Esq., M.P., assisted by the V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary. The brethren assembled in the larger Hall at about 3 p.m., and shortly afterwards the Grand Master and Officers of the Province entered in procession. A Lodge was then opened by the Provincial G. Master, Bros. Edgar Bowyer P.P.S.W. acting as S.W., and Dr. Hobson P.P.J.W. J.W. Just previous to the commencement of the consecration ceremony Bro. J. E. Cassans S.G.W. was announced, and on entry took his proper position as S.W. The Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge present were, in addition to the above, W. Bros. F. H. W. Hles, M.D., D.P.G.M., F. S. Knyvett Prov. G. Treasurer, J. E. Dawson Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Provincial G. Secretary, W. E. Gompertz jun. Prov. G.J.D., G. F. Cook Prov. A.D.C., E. R. P.

Francis Prov. G. Org., T. Woodman Prov. G.P., F. Hall Prov. G.A.P., and Bros. T. Wright and C. Thomas Prov. G. Tylers. There were also present during the proceedings the following brethren, viz.—Bros. J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. S.W. designate, H. J. Giller J.W. designate, T. Kent P.P.G.D., F. Davidson P.S.G.W. Middlesex Frederick Binckes P.G. Steward, C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, D. M. Dewar 1415, George Kenning P.G.D. Middlesex, James Stevens P.M. P.Z., C. W. Reynolds P.P.G.A.P., H. Balderson P.P.G.J.D., G. Mickley P.P.G.D., Foord P.P.G. Reg., J. Shilcock P.P.G.J.W., W. O. Thompson P.P.G. Chaplain, C. Veal P.G.J.D. Surrey, H. C. Finch P.P.G. Reg., A. P. Brett P.P.G.S.W., G. Finch P.P.G. Chap., W. Wilson, W. Large, A. Cotton, Webster 1479, Young 1707, W. T. Graves, Noyes 1327, Hodges 1706, Ward 1541, Wilding 1541, G. Smith jun. 1839, J. Stedman 1765, T. Carter 403, J. Shearman 1146, J. Kingston 1385, J. T. Bolding 173, G. F. Francis 403, J. Penroth 1479, C. E. Keyser 404, J. Freke 1827, C. Payne 404, C. Killick W.M. 1580, J. Gibbs 1603, J. G. Yolland W.M. 1385, Deedes 1479, J. T. Lee W.M. 404, C. W. Allen 1385, J. Britten 1385, J. Bristow 657, P. Cooper 591, H. J. Bell 404, H. Massey P.M. 1928, Sydney Martin 404, J. Belcher 1784, T. C. Grant 38, G. J. Flint 404, E. Burnford W.M. 1519, E. Hatch 357, T. W. Lane 1249, and many others who did not sign the attendance book. A brief address from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Consecrating Officer opened the business of the consecration, which was carried throughout in the most effective and reverent manner. The well delivered extempore oration, given by the Rev. Brother W. O. Thompson, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, was certainly one of the best, if not the best, we have ever heard on similar occasions. It was not lengthy, but was most expressive, and thoroughly interested those who listened to the speaker's forcible language. Bro. J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. carried out the duties connected with the ceremonial to perfection, and the whole order of proceedings was, under his attentive care, smoothly and efficiently conducted. An excellent choir, under the direction of Bro. W. T. Graves, amongst whom were Bros. J. Lyndon Hodges, J. Stedman, G. F. Smith, and Frank Ward, made the musical portion of the consecration ceremony very attractive, and at its conclusion the brethren expressed their appreciation of the services of all concerned. Certainly the Earl of Clarendon Lodge was consecrated under especial auspices, and its introduction to its sister Lodges was worthy of its distinguished founders. After a brief interval, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master requested the V.W. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary to instal the W.M. designate of the new Lodge, and himself presented W. Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles for that purpose, with a few very kindly remarks expressive of his great esteem for his Deputy Grand Master, with whom he said he had been so pleasantly associated in Freemasonry. The Installing Master having addressed the R.W.P.G.M., the Lodge then duly installed Dr. Wilson Iles into the chair of K.S., Bro. F. D. Knyvett P.G. Steward acting as Director of Ceremonies. After the usual salutations, the following Officers of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge were invested, namely, Bros. J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. S.W., H. S. Giller J.W., G. Tidcombe jun. Treasurer, W. Wilson S.D., W. T. Graves J.D., W. Large M.C., T. C. Grant I.G., A. Cotton Steward, Charles Thomas Tyler. The ceremony of installation was completed by the addresses of the Installing Master, delivered with the customary ability and easy address of the Grand Secretary, to whom a vote of thanks for his services was unanimously accorded. The W.M. of the new Lodge then called upon his Officers and members to perform their first duty in saluting, as an act of allegiance, the Prov. Grand Master, which having been done, he next proposed the election of the Prov. Grand Master and the Grand Secretary as honorary members of the Lodge; this was carried. Both the distinguished brethren responded, with acceptance of the compliment, and kindly promises to assist the progress of the Lodge by every means within their power. A vote of thanks to Bro. George Lambert, Past Grand Sword Bearer, for his kind loan of the consecrating vessels, was cordially passed. Several propositions for initiation and joining having been made, and greetings and hearty good wishes having been expressed by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed with prayer. The banquet was held in the Corn Exchange, which had been prepared for the reception of the guests of the Lodge, and was decorated with abundance of choice ferns and evergreens. It is a fine assembly room, but somewhat cold for the purposes of a dining hall. Nevertheless, the attention which had been given towards securing as much comfort as possible somewhat mitigated the effects of an atmospheric change, distinctly felt by even the strongest amongst the company, but which soon gave way to a more genial temperature as the several courses disappeared. The viands were extremely good, and the cuisine deserving of notice; and had it not been for the want of warmth in what was set before the guests, nothing but the utmost praise could have been merited by the host, his chef, and his attendants. After grace had been sung by the choir above named, the several toasts, which were commendably few, were given by the W.M. Referring to the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the W.M. called attention to the strides which Masonry had taken since the Installation of his Royal Highness as Grand Master at the Albert Hall, an event which he was sure no Mason who had been then present could ever forget. The progress of Freemasonry under his rule was not to be wondered at, for the Grand Master, by the genial and kind-hearted exercise of his important functions, and endeavours to promote its good, had made Freemasonry popular and fashionable. He hoped the Earl of Clarendon Lodge might add to a local popularity also, but still earnestly advocated the principle that such popularity should not result in the acceptance of other than worthy and properly qualified candidates. In the glee which succeeded this toast, "Hail to thee, Albert," Bro. Stedman sang the solo with great effect, and received a well-deserved meed of applause. In submitting the toast of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the M.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, the W.M., after extolling the merits of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon in the discharge of his high and important duties, referred with kindly expressions to Bro. the Earl of Lathom as the brother-in-law of the

Earl of Clarendon, whose name the Lodge bears, and then speaking of the Grand Secretary as the right man in the right place, coupled his name with the toast, which was drunk with much enthusiasm. Bro. Frank Ward sang "Charity," a difficult composition, which only a thorough vocalist, as is Bro. Ward, could so render as to secure the satisfaction the company expressed. Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke G.S. acknowledged the honour and pleasure which he felt in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, which was indeed a comprehensive one. He considered it not only a great pleasure, but a privilege enjoyed by them, to attend and work in Freemasonry whenever opportunity offered, and he, as one amongst them, was only too happy and too ready to afford what services he could in assisting the brethren generally, and the Lodges in particular. Having cordially thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Lodge, the Grand Secretary proposed the health of the Prov. G.M. the R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, whom he congratulated on the success which had attended the Province since his accession, some ten years ago; success which had resulted from the deep and personal interest he had taken in each of its Lodges. His genial and pleasing countenance was to be found in all Masonic circles where his position and influence could be brought to bear for the good of the Order, and he (the Grand Secretary) hoped that it might long be so for the sake of all who then heard him. The toast was heartily responded to, and the glee "Evening's Twilight" was well sung by the choir. In a capital speech, which was listened to with deep attention, the Prov. G.M. expressed his satisfaction that not only in his own Province, but generally, Freemasonry is holding its own, and doing its full work. He thanked the brethren for the confidence reposed in him, and re-endorsed his former pledges to use his utmost towards the continuance of the same good state of things. But he must not, could not, forget, that even Provincial Grand Masters required and received support from Provincial Grand Officers, and so, whilst acknowledging the compliments he received, he felt bound to recognise the sterling qualities and the unwearied efforts of his Deputy Grand Master Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles, and his Grand Secretary Bro. Dawson, who, with the remaining Officers, vied as to which should do most for the good of the Province. It is the duty of Provincial Grand Masters to make personal acquaintance with the members of the several Lodges under their rule, and this could not be done without the assistance of Provincial Officers. Through them this new Lodge was founded, and the successful commencement of its operations, now being celebrated, would, he hoped, lead to a great result in respect of the Province of Herts. He begged of them not to be ambitious of numbers in their Lodge, but of quality. The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and W.M. of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, again referring to the great assistance he had received at his hands, and publicly thanking him for valuable support. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Stedman sang in good style, "Tell her I love her so." The W.M. returned thanks in his dual capacity, and in the course of his remarks said that he did not think the Ritual of Freemasonry was better worked than in the Lodges of the Province of Herts. The Watford Lodge was a good exemplar of working in Freemasonry, and to that Lodge was due much of the good resulting from such work, and, in reference to the present occasion of meeting, a recognition of the assistance given towards the formation of the Earl of Clarendon, which he hoped would work as well, and be as successful as the Watford Lodge had been. He thanked the numerous brethren of that Lodge, as also the many Visitors present, for their attendance on this occasion. He took it as a very great compliment, which he should not readily forget. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, coupling therewith the names of the Prov. Grand Senior Warden Bro. J. E. Cussans, author of the "History of Hertfordshire," and the P.P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. Brother W. O. Thompson, whose oration that evening in Lodge he, the W.M., felt assured would be long remembered by those who had listened to it. Both brethren briefly responded, the hour for breaking up and departure fast approaching. The Visitors was proposed by the W.M., with many thanks for their attendance, and especially to the London brethren for their journeying to Watford on such an unpleasant day. Brother Lyndon Hodges sang "The meeting of the Waters" in his usual effective manner, and but for pressure of time would have obeyed an encore. Bro. F. Davison P.G.S.W. Middlesex, and C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, severally responded, and the Masonic Charities having been proposed, and replied to rapidly, but with effect, by Bro. Frederick Binckes, the "train" became the most important consideration, and a rapid termination of the proceedings the result. By the courtesy of the manager of the London and North Western Railway Company, the up express was stopped at Watford, and the London brethren reached Euston at 11, much pleased with the success of the day's proceedings.

The annual meeting of the York Lodge, No. 236, will take place on Monday next, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York. The brethren will assemble at four o'clock. Bro. George Kirby is the W.M. elect, and Bro. J. Todd P.M. P.P.G. Registrar will officiate as Installing Master.

The installation meeting of the Joppa Lodge, No. 189, will take place on the first Monday in January, at Freemasons' Hall, where, in future, this Lodge will hold its meetings.

Bro. Harris, Superintendent S. Division of Police, was, on Friday, presented with a very handsome jewel, by the brethren of the Domatic Lodge, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services, as Master of the Lodge during the past year.

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BRO. CLABON'S MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge on the 6th inst., as reported in the CHRONICLE of the 9th inst., at which I was present, I think some of the statements made by Brother James Stevens, if left uncorrected, are likely to mislead. He stated,

1st. The Provincial brethren at the present time contribute to the Fund of Benevolence about as much as the Metropolitan.

2nd. Did not the country brethren who were relieved represent two-thirds of the amount of that number?

3rd. He was adverse to being mulcted in a larger sum than the Provincial brethren.

Were these statements correct they would tell against the Provincial brethren.

I have before me the printed reports of the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, and taking the contributions received from the various Lodges, as therein published, for a period of twelve months, commencing 1st July 1881, and ending 30th June 1882, I find the contributions from the Lodges to the Fund of Benevolence amount to £7496 6s 5d.

From London Lodges	-	-	-	£2587	3	6
From Provincial Lodges	-	-	-	4894	3	11
From Abroad	-	-	-	14	19	0

That, I think, proves Brother Stevens's first statement to be incorrect.

On carefully analysing the grants made, over the same period, I find the sums voted to London and Provincial brethren amount to £10,205, namely—

To London brethren	-	-	-	£4185	0	0
To Provincial brethren	-	-	-	6020	0	0

If the Provinces send up nearly two-thirds of the payments to the Fund of Benevolence (besides contributing a like sum to their own Provinces) surely it is no hardship to the London brethren if their Provincial brethren get two-thirds of the grants. The above figures, however, do not show they receive that proportion.

Bro. Stevens's third statement is quite wrong. It is well known that every Mason in England and Wales contributes one shilling per quarter to Benevolence. In London the whole is paid over, but in the Provinces the Constitutions allow the brethren to send half to London, and half to their Provincial Grand Lodges. If all were sent to London, the matter would stand thus:—

Contributions from London Lodges	-	-	-	£2587	3	6
„ „ Provincial Lodges	-	-	-	9788	7	10

I think such a statement should not have been made by Brother Stevens, considering his Masonic experience and knowledge, and could only have been done to tell in favour of the motion, and to the detriment of the Provinces.

In Bro. Clabon's closing remarks, he called attention to the votes of that evening as between London and the Provinces. Out of eighteen cases, twelve were Provincial and six London. Quite right, the proper proportion. The case, however, really stood—seven London (£350) and eleven Provincial (£750).

Brother Clabon further stated—“He asked the country brethren to give one shilling a-year—all this grand oratory had been against paying one shilling a-year.” Brother Clabon hardly realises that meant drawing nearly £5000 a-year from the Lodges in the Provinces, for, had the motion been carried, the quarterages of the Provincial brethren would have been raised to 1s 6d, half being sent to London and half to the Provincial Grand Lodges, otherwise the position of London and Provincial brethren would have been different, which is quite inconsistent with the Constitutions of the Order.

The best suggestions made at the meeting were, altering the time of membership qualifying for a grant, or that no grant should be made exceeding £5, unless the brother had been initiated more than five years, and also discontinuing the large grants, except under very exceptional circumstances.

Apologising for the length of this letter,

I am, yours fraternally,

CHARLES S. MASON P.M. 304,

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Leeds, 12th December 1882.

MOTIONS “OUT OF ORDER.”

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I appear to be most unfortunate in my endeavours to set before the Grand Lodge a matter which, in the opinion of numerous Metropolitan Freemasons, is of great importance. On three several occasions I have been ruled “Out of Order,” but on what justifiable grounds neither my friends nor I can understand. I shall not now advance the arguments I can adduce for the adoption of one or other of the suggestions I have made for the sub-

division of the Metropolitan area, so as to secure for the members of nearly three hundred and fifty Lodges meeting therein, equal rights and privileges to those enjoyed by brethren whose Lodges are outside the ten miles radius from Freemasons' Hall. The forthcoming debates on the Revision of the Constitutions of the Order will afford me an opportunity of which I shall not be slow to avail myself.

Without present reference to the reasons advanced for setting aside my two first notices of motion, which reasons I controvert, I should like to know how far the ruling of the Acting Grand Master at the last Quarterly Communication is consistent with the proceedings which had previously taken place on the same evening. It was adjudged that my motion was “an abstract resolution, which, if carried, would be at variance with the Book of Constitutions, and would have to be followed by an operative resolution,” and therefore the motion was “out of order.” Now, granting for one moment the correctness of this decision, would not the same have equally applied to Bro. Clabon's motion, which was admitted and debated? Our worthy brother moved a direct alteration of the second Article in the present Book of Constitutions, relating to the Quarterage payable from every member of each Lodge, and therefore his motion was quite as “abstract a resolution, requiring a subsequent operative resolution,” as was mine, proposing a direct alteration of the Article which defines what are Lodges within the London district. Let any brother fairly and dispassionately set the respective propositions before him for consideration, and most assuredly he will see what I represent is correct. Can it be that in Grand Lodge there is one ruling for a brother in the purple, and another for a brother in the blue? We should all hope not; but from the persistent manner in which my several attempts have been, as I may say, strangled in their birth, I cannot be blamed if the suspicion on my mind, that such is the case, is strengthened by the technical objections which have been taken on each occasion.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 11th December 1882.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

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Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for the year 1883. London: Spencer's Masonic Depot, 23a Great Queen-street, W.C.

THE spirit of progress would seem to have taken some hold of the Calendar Committee of the Board of General Purposes, and this year we have to congratulate its members on a further innovation. They have now introduced a list of all the Grand Officers from Wardens downwards who have been appointed since the Union of 1813, and in this the new issue is a decided improvement. We see no reason, however, why the list should not have been made complete by including the distinguished brethren who have filled the offices of Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master respectively. In such case, the list would have the further merit of completeness. On the other hand, and by reason, perhaps, of the very boldness they have shown in introducing the novelty, they cling with remarkable tenacity to the errors we have noted in previous Calendars. They still continue to mislead their readers by announcing that the Lodges and Chapters meet, as the case may be, on the 1st Monday, last Wednesday, 2nd Tuesday, that is, of course in every month, whereas it is well known that a vast number of Lodges meet at the outside not more than eight times in the year, and many of them on still fewer occasions, while Chapters generally meet only once a quarter. As the Board of General Purposes and, of course, its Calendar Committee have access to the official records, there is no excuse for the repetition of this error in future Calendars. Again, Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 are still distinguished by the letters T.I. (Time Immemorial) placed against them in the column provided for “Dates of Origin.” Has the Calendar Committee lost sight of the fact that in 1717 there were only four Lodges which took part in the establishment of G.L.; that one of these about 1721-2 voluntarily sacrificed its original, or, as we should say, “Time Immemorial” Constitution, and sought and obtained a Warrant from Grand Lodge, while a second died out a little before, or just about, the time when the Schism broke out in English Masonry; that only two T.I. Lodges remain, one other, though still surviving, being a warranted Lodge, and, consequently, that to describe Lodges, whose earliest record dates no further back than 17th July 1751 as T.I. Lodges, is in the face of it absurd. Then, in Bro. Gould's “Atholl Lodges,” under present No. 15, we have the following: “The Warrant of No. 8”—its number on the roll of the “Ancients” seems to have been the first issued by the “Ancients,” and was signed by the Masters of Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6 in 1751, in favour of James Bradshaw M., Thomas Blower S.W., and R. D. Guest J.W.” We should like to be informed by the Calendar Committee—at all events in the case of present No. 15—how it can possibly be a Time Immemorial Lodge, when it has worked from the very commencement under a Warrant issued in a year that can be determined by reference to old records. Moreover, the “places”—in one instance the word “Warrant” is used—and nearly all these so-called T.I. Lodges were at some time or other purchased by Lodges lower down on the roll of the “Ancient” Grand Lodge. We should like to hear what Bro. Gould, who is himself on the Calendar Committee, has to say in defence of the Committee's designation of these Lodges.

As to the general appearance of the Calendar, the arrangement of its contents, and its accuracy—except where questioned as above—we have nothing but praise to bestow.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1883.
London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen Street, W.C.

If we have but few remarks to offer in respect of this excellent publication, it is because it has been so greatly improved during the last few years that little, if any, room is left for the introduction of further improvements. Greater accuracy is noticeable in the days of meeting set down for Lodges and Chapters, because there has been more time to get in the necessary returns. The same prominence is given, and deservedly given, to the Mark degree, though all degrees outside pure and ancient Masonry have their share of attention. The information as to Masonry abroad appears to us to be more complete. In short, the "Cosmo" of 1883 is pretty much what it was for 1882, and that because there had been so many improvements made up to and including the latter year, that no room was left for amending old matter or introducing new in the former. The "Cosmo" in its thirteenth year of publication is about as complete a *vade mecum* for all branches of Freemasonry as it is possible for any one to compile, and we congratulate Bro. Kenning and the Editor on the continued excellence of their work.

The Restoration of the Jews, and the Rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple. By Bro. C. Meiter, Mizpah, 1671, &c. Published by the Author, at 87 Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. Price One Shilling.

BRO. MEITER has our entire sympathy in his hopes and aspirations for the Restoration of the Jews to the Holy Land, and the rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple. His pamphlet is interesting, and contains abundant matter for reflection by those who have studied carefully the history of this marvellous people. His remarks as to the persecution they have latterly met with—especially in Russia—are by no means too severe; indeed it would be difficult to speak in terms of sufficient severity of the cruelties they have been subjected to within the past year or two by the semi-barbarous Russians. Brother Meiter, however, has held his feelings well under control, and discusses his subject calmly and with great reason, as well as with the exercise of much judgment.

Larger London. By EDWARD WALFORD. A Sequel to Old and New London. To be completed in Twenty-four numbers. Published monthly.

THE first number of this periodical, published in their usually efficient style by Messrs. Cassell and Co., is now before the public. It is the commencement of a work to be issued in serial form, that will contain a history of the outlying parts of London, such as Chiswick, Acton, Gunnersbury, &c. Such a work will doubtless prove very interesting and useful, as, in addition to giving a history and description of the places of interest touched upon, and of the eminent men and women who have from time to time visited, and been resident in, the districts described, it is illustrated throughout; in many instances with sketches of considerable artistic merit, with views of numerous places of interest referred to in the work. Accompanying Part 1. is a large and useful map of "Larger London."

The same publishers also send us their "Illustrated Almanac for 1883," which contains, in addition to ordinary almanac matter, an interesting contribution called "Dark Days, a Story of Light," by Mr. G. Mauville Fenn; short biographies of some of the most notable men of the year, with portraits, including Arabi Pasha, the Duke of Albany, Cetewayo, and other equally prominent personages. Also an obituary of eminent men who departed this life between 1881-1882.

We have to notice "Little Folks' Annual for 1883." This is a series of stories about kindness to animals, the various authors of which make the birds and animals their own advocates. These no doubt will amuse the Little Folks very much, and will serve as a suitable Christmas Present to many of our young friends. This Annual is illustrated by various well-known artists, including the versatile Ernest Griset.

"The World of Wonders," also by the same eminent firm, contains many interesting articles, amongst others, on the Rotation of the Earth, Extraordinary Growth of Finger Nails, Ice and Water, the Suez Canal, Electric Machines, &c. In addition, the work contains a variety of illustrations.

THE LONDON COTTAGE MISSION opened its winter campaign on Wednesday with the first of its Irish stew dinners to the poor children of Eastern London; and long before noon—at which hour the doors were opened—the hungry hundreds were waiting outside for what was very likely the first really good meal they had since its doors were closed last May. Mr. Austin, the indefatigable manager of this excellent charity, had hoped to give the opening dinner in the New Hall now almost completed, but as a week or two must elapse before he takes formal possession of the future home of the Mission, he kindly and thoughtfully decided to begin at once to feed those little waifs and strays of humanity who look forward winter after winter to their weekly dinner of Irish Stew. Not only were many hundreds of children fed and sent happy away, but it was a sight to see the old and infirm creep in and take possession of the benches the little ones had just left, they too partaking of a warm and nourishing dinner. But what is wanted is to get the New Hall free from debt, so that there the work of the Mission may be carried on; for, admirable and Christian-like as feeding the hungry may be, it only forms part of the work of the Mission. To aid in this work—to feed the hungry—to carry to the masses of Eastern London the glad tidings of salvation—we now appeal for help, and as soon as the London Cottage Mission Hall is free from debt, and in Mr. Austin's hands, this good work will be much increased. That this will be ere the New Year sets in, we do not doubt, but meanwhile, all who would help are earnestly requested to send their donations and subscriptions to Miss Napton, the Lady Superintendent, 304 Burdett Road Limehouse, or to Mr. Walter Austin, 44 Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Pomfret Lodge, No. 360.—The brethren of the above Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, 7th inst. Bros. Bingley W.M., Ellard I.P.M., Ains S.W., Hart J.W., Wilkins D.P.G.M. Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Duffy S.D., Sadler J.D., Timpson I.G., Stanton P.M. and Haynes Stewards. There were also present Bros. Hickman 445 P.P.G.J.W., Sanders P.M., Parker P.M., Atkins Past Master, Brown Past Master, Michel, Richardson, McClure, Todd, Wetherell, Clayton, &c. Bro. Snow was raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. Fletcher passed to the second degree, and Mr. Henry Martin, having been duly ballotted for and elected, was initiated, the W.M. very ably performing the ceremony in each case, the I.P.M. delivering the charges. The brethren then duly elected Bro. Ains S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Butler Wilkins was also again duly elected Treasurer. A vote of five guineas to the daughter of an old brother was confirmed, and another application referred to a committee. The installation meeting will take place on Thursday, the 4th January, and not on the 27th December, as in former years.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Dowsett W.M., Ridley S.W., Hawkes J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey Secretary, Prickett S.D., Ravenscroft J.D., Rhind I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Hurley, Ferguson, Margrett, Blackwell, Flanagan; Bros. Coates, Slaughter, W. Margrett, Collins, Greenaway, Sands. Visitors—Westall I.P.M. 1714, Walters 414, Spedding 552, Gadd 1247, Bradley P.M. 414, Hawkes 414, Martin Steward 414. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Brother the Rev. J. M. Guilding 414, who was elected as a joining member. The Lodge was opened in the second. Bro. W. Margrett being a candidate for raising to the third, proved his efficiency, was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was further advanced, when the W.M. resigned his gavel into the hands of Brother Margrett P.M., who in his usual efficient and impressive manner raised his Brother to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was admirably performed, the effect being greatly heightened by vocal and instrumental music under the direction of Brother Ravenscroft, who presided at the instrument, Brother Westall led the vocal parts. The W.M. on resuming the chair proposed three non-official members on the permanent committee, the S.W. seconded, and this was carried. The W.M. read a letter from the Almoner, respecting a brother in distress, a sum was voted for his relief. All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday night there was a full meeting of the members of this Lodge, including Bros. M. Milington W.M., J. Blenkin S.W., A. T. B. Turner J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer, T. Humphries Sec., with several visitors. A ballot was taken for Bro. Reynard, 1040, as a joining member, after which Messrs. Plenty and Elliott, previously elected, were initiated by the W.M. A discussion ensued as to a proposed alteration in the Bye-laws, at the conclusion of which Bro. Whytehead presented a series of books to the Lodge library, for which a vote of thanks was passed. The names of three gentlemen were proposed as candidates for Freemasonry, and the Lodge was closed. At refreshment there was a most pleasurable gathering, enlivened as usual by a musical performance, the excellent programme containing the names of Bros. Wilkinson, Child, and Mennell. The principal Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847.—The annual meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Ebrington Masonic Temple on Tuesday, 12th inst. After two candidates for initiation had been elected, and a Committee had been appointed to arrange all the details for the annual banquet, Worshipful Brother Lethbridge was unanimously elected to represent the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions for Prov. G.L. Afterwards, in a Board of Installed Masters—consisting of W. Bros. Jew, Gover, Lose sen., Stephens, Lethbridge, Littleton, Johns, Aitken-Davies, Lakeman, Westcott, Russell Lord, Pitcher, Hearle, Pearce, Bartlett, Elliott, Stanbury, Hammond, the W.M. elect, Brother Richard Lose jun., was very impressively installed by his father Bro. R. Lose, who also initiated him some years since, and both brethren were founders of the Lodge. Bros. Jew, Gover, and Lord gave valuable assistance. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Charles A. Nicholson I.P.M., Isaac Masters S.W., James Lose J.W., S. Jew Treasurer, J. H. Stephens Secretary, Joseph J. Garland Chaplain, R. Hurrell S.D., R. J. Goodyear J.D., Isaac Morris I.G., William H. W. Macey M.C., W. H. Williams A.M.C., John Griffin Organist, James J. Masters S.S., Thomas Geach J.S., James Bartlett Tyler. The accounts of the Treasurer, which were admirably presented, were received, and they showed a good year's work, the Charities having been well looked after. The retiring W.M. will be presented with a handsome time-piece, in appreciation of his services. This will take place at the dinner, to be held on 9th January 1883.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1278—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junc., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1824—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1841—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.

MONDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

- 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 543—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1825—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 403—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congressbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlisle-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1983—Martyn, Town Hall, Southwold. CONSECRATION.
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 345—Pe-severance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
 R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, 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)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.

- 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 986—Heaketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sharness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1036—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER.
 House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burrovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 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.)
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 58—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 276—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 768—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)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—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.)
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1149—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

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 Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Melham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, 9th December, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. There were present Bros. Galer W.M., Gribbell S.W., Weeden J.W., Marks S.D., Archer J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Hatch, Venning, Rhodes, Nicholls, Killick sen., and Wright. Lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Rhodes answered the necessary questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising, with the traditional history, was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Archer having offered himself as candidate for passing, answered the questions, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Gribbell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting at the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday. Bros. Leath W.M., Seward S.W., Bellerby J.W., Tucker S.D., Hadley J.D., Wells Secretary and I.G., Rickwood P.M., Henning. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Henning candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Seward was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and then Lodge adjourned till Tuesday, 19th December, at seven p.m., when Bro. Terry will rehearse the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation.

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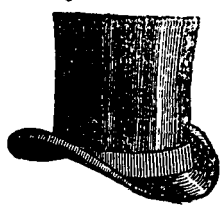


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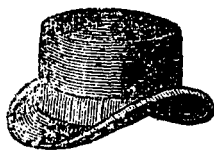
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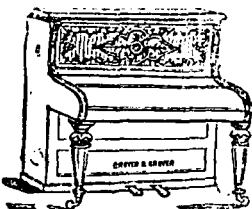
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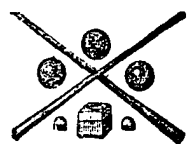
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