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THE FESTIVAL OF WEDNESDAY NEXT.

WE must not allow the present opportunity to pass without reiterating, for the last time, our heartiest wishes for the success of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Wednesday next. We have again and again, and to the best of our humble ability, urged the claims of this Charity on the support of the Craft. The good work it is doing is considerable, and of course entails the expenditure, annually, of a very large sum of money. Its annuitants, of all classes, are some 335 in number, the males receiving £40 per annum each and the females £32, while there is also a limited number of the latter who are allowed to receive the half of their late husband's annuities for a certain term of years, unless in the course of such term they are elected on the Female Fund, when they become entitled to the full amount for a widow. But, notwithstanding the increased annual grants to the beneficiaries and the large increase in the number of such, the list of candidates is even more formidable this year than it has ever been before, while, as ill-luck would have it, the number of vacancies to be filled is exceptionally small, there being fifty male and seventy-one female candidates as against twelve male and five female vacancies respectively. A law recently enacted enables the Committee of Management to hold in reserve, to be placed on their respective funds without further ballot, the three male and three female candidates who have polled the most votes next after the successful candidates. This raises the number that it will be possible to provide for immediately after the May election, or in the course of the twelve months thence ensuing, to fifteen males and eight females. However, at their last meeting, on the 14th inst., the Committee of Management generously resolved, in the event of the subscriptions at the Festival of Wednesday next being up to the standard of recent years, on raising the number to be elected to twenty-three males and fifteen females. This will necessitate an increased annual liability of £544, and makes it the more imperative that the brethren should bestir themselves so as to enable the Committee to give effect to their resolution. There are reasons which justify us in expecting a very favourable result. The Board of Stewards is already some 260 strong. The Chairman, Bro. General Brownrigg, is deservedly one of the most popular members of the Fraternity, and the Province of Surrey, of which he is the Grand Master, is making strenuous efforts to support him on the occasion. London also is well represented, and we may be sure the Provinces which regularly contribute will not be wanting in their support of the Benevolent Institution, which, though the youngest of our three Charities, is under the necessity of providing the largest amount for its expenditure annually. Last year the sum required for annuities—irrespective of the expenses of management—was £11,600. This year, if the additional candidates are taken on, it will be, in round figures, £12,150. This is, undoubtedly, a large sum, but if we may judge from the experience of the last eight years, it is well within the ability of the Craft to raise it. The conspicuous energy of Bro. Terry and his staff needs no encouragement from

us, and we are satisfied the Stewards will do all they can in seconding the efforts of their popular chairman. May the Festival of 1883 be a brilliant success!

ADDRESS OF BRO. J. H. GRAHAM, LL.D.

G. MASTER OF THE G. LODGE OF QUEBEC.

THIS address was delivered by Bro. Graham, at the Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, held in the City of Quebec, on the 31st January and 1st February. So much of it as is of local interest may be described very shortly. Regretful reference is made to the death of Bro. S. D. Harington Past Grand Master of Canada, and representative of Quebec at its Canadian sister Grand Lodge, and sympathy is expressed with the G. Lodges of New York, Massachusetts, and Iowa at the losses respectively sustained by them through the deaths of Bros. J. M. Austin G. Sec. of New York, Tracy P. Cheever G.S. Massachusetts, and Robert F. Bower, the well-known Masonic bibliophile. The warmest satisfaction is expressed at the escape of the Queen when her life was attempted in the early part of last year, and the Grand Master notifies his intention of proposing that an address embodying the expression of such satisfaction be forwarded by the Grand Lodge of Quebec to Her Majesty. He urges on the Craft generally, both in the cities and the rural districts, but especially on the Lodges in Montreal, the advisability, on the score of comfort and economy, of erecting Masonic Halls. He announces his intention of proposing that the honorary rank of Past Grand Master be conferred on Bro. George Otis Tyler G. Commander of Knights Templar of Vermont, and Bro. Colonel McLeod Moore Great Prior (K.T.) of Canada. Referring to the multiplicity of Rites in other parts of the world, and at the same time deprecating all idea on his part of limiting the freedom of action of the Quebec brethren in joining those outside the pale of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Bro. Graham bids them be careful, in taking the chivalric and other orders, not to avoid doing anything prejudicial to the stability of the Craft and Arch degrees. Having noticed his recognition of the Grand Symbolic Lodge of Spain and the Grand Lodge of Arizona, and the interchange of representatives between Quebec and those Bodies, and having likewise explained the reasons which had actuated him in withholding recognition for the present from the so-called "Grand Lodge of New South Wales," and the circumstances which might induce him to suggest the opposite course of recognition, Bro. Graham devotes the remainder of his address to the relations existing between Quebec and England, and it is to his arguments in connection with this subject that we purpose directing our remarks on the present occasion.

We may state at once that nothing that Bro. Graham has said on the present occasion can have the slightest influence in inducing us to change, or even in the slightest degree modify, the opinions we have before expressed. We hold that when it is proposed to establish a new and independent Grand Lodge in a British colony or dependency,

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in which the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland have previously held concurrent jurisdiction, any Lodge or Lodges which may be desirous of remaining in its or their allegiance to the Grand Lodge which granted its or their warrant of constitution should have full liberty to do so. It follows, as a matter of course, that we consider the action of the Grand Lodge of England in making its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec conditional on the latter's undertaking to leave the English Lodges of Montreal in the full enjoyment of their previous status, as such was perfectly justifiable. Indeed, it would have been an error on the part of the G.L. of England, and shown a pitiful weakness, had she not adopted such a course and insisted that Lodges which owed their existence to her should, if and for so long as they were so minded, remain under her jurisdiction. Canada, when she severed her Masonic connection with the mother country, respected the wishes of those Lodges which preferred remaining under their respective parent Grand Lodges and accepted the obligation to respect them as the condition of her acknowledgment as a separate and independent Grand Lodge. Nova Scotia followed the example of Canada, and there is still one English Lodge—the Royal Standard, No. 398, of Halifax—located within the territorial limits of that Colony, which retains its allegiance to the G. Lodge of England, and the continuance of which, G.M. Laurie of Nova Scotia is so far from considering it in any way detracts from the jurisdiction over which he presides, that he and his Grand Officers not long since visited it by invitation, and he has expressed his belief that it was a great advantage to him and his fellow Nova Scotian brethren to have such a Lodge, albeit a foreign one, in their midst. But what Nova Scotia regards as a benefit to Nova Scotian Freemasonry, and what Canada did gracefully when she invited the Grand Lodge of England to recognise her Masonic independence, ought not to prove a stumbling-block to the existence of fraternal relations between Quebec and England, and mutual representation at either Grand Lodge. Quebec, it must be remembered, is an offshoot from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and in honour is bound to the observance of the conditions which the latter made when it became a separate and distinct jurisdiction from England and Scotland. Many of its Lodges must have been parties to the acceptance of those conditions, and there can be nothing undignified, certainly nothing unfraternal or contrary to that freedom of action and opinion which is a leading characteristic of our Society in acquiescing in a state of things which has endured for nearly thirty years without discomfort or sacrifice of dignity to any of the Grand Bodies in question. Quebec as a Masonic jurisdiction is of recent origin. It has an independent existence dating no further back than 1869. Nearly eight years since—in 1875—England expressed her willingness to recognise that independent existence on exactly the same conditions that Canada had readily acceded to at the establishment of her independence, and what has endured all these years may well be allowed to remain undisturbed for the present and till such time as the English Lodges in Montreal themselves take the initiative and express a desire to become enrolled under the banners of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Of course the age of the Quebec Grand Lodge is of comparatively trivial importance, and we have alluded to it only for the purpose of making the arrogance of its pretensions the more apparant. Nor are we altogether surprised at its arrogating to itself the right to condemn those who do not accept its views unhesitatingly. It is the way of the world in these times for juniors to set themselves up as possessing at least as much knowledge, and as being as fully competent to settle any and every question that may arise, as their seniors. Thus England is plainly told she possesses no right to allow Lodges which have derived from her their warrants of constitution to remain in allegiance to her, if they prefer doing so to joining the G. Lodges established in the Colony in which they are located years and years after their own creation. Such Lodges are plainly given to understand that such freedom of action is denied them, and that if they decline to join the newly-constituted Grand Body, there is but one alternative left them—that of being excommunicated or dissolution. Even Canada, of which Quebec once formed a part, is soundly rated by G.M. Graham, who is of opinion that the Grand Lodge of Canada unlawfully bartered its birth-right of exclusive Masonic sovereignty, the acknowledgment of the possession of which she had justly received from all the sovereign

Grand Lodges of the United States,—in accepting, as she did, through M.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland G. Master of England, concurrent-jurisdiction-recognition from that Grand Body, than which, as it appears to me, no act could have been more short-sighted and unconstitutional, or, consequently more detrimental to the interests of Freemasonry in Canada and elsewhere, as is shown by the condition of local and interjurisdictional affairs here, and in other parts of the Empire at the present time, and which, if not speedily remedied, will in all probability be still worse in time to come. Was it to be supposed that such an unconstitutional compromise, fraught with such deplorable consequences, would stand through one generation of Craftsmen who know their Masonic rights and dare maintain them? Impossible." This looks large in print and probably sounded well at the time of its delivery, but examine it as carefully as you will, and it resolves itself into nothing else than words, many of them formidable enough in appearance, yet perfectly harmless. People who read the passage we have quoted, about an unlawfully-bartered birth-right, short-sighted and unconstitutional compromises, and deplorable consequences, will be led to imagine that Freemasonry in Canada and throughout the world must be in a very sorry plight, the fact being that in Canada and elsewhere its condition is most prosperous. The acceptance of Lord Zetland's "concurrent-jurisdiction-recognition" does not appear to have affected the constitutional system of the Craft in that Colony, which now has close on 400 Lodges and is on the most amicable terms with the Grand Lodges of the mother-country. It cannot be said that the Craft is by any means out of sorts in India or South Africa, while it is in New South Wales alone among the Australasian Colonies that any febrile symptoms are perceptible, and they exist only in an insignificant minority of the Lodges, there being perhaps one-sixth of the whole body malcontent, for reasons of which the members are for the most part ignorant, and which are certainly unappreciated by the outside world, while the remaining five-sixths are as staunchly attached to the Grand Lodges which created them as the most loyal of the Lodges in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh. As far as we can see, the "deplorable consequences" that are likely to arise if England persists, as in honour she is bound to do, in upholding her daughter Lodges in Montreal, exist only in the embittered imagination of Bro Graham. There would seem to be some unwritten law among American Masons which renders it imperative that those who hold the position of Grand Master should deliver long periodical addresses to the Grand Lodge over which they severally preside, and it may well be that, in the absence for some time past of any one-eyed, one-armed, or one-legged candidates for initiation, whose cases invariably necessitate the most elaborate consideration, or failing some of the innumerable petty formalities which have found their way into the American Masonic system, Brother Graham has, for lack of something else to engage his attention, first of all created this grievance, and then continued from year to year dilating upon its unspeakable enormities and the fearful consequences that must ensue if it is not remedied forthwith. Heaven only knows where all the amazing constitutional arrangements come from which are so dear to the hearts of our American brethren. To read some of these extraordinary addresses, one might almost be led to think that Masonry had always been subject to some elaborate system of laws such as the Laws of the Twelve Tables, the Code Napoleon, or the Statute Law of England, whereas no form of government invented of men could possibly be simpler and at the same time more effective, while its code of laws is as large-hearted as it is simple. It will be time enough for Brother Graham to call in question the conduct towards Quebec of the Grand Lodge of England when he can produce irrefragable evidence that it has broken any written or unwritten law of Masonry, always, of course, excepting those curiously-fanciful regulations which the American Masonic mind has invented for its own enlightenment, and to the very great amusement of extra-American Craftsmen.

It is difficult to write seriously about a controversy in which one side does all the talking, while the other maintains a dignified silence, and which more nearly fulfils our ideal of the proverbial "storm in a teacup" than any other difference we have read or heard of. But we have no wish to wound the susceptibilities of our Quebec brethren, and least of all of one who has influenced them so long as Bro. Graham. Yet he must pardon us for

pointing out that it is idle for him to deny the right of England to do what is forbidden by no known code of Masonic law. He may adduce in support of his argument such authorities as Bro. Drummond of Maine, who is strong in Masonic statistics, but, not that we are aware of, of any rank as a jurisconsult, and Bro. Vaux of Pennsylvania, whose opinion is no doubt entitled to respect, but who does not speak with the same authority on this class of question as our own Bro. Hughan. It is useless for him to quote the laws of the Grand Lodge of England as forbidding the establishment of Lodges within its own jurisdiction by other than its own authority, or to instance the case he mentions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland declining in 1763 to issue its warrant for the establishment in London of a Lodge composed of Scottish brethren. England claims the exercise of no authority to which she is not justly entitled. Her Lodges, like those of Scotland and Ireland, are spread abroad throughout most of the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown. Where there is a Grand Lodge, as in Canada, Quebec, Nova Scotia, she declines to issue warrants for new Lodges, but where any of the Lodges constituted by herself prefer remaining under her jurisdiction, she retains and upholds them just for so long as they desire to remain, and no longer. She exerts no power to keep them, and it would be the height of ingratitude on her part if she exerted any pressure to drive them away. In all this she is acting in accordance with the unwritten law of Masonic morality, if not with the written law of Masonic government as invented by American brethren. It is enough for her to know she is acting rightly, nor when the time comes, as doubtless it will come, for these Montreal Lodges to sever their connection with her, will she raise the slightest opposition, or make even the feeblest attempt to retain them on her roll of Lodges. Quebec can find better occupation for its spare moments than to waste them in idle controversies about mere nothings, and she will secure for herself greater respect in proportion as she treats respectfully the Grand Lodge of England, to whose authority most of her Lodges owe their existence.

### FREEMASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

THE establishment of a "Temperance" Lodge of Freemasons is the latest departure in connection with the Craft, and it is one which has given rise, no doubt, to a considerable amount of speculation on both sides of that great question. On either of those sides there is much to be said, and on which in all probability the brethren will expect to hear something in the consideration of those matters which either directly or indirectly affect the interests of our Order. In entering upon a survey of the subject, then, we may as well say plainly that we do not anticipate any very radical effect which the proposal will exert upon the Brotherhood as a whole, though the permissive character of it may supply the ground of many suggestions which hitherto have been only imperfectly ventilated, and handled as gingerly as one does the proverbial hot potato. There are many to whom it might have occurred that there are amongst our ranks a vast number of men who prefer abstinence from wine on all occasions, not merely from any inflated notions of the "goody" type, but because they like it, and it agrees with them. It may appear in bad taste, or a trifle eccentric, to drink to a toast in coffee, or even zedone, instead of the orthodox champagne; still, if a guest at a banquet prefers it, we do not see that he should be regarded as a lunatic for doing so, or that the finger of scorn should be pointed at him, or the contemptuous shrug of the shoulder raised at the "milk and water" enthusiasm of such an individual. We shall be excused, we know, for making use of these observations, for nobody can better appreciate than ourselves the true ringing heartiness and the cheery hospitality that are enjoyed when the generous wine brings into greater prominence that "flow of soul," real urbanity, and good fellowship, which are so characteristic of Freemasonry. That the excessive use of stimulants is abhorred by Masons of the present day—whatever might have been said of our forefathers in the good old times of half a century ago—is universally established and admitted. An intoxicated person in a Masonic Lodge would belie his professions, and at the banquet table would be scouted with such practical

effect that he would be a bold man to put in an appearance there again. This is the result, no doubt, in a great measure of the fact that our Masonic Lodges include all the elements of refinement and excellence of taste, and around which there is an atmosphere where lurks not even the shadow of a taint of the tap-room. Temperance and moderation are amongst the cardinal virtues of an Order which stands unapproachably high amongst all the institutions that adorn society; and, in spite of the many insinuations to the contrary that have been hurled at our "huge social club," by the ignorant and uninitiated, there is no association of men on the face of the globe less deserving of an aspersion so undeserved. But with all this, there are instances in which a total abstaining brother may appear somewhat out of his element, and conspicuously so when the festivities of the Fourth Degree are in operation; and the difficulty here crops up, as it does in all the other relations and occupations of social life, how is the apparent loss to be remedied, and what substitute can be suggested? If toasts are to be drunk, the glasses must be replenished, and probably our brethren of the as yet embryo Wolseley Lodge, at Manchester, may be able to throw some light as to the *modus operandi* by which they propose to sustain the amenities of the festive board. It is difficult to contemplate a sober and profound assemblage of the brethren toasting to each other's health in water, or, like the pattern teetotallers of Dickens, "swelling visibly before our werry eyes" upon cups of fragrant tea. It would be an unusual sight indeed to mingle with a company at which the wine cup was entirely tabooed, and this seeming anomaly will be like breaking fresh ground when the Manchester "hydropots" assemble under the auspices of our heroic brother of Tel-el-Kebir fame. Still, in anticipating their convivialities, which we have no fear will lack any of the ordinary heartiness in consequence of the "feast of reason" being predominant, we do not see any reason why the experiment should not succeed. We yield to none in our detestation of rant and platform spouting, which to thinking men are the means of deterring, rather than inducing, them to join the "ranks" of the so-called sober "armies," and have no other feeling but that of pity for those of the dog-in-the-manger ilk who, themselves unable to keep within the bounds of discreet moderation, would deprive others who can do so of a means of innocuous and wholesome enjoyment. It cannot be concealed that amongst the most ostentations of these so-called reformers practices are flagrantly common at which the minds of ordinary and less sanctimonious mortals would revolt; but that says little against the principle that is involved. It is a fact that can no longer be withheld that Temperance ideas and practices have of late years been advancing with rapid and important strides. At this none can rejoice, or does rejoice, more than the great body to what we are proud to belong. Not only is the effect felt upon the moral and social pulses of the nation, but its material prosperity is enhanced in an incalculable degree by the spread of Temperance in any of its forms. We do not mean the blatant sycophancy of those gentlemen who "with faces as long as a fiddle," set themselves up as did the Pharisees of old, and thank Heaven they are not as other men, but who are capable very often of the most despicable and, to say the least, un-Masonic actions. But amongst the substantial and intelligent Masons of our population there is unquestionably a powerful impression in favour of curtailing the habits which were at one time considered the "correct thing" in social circles; and the race of our three-bottle men has been as nearly extirpated as have the Maories from New Zealand and the Red Indians from the hunting-grounds of the Far West. In this respect society has taken a decided, and it must be added, an improved turn; for although much might be, and has been, said of the revels and routs which give a spice of jollity to the past, yet times and circumstances alter, and the society of a toper is not usually held in high esteem amongst the members of modern refined society. After all is said and done, therefore, we are by no means disposed to sneer or jest at our worthy brethren in the city of Cotton for the resolve upon which they have entered, to start a "Temperance Lodge." We rather contemplate the experiment with agreeable expectancy, and should be delighted to be present when the gallant Egyptian warrior is introduced into the Lodge which is to bear his name. No doubt that which is wanting in the one particular of sparkling wine will be made up in other ways, and that the brethren will happy be, happy part, and happy meet again. But it

is not at all likely the effect and influence of the experiment will end at Manchester. We have often heard the remark that although not absolutely extravagant, and certainly with no approach to excessive indulgence, the wine bill has formed a rather formidable item at some of our meetings, and that the money thus expended might have been more wisely applied. We are quite sensible of the delicate ground upon which we tread when touching upon these questions, and we should be sorry to form a parallel with those who would "rob a poor man of his beer," knowing that the punishment for such an injustice amounts to no less than an eternal condemnation of one's optics! However, it cannot be denied that there are occasions on which the homage done to smiling Bacchus has caused an undesirable encroachment on the Lodge funds, and which either courtesy or urbanity on the part of Worshipful Masters and their Officers has failed to check. Be that as it may, it becomes a subject for calm and dispassionate study, both out of consideration to our Lodge exchequers and the sensitiveness—squeamishness if you like—of those brethren who prefer non-intoxicating beverages with their other enjoyments to see that the case is evenly and pleasantly met. A brother should no more be required or expected to drink wine, if he prefers water, at a Masonic banquet than if he were in his own private dining-room, and we do not know that he is, in reality. But still, as a matter of fact, he is, and feels himself, singular in that respect, and we know of some who have a sensation of hesitancy in attending Lodge gatherings on that very account. To avoid this, and to make our abstaining brethren perfectly and freely "at home" with us on all occasions, is a subject upon which we might well invite discussion, and to which the experimental Temperance Lodge at Manchester may supply us with a key. Any suggestions which our correspondents may deem appropriate, bearing on this question, and which we are sure will be interesting to the general body of the Craft, we shall be glad to receive; and they may be readily assured that a free expression upon the question will receive nothing but careful and respectful consideration.

### MARK MASONRY IN NORFOLK.

THE gathering at Norwich, on Monday, on the occasion of the resuscitation of the Walpole Lodge of M.M.M. may be described as an eminently successful one. There was a very large attendance; the Most Worshipful the Grand Mark Master, Brother the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, travelled expressly from London to do honour to the occasion, reaching Norwich as early as his many engagements would permit. Brother Donald M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Mark Secretary, opened the Lodge at four o'clock, supported by Bros. C. H. Driver as S.W., and Frederick Long Past Grand D.C. England as J.W. It may here be mentioned that the Overseers and Deacons did their work in a most perfect manner, and this greatly added to the impressiveness of the proceedings. In evidence of the zeal displayed in fostering the Mark Degree, twenty-eight of the thirty-six candidates presented themselves for advancement on this occasion. Lord Henniker was present during the installation of Bro. H. G. Barwell, and amongst other matters brought under his consideration during the proceedings was an application from Bro. Edward Pitt Yonell for a warrant for a new Mark Lodge, at Gorleston, which was graciously acceded to by the Grand Mark Master. The proposal to establish a Grand Mark Province for East Anglia was also countenanced, and altogether this meeting may be looked upon as a pleasant feature in the records of Mark Masonry.

The election meeting of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, was held on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, under the presidency of Bro. J. Roberts W.M. Bro. Schadler was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. C. T. Speight reappointed Tyler.

Bro. H. E. Joyce, Editor of the *Shipping and Mercantile Gazette*, was unanimously elected, on Thursday last, as Worshipful Master of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, for the ensuing year.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, when Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer presided. The following brethren also were present:—Robert Grey, Joshua Nunn, F. Walters, Robert P. Tebb, C. Locke Smiles, John A. Rucker, J. H. Matthews, James Peters, H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tattershall, and E. C. Massey. The minutes of the last General Committee, of 25th January, were read and verified; and the minutes of the House Committee, held on 15th inst., were also read for information. A petition by Mrs. Heastie, on behalf of Sophia Heastie, and one by Mrs. Godfrey, on behalf of Mabel Harriet Godfrey, were considered and approved, and the names of the children ordered to be added to the list of candidates for election. The chairman stated that a letter had been received from Mrs. Lord, asking that her child's name might be withdrawn from the list. The Secretary read a list of accounts for payment, and the chairman was authorised to sign cheques for same. There being no other business, the meeting broke up, with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. R. B. Webster P.M., whose interest in our several Institutions was unflinching, and whose contributions to their respective treasuries showed that it was not mere lip-service he was prepared to render on their behalf. Those of our readers who may desire to learn more of our deceased brother's career will find it recorded in the Second Series of "Masonic Portraits," in which he figures in the character of "A Great Arithmetician." Here it will suffice to say, that he was a member of the Audit Committee both of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, that he was a Vice President of the former, and a Life Governor of the latter, as well as a Life Governor on the Male and Female Funds of the Benevolent Institution. Brother Webster had likewise served as a Festival Steward on several occasions, his support in this capacity having been distributed among the three Charities, but with apparent preference for the Girls' Institution. He also invariably took an active part in the elections, at which his business powers were of great service in determining the results. Bro. Webster was greatly respected in his circle of friends and acquaintances, and by his brother Masons, and his widow will find some consolation from their sympathy in her bereavement.

The Royal National Hospital for Consumption, at Ventnor, is an Institution which well deserves the support of the British public. Its existence depends entirely on the voluntary contributions it receives from year to year. It is admirably conducted, while the social comfort of the inmates is as much cared for as their medical welfare. Thus, on Thursday, the 15th inst., an entertainment of a mixed character was given; the programme consisting of music, both vocal and instrumental, and sundry recitations. The chief contributors were found among the patients themselves, but others also gladly lent their services for the occasion. Everything passed off famously, Mrs. Watson's two songs, "The Skipper and his Boy," and "Kathleen Mavourneen," Mr. Siebert's recitation, "The Death of Montrose," and two violin solos, with pianoforte accompaniment, by Mr. and Miss Westerweld, eliciting loud applause from the audience.

The annual dinner of the Wallington Lodge of Instruction will take place on Thursday evening next, the 1st March. Lodge will be opened at the Public Hall, Carshalton, at 6 o'clock by Brother G. Horsey P.M. 1619 and W.M. 1892, who will rehearse the ceremony of initiation. Brother W. W. Morgan, S.W. 211, will then deliver his lecture on the "Masonic Institutions, their Establishment and Development." After which Bro. W. Baldwin will give the charge, and explain the tracing board of the first degree. Lodge will be closed, and dinner will be served at the King's Arms Hotel.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though the former disease remorselessly attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering use of these remedies will infallibly cure both complaints. After the affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine, and the skin thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and evenly for a few minutes twice a day, and his Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid, who attentively reads them, can now be at any loss how to doctor himself successfully.

## BANQUET TO BRO. ALDERMAN DE KEYSER.

REGARDED from every point of view, the complimentary banquet given on Monday night to Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, by the Master and brethren of the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, was a significant and brilliant success. Both from the heartiness and urbanity which characterised the proceedings throughout, as well as from the number of distinguished Masons who graced the assemblage with their presence, the event must be regarded as one of the most important that has taken place in London for some time past. The "guest of the evening" has long been a member of the Emulation Lodge, and it was a graceful act on the part of the brethren to recognise the many acts of kindness, benevolence and public enterprise which have earned for him such high distinction amongst the citizens of London. The atmosphere of the Albion on the occasion referred to was pregnant with expressions of hearty amenity and good fellowship, into which the brethren and the prominent members of Grand Lodge, and others who were invited guests, entered with the utmost spirit of good will. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, with Bro. T. F. Peacock W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. Samuel Hill S.W., R. C. Grant J.W., T. Taylor P.M. Treasurer, Arthur Hill Secretary. Major Campbell S.D., M. R. Sewell J.D., George Singer P.M. M.C., W. Wing P.M. W.S., H. C. Brunning I.G., and a galaxy of Past Masters, including Bros. Brackstone Baker P.G.J.D., D. Clarke, H. J. Godden, S. J. Morris, J. Pointing, W. J. Vian, H. M. Stoltenhoff, Griffiths, C. E. Stoltenhoff, R. Berridge, R. P. Spice, Geo. Watson, C. Mansfield, W. Abbott, &c. There were about forty other brethren, and amongst the Visitors were Bros. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, No. 1, P.G.W., and lately Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Fowler, M.P., P.M. 626, Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, ex-Sheriff, S.W. 778, Major-General J. W. Laurie Grand Master of Nova Scotia, S. Moss P.M. 7, Canadian Registrar (Montreal), ex-Sheriff Burt P.G.A.D.C., Sir John B. Monckton, Town Clerk, No. 1, President of the Board of General Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S. England; Rev. J. H. Smith P.M. 279 P.P.G. Chaplain Leicester and Rutland, R. H. Girard No. 1, P.G.D., J. Davis Sewell 1827 P.G.S., G. Lambert P.M. 198 P.G.S.B., R. S. Pigott 11 G.A.D.C., Frank Richardson 14 P.G.D., T. G. Bullen P.M. 197 P.G.S., H. Higgins P.M. 1381, J. Crispe W.M. 410, H. Bishop P.M. 66, A. Gabriel 310, A. W. Stansfield P.M. 1019, J. Donaldson W.M. 7, A. Day P.M. 166, C. Smith P.M. 58, H. C. Barker P.M. 29, C. Monckton P.M. 1150, A. G. Brown, ing P.M. 33, G. N. Johnson P.M. 1, J. R. Cooper P.M. 171, A. W. Morgan P.M. 176, E. M. Hubbuck P.M. 58, L. W. Durdin W.M. 370, G. W. Harkwill W.M. elect 1150, W. Herbage W.M. 177, S. Day S.W. 166, C. D. Miller J.W. 28, F. H. Williams I.G. 18, E. J. Powell 360 (Scotland), H. J. Griffiths late of 21, E. Matheson 1820; A. W. Stead J.D. 25, J. W. Stockwell 1864, G. B. Cutler, E. Gamman 610, A. L. Drought 163, A. Probyn 172, and many others; with Bro. C. T. Speight Prov. G.T. Surrey Tyler. After the usual ceremonies, the Wor. Master Bro. Peacock was unanimously elected a Grand Steward, and the ballot was then opened for Mr. Joseph Savory, Sheriff of London and Middlesex, who had been nominated by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, and seconded by Bro. George Singer P.M.; also for Mr. Marriott Ogle Tarbotton, C.E., of Nottingham, proposed by Bro. R. P. Spice P.M., seconded by Bro. E. Berridge P.M. The voting in each case was unanimous, and the candidates were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working of the W.M. and his Officers eliciting very deserved expressions of approbation from all present. After business, there was a good deal of pleasant greeting and interchange of friendly sentiment in the reception rooms, and at seven o'clock the party sat down to an admirable banquet, which did infinite credit to the courteous manager of the Albion, Brother W. G. Jennings. The customary prefatory toasts were got over briefly by the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, in responding for the Grand Officers, observed that the Craft generally must feel proud of being presided over by noblemen who devoted so much time to the interests of Freemasonry, and so well discharged the duties of their important offices. He expressed the peculiar pleasure it gave him to be present when honour so deserved was to be bestowed upon his friend Bro. Ald. De Keyser, whose position they had so splendidly recognised on the occasion. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke observed that it was a pleasure to the Grand Officers to witness the success of all Masonic meetings, and more especially to be present in a Lodge like this, which had such a distinguished history for many years past, and when they had met to congratulate one of their members upon the honours that had recently accrued to him. The Grand Officers were thoroughly in accord with every brother who wore the light blue. The Most Worshipful Grand Master had, for good and proper reasons, honoured them with promotion to the dais, and he honestly believed they were all eager and anxious to do what they possibly could to hold and preserve the high positions in which they had been placed. The Wor. Master then gave the Sister Grand Lodges, and coupled with the toast the name of Brother Major-General Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who was most enthusiastically received. Brother Major-General Laurie, in an eloquent address, in response, said he could not, although they had been kind enough to couple his name with the sister Lodges throughout the world, consider himself a foreigner. He had lately been elected to the Court of the Saddlers' Company, and therefore he was very much at home. Moreover, he had sat as a subscribing member in a Lodge in every part of the world, under the banners either of England or Ireland. But he was called upon under rather peculiar circumstances, some years ago, to join the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, with a view of his name being brought forward as Grand Master. He had endeavoured to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren who put him in that position, although perhaps the state of Masonry abroad, outside the jurisdiction with which those present were acquainted, was not so well known as it might be. It seemed almost a pity that some of the facts were not more widely familiar to brethren on this side of

the Atlantic. For instance, Bro. Brackstone Baker had just shown him a medal of the Grand Lodge of New York, which meant there were 80,000 subscribing members under the banner of that Grand Lodge alone. They must look at the figures to recognise what a bold step Masonry had taken on the other side of the water. It was the same in principle there as in England, of course, but they were not able to exercise that magnificent charity which is dispensed in this country. Here they were able to put down £42,000 a year as subscriptions to the three grand Masonic Charities, to be distributed for the benefit of the widows and orphans, and old and decayed Masons. In America they could not do that; at least, they had not yet tried. There, perhaps, they did their work in a somewhat different way. Each Lodge supported its own aged, and widows and orphans, and then they went outside and gave personal service. In the fearful scourge of yellow fever they had heard of, Masons came forth from their different Lodges in the States of the Union, and went down and gave their services personally as doctors, nurses, and attendants to the poor suffering fever patients. Then, again, during the fearful floods that had taken place in America, there were twenty-one lifeboats supported by the Masonic Fraternity, for saving lives. Thus the humanity and charity of Masonry were exemplified there as well as here, only they developed in a different practice. They went and gave their own right hands and own good hearts for others. These subordinate Lodges were the children of the great grandmother Lodge of England, and had learnt and inherited the great virtue of Charity from this side, and here they must come as to the fountain of honour. Brother Abbott I.P.M. next proposed, in felicitous terms, the health of the Worshipful Master; and Bro. Peacock, in response, expressed his desire to discharge the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren. In coming to the toast of the evening, he asked their indulgence while he told them why they had invited their guest, Bro. Alderman De Keyser, to come amongst them on that occasion, in order that they might welcome him in his present position. Bro. De Keyser was born in Belgium, but had come to this country, and become a naturalised British subject. He had worked in the City with intelligence and perseverance, which enabled him to conquer all difficulties that beset his path, and he became a prosperous man in London. Having, like a sensible man, looked after his own interests, and acquired sufficient to enable him to settle down comfortably, he looked around to see how he could benefit his neighbours, and commenced, as many Englishmen did, by entering into the political affairs of his parish. He successively served all the offices of St. Bride's, and was overseer, guardian, and churchwarden. Naturally, after that, he entered the Court of Common Council, and for many years, as now, he had given the results of his experience in life for the benefit of the citizens of London, serving in the office of Chairman of the Bridge House Committee, and becoming a Governor of Bridewell and Bethlehem Hospitals. In due course he was elected as an Alderman, and one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and was presented by the residents in his Ward with the badge and insignia of his office, at a cost of about £600, in token of their appreciation of his efforts for their general benefit. He was also one of the founders of the Guildhall School of Music, and engaged actively in all matters of public usefulness. He entered Freemasonry, under the auspices of Bro. Brackstone Baker, in this Lodge, and continued in it for many years, ultimately serving as I.G. But Masonry offered no excuses for a man to neglect his business, and with his many and great responsibilities Bro. De Keyser ceased to be an active member of the Lodge for some time. They saw in him, however, one of the founders of the Macdonald Lodge, in connection with the First Surrey Rifles, and he was also with the Volunteers in Belgium, where, in consideration of his active services, he was created by the King a Knight of the Order of Leopold. During all this time, although Bro. De Keyser was absent in person, he was always thought of, and they were most anxious to do honour to him in his own Lodge; consequently, they had invited as many friends as they could accommodate to meet him. He thought they would all agree that in this assembly they had produced a very strong evidence of the respect and esteem in which Bro. De Keyser was held, and in conclusion he wished him health, all happiness, and prosperity, adding the hope that the Corporation of London might live long enough to see him Lord Mayor, and that he might ultimately occupy the chair of the Emulation Lodge. Brother Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, who was enthusiastically received, said his heart was beating with sincere and deep gratitude for the honour they had done him, and his brain was on fire to find expressions adequate to interpret the sentiments which then animated him. He was sure that many of those present, having had similar, if not so complimentary, honours offered to them, would be able to understand how difficult it was in those moments to do justice to such a toast. Their excellent Worshipful Master had been good enough to begin, as he said, at the beginning, and that beginning was one of which, in a Masonic sense, he felt proud, because it proved that Masonry was of a truly generous spirit, as it recognised and admitted him as one of themselves—those who had not even come from the mother country. The Worshipful Master had alluded to the feeble services he had rendered in the different positions he had occupied. He had occasion once before, in the presence of a few of the members of this Lodge to say that which he thought he might still repeat, that one of the reasons which prompted him conscientiously to give up a great deal of his time to public life was not out of vanity or ambition, but a desire to recognise what they had done for him in the country of his adoption. He did not forget he had a duty to perform. He knew too well what they had done for him in the past, and it would be ungrateful, and unlike a Mason, if he were not to express, to the utmost of his power, his readiness to do all he could, not only for the community at large, but for the poor, in recognition of the kindness, friendship, and tokens of affection he had received in this country. He was very pleased when the Worshipful Master began by saying he would tell them why they had invited him to this banquet, because he thought Brother Peacock was going to get him out of a difficulty. He could not say what he had done to deserve the great compliment they had

paid to him; but he could say it in another sense. Municipal institutions and Masonry had a great many sympathies, and it was to the municipal position he had attained, through their suffrages and confidence, that they paid the compliment and not to him individually. However, he hoped, if the Corporation lived long enough, to do something for that body, and also as a Mason to recognise what the Masons had done for him. He should certainly not forget the great principles of charity, and those institutions so forcibly alluded to by the Grand Master of Nova Scotia. They would find him ever ready to assist them. It was perfectly true he had not been very active as a Mason, but this had not been his fault. He left them immediately after he took office as I.G., because he was living in the country, and had heavy responsibilities, and they knew a man could not keep up a very important place of business, such as he had created, without great anxiety and great work. So he thought it his duty, as he could not attend to the work of his Lodge, to leave them and become an absent member. But the moment he returned, as he had done now, to within a reasonable distance from town, he was again with them, and from that moment his ambition would be to hold the proud position of Master of this Lodge. He hoped, by attention to his duties, he might prove himself worthy of their confidence on the day of election. He begged them to accept once more his very sincere thanks for the honour they had done him, and to excuse him if he was unable to do justice to the sentiments which others might perhaps have expressed in more eloquent language. He thanked the numerous and distinguished Visitors, and Officers of Grand Lodge, for the compliment they had paid him by their presence, and was deeply sensible of the honour, which he should never forget. The health of the Initiates was then proposed by Brother B. Baker P.G.J.D., and suitably acknowledged by Bros. Sheriff Savory and Tarbotton. Bros. Ald. Fowler, M.P., and Ald. Sir R. Hanson responded for the Visitors; and in replying for the Past Masters and Treasurer, Bro. T. Taylor said the P.M.'s were always anxious to do all they possibly could to preserve the harmony and prosperity of their Lodge. They had great virtues, one of which was that they did not interfere with the W.M. in the duties of his office, or dictate to him in any shape or way; but they were always willing, so long as he abided within Masonic rules, as laid down in the Book of Constitutions, to let him have his own course in the appointment of his Officers, and everything else appertaining to his Lodge. At the same time they were always willing and anxious to aid in cases of difficulty, to give their advice with due respect to his position. As a proof of this, he might say with regard to the details connected with this banquet, the P.M.'s did not take upon themselves the duty, but a committee was appointed, upon which some of the P.M.'s were elected ex-officio, and some by choice; but the great burden had been borne by the junior Officers of the Lodge, and he left them to say whether all had not done their duty well. It was characteristic of this Lodge that the P.M.'s constituted, within five or six, one-half of the numerical strength of the Lodge, but they did not interfere with or dictate to the other members. Another virtue of the P.M.'s was, although they did not honour the Lodge with their presence, they paid their subscriptions regularly; thus the funds of the Lodge were not depreciated, but rather exalted. He congratulated them upon the flourishing state of the funds, which allowed them to give this banquet without any encroachment on their pockets. The health of the Officers and Secretary of the Lodge was given, and responded to by Bro. Arthur Hill Secretary, after which the business was closed with the Tyler's toast. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with a capital selection of music, under the direction of Bro. Winn, assisted by Bros. A. J. Brown, T. W. Hanson, and Kenningham, and a most pleasant gathering was enjoyed. Bro. Harper officiated as toastmaster.

**Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548.**—We are requested to inform our readers that the Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction, to be held on Monday evening next, at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford. Bro. David Rose P.M., one of the most eminent workers in the South of London, will take the chair at seven o'clock, and a large attendance of the brethren is expected.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—Meeting held at the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday, 20th instant. Bros. Smith W.M., Acworth S.W., Seward J.W., Burr P.M. S.D., Bellerby J.D., Wills I.G., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Wells Secretary; also Bros. Kasner P.M., Green P.M., Dyer, Gasson, Hadley. Lodge was opened with the usual preliminaries, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Gasson offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Hadley answered the questions leading to the second degree. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Acworth for books he printed and presented to the Lodge. Bro. Tucker brought before the Lodge the case of a distressed brother, and £1 was unanimously voted from the funds of the Lodge for the assistance of the applicant. The members present also supplemented the vote by individual contributions. Bro. Acworth was elected W.M. for Tuesday, the 27th inst., and the Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned to that date.

**Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901.**—The inauguration of the new Masonic room provided for this Lodge of Instruction, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich-green, is fixed for Friday, the 30th proximo, when a large gathering of the brethren of the district is anticipated. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. R. Allison P.M. 186, after which the annual supper of the brethren will take place. The room has been admirably fitted up for the purposes of this Lodge of Instruction, and is appropriately embellished with the emblems of the Craft. When completed, this will form quite an acquisition to

the Masonic assembly rooms of the South of London, and the proprietor of the hotel, Bro. Gurney, appears to have studied in the minutest detail everything that can add to the comfort and accommodation of the brethren at their periodical meetings. The Lodge of Instruction assembles every Friday evening, at seven o'clock, and visitors are assured of a hearty and fraternal welcome. This hotel is near Champion-hill Station, and most convenient of access to brethren desirous of paying a visit, either for the purposes of amenity or instruction.

The Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, will in future hold its meetings at Bro. James Clayton's, the Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, E., every Wednesday evening, at 8 p.m. Bro. W. Musto P.M. 1349 is the Preceptor, and Brother Alfred Hand 1178 the Secretary.

Honorary membership of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, at Dunmow, Essex, was conferred by the members of that Lodge on Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z., on Tuesday, the 20th instant, in acknowledgment of delivery by him, in open Lodge, of his lecture explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree.

THE PARLIAMENTARY SESSION.—Commencing with the issue for 17th February, a series of Political Coloured Portraits, similar to the War Series, which was so highly appreciated, will appear weekly in *The Pictorial World*. A Conservative and Liberal Member of the Upper or Lower House will alternate each week, and a page in each number will be devoted to Views and Letterpress descriptive of the Constituency to which the Member belongs, and, where it is possible, Views of their Country Seats will be given. With the same number will be presented a magnificent plate "The House of Lords" (size 26 by 36), being a companion picture to the "Ministerial Benches" which was published with *The Pictorial World* last November.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

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## THE ATHELSTAN LEGEND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your review of Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry," you remark that that able brother considers it not improbable that the story, as related in the Chartulary of St. Leonard's Hospital, at York, and quoted by him and you from Dugdale's "Monasticon," of Athelstan having made a certain grant to the "Colidei" of St. Peter's Church in that city, in celebration of his victory over the Scots in 936, "gave rise to the legend about the York Charter granted by Athelstan in 926." I dare say Bro. Gould's suggestion will admit of explanation, but I should like to know how an event which happened in 936 can have given rise to a legend which is, I believe, universally associated with the year 926, that is, ten years earlier.

Fraternal yours,

ALPHA.

[We have referred "ALPHA'S" letter to our reviewer, who explains, in reply, that Bro. Gould, in the footnote referred to, remarks that "the form of the legend, as given by Dr. Anderson in the Constitutions of 1723, varies slightly from that in the edition of 1738. In the former he places the date of the occurrence"—that is, the grant of the Charter to the Masons—"at about 930; in the latter at 926." We have nothing to guide us in determining the reasons which induced Dr. Anderson to alter his mind between 1723 and 1738, and, having given the date of the date vaguely in the former year "at about 930," to assign it definitely to "926" in the latter. But the year 936 sufficiently answers to "about 930" to justify Bro. Gould's suggestion of the probability that the Athelstan incident as described in the St. Leonard's Hospital Chartulary may have had something to do with the origin of the Athelstan Masonic legend generally assigned to the year 926.—Ed. F.C.]

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., on Wednesday, the 28th inst. Bros. J. C. Smith A.M.C. 1744 W.M., James Hemming M.C. 1287 S.W., F. W. Sillis M.C. 1744 J.W. First Lecture—Knight, Perl, Solomon, Edwards, Sillis, Larchin, Ager. Second Lecture—Fraser, Hemming, Gush, Martin, Snelling. Third Lecture—Pierdon, Storr, Emblin.

## PROCESSIONS OF THE CRAFT.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THERE was a time when the Masonic Fraternity indulged in Masonic processions to excess, but that time expired a century and a quarter ago, since which period the Craft has rarely transgressed in this respect the rules of Masonic propriety. Soon after the "Revival" of 1717, in England, the practice was inaugurated. The first procession of which any record remains occurred on St. John the Baptist's Day 1721, when G.M. Payne, the Grand Wardens, Past Grand Officers, and the Masters and Wardens of twelve Lodges met at the King's Arms Tavern, London, and proceeded through the public streets to Stationers' Hall. Processions of the Craft were continued annually for some twenty-four years thereafter, increasing in display each time. In 1728 coaches were used, and in 1730 chariots, the brethren apparently getting too dignified to walk. In 1734 a band of music was added. In 1739 there were three bands of music in line. The result of this annual publicity and display was, that burlesque processions were gotten up by enemies of the Craft, in order to ridicule the Brethren. The anti-Masons even burlesqued the Masonic displays on St. John the Baptist's Day, and confronted them in the public streets. This occurred in 1741, '2, '4 and '5. Added to these, the satirical poets of the day exercised their wits at the expense of the Freemasons. Jos. Green parodied the Boston procession of 1739, and the author of the popular songs, "God save the King," and "Sally in our Alley," Dr. H. Carey, in 1729, wrote and published a satirical squib. Dr. Carey was a Surgeon to the then Prince of Wales, who was a Mason, and who dismissed him on account of his burlesques of the Craft. Even the famous satirist, Hogarth, tried his hand at a Masonic caricature. The result of all this banter was, that public Masonic processions were laughed out of existence in London. The last occurred in 1745, and in 1747 the Grand Lodge of England formally prohibited public processions of the Craft within the limits of the Metropolis, since which time we believe no public Masonic display has been witnessed in the English capital.

In America Masonic processions are by custom limited to such occasions as the laying of a corner stone, the dedication of a Masonic Temple, the burial of the remains of a Brother, or the celebration of some notable Masonic anniversary, such as the centennial or sesqui-centennial of the organisation of the Craft. On such occasions a properly conducted procession of the Brotherhood is altogether appropriate. It tends to bring together a full representation of the brethren, to evoke their enthusiasm, and to bind them still more closely together in fraternal bonds. We have not gone to extremes in America in this matter, and we trust we never shall. But the love of some for publicity has manifested itself in another direction, and we believe even a more objectionable one. In public processions, all that the Craft does is to walk in public, but in public installations of Lodge Officers, Masonic work, or a portion of it, is exposed to public gaze. The ceremonies of the Lodge-room, with the obligations of its Officers, are profaned. And for what? To curry public favour. To spread a drag-net to catch initiates. To invite the seeking of a familiarity with the remaining mysteries, through initiation. Is this dignified? Is it permissible? Is it Masonic? On principle we do not see how any one can answer, Yes. And yet, perhaps in a majority of the jurisdictions of the United States, public installations of Lodge Officers are allowed. The discussion of this subject is, however, awakening thought, and we have done what we could, in *The Keystone*, to keep before the Craft a fair and full statement of the danger to which it is exposed, if it yields to the desire of certain thoughtless brethren to turn the Lodge-room into a place of public resort and entertainment.

There is nothing more dignified, or less savouring of vain display, than a Masonic procession when properly conducted. The brethren appear clad only in black suits, with white lambskin aprons. The Officers are distinguished only by their collars, or sometimes, instead, by their official jewels. There is no display of Lodge furniture, no revelation of Lodge ceremonials. There is only a manifestation, on a proper occasion, of the character and strength of the Craft. We must bury our dead, dedicate our Masonic Temples, and lay the corner-stones of important public buildings when requested so to do by the proper constituted authorities. Such publicity is unobjectionable. In the matter of the laying of corner-stones we recognise an admission of a connection of the Craft with operative Masonry. Once our brethren were all architects or builders. Once we erected entire edifices. The massive cathedrals of the middle ages, all over Europe, testify to the skill and capacity of the mediæval brethren. Things are now changed, but this change was gradual, almost imperceptible. First, distinguished non-operatives were introduced into the Craft by way of compliment, next they were frequently included, and finally they increased so in numbers, and the art of building so declined, that the operative character of the Fraternity became entirely lost, so that since 1717 Freemasonry has been of a purely speculative character. What we lost in one respect we gained in another. More attention is now paid to morals, and less to materials. The man is to-day the building, a moral edifice, reared for time and eternity. We have withdrawn measurably from the world into our Masonic Temples, coming out only on great occasions when a procession of the Craft is formed for the prosecution of its legitimate duties. The continuation of such processions cannot but promote the weal of the Brotherhood.

The Bishop of Nelson, before returning to New Zealand, has given Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street, instructions for painted glass in two of the churches in his diocese, viz., "Greymouth" and "Picton," an evidence of the growing appreciation in the Colonies of Art Ecclesiastical, as well as secular.

## MARK MASONRY.

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## PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 238.

THE annual meeting of the members of this popular Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas R. Richnell P.G.S.B. Surrey and Middlesex Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. T. J. Walls P.M. acting as J.W., J. H. Dodson J.W., C. Brown M.O., F. Clemow S.O., T. Harding J.O., Col. Wiggington Past Master P.G.S.W. Secretary, Alfred Tisley I.P.M., and other Officers and brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and their choice fell unanimously upon Bro. Sir C. J. Palmer, Bart., P.P.G.S.O., who had officiated as S.W. during the past twelve months. Bro. J. H. Dodson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Harrison Tyler. Bro. Colonel Wiggington then proposed that, in recognition of the straightforward pluck and energy displayed by Bro. Richnell during the time he had occupied the chair as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and of his success in bringing it to a sound and safe position financially, a Past Master's jewel should be presented to him on his retirement from office. He alluded to the urbanity and zeal manifested by Bro. Richnell in the discharge of his official duties, and the interest he had ever taken in the welfare of the Lodge, of which he was one of the founders, and considered it would only be a graceful act on the part of the brethren to testify their appreciation of the services he had rendered. Bro. Walls P.M. endorsed most cordially the sentiments that had fallen from the lips of their excellent Secretary, and remarked that Bro. Richnell was the last of the founders who would occupy the chair, unless indeed they were again elected by rotation, which was an event not likely to happen. The vote was agreed to amidst acclamation, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Lodge. Bro. Richnell, in acknowledging the vote, said he was deeply sensible of the compliment which had been paid to him by the kindness of the brethren. The services he had been able to render the Lodge were only trifling, but he had endeavoured to the best of his ability to carry out the duties that had been imposed upon him. He should value the jewel which they had generously voted to him, as an expression of their fraternal affection and goodwill, and the kindly expressions that had been uttered in regard to himself that evening were as sincerely appreciated as would be the jewel itself when his successor should affix it to his breast. At the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Admirable arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party were made by Bro. F. H. Clemow, and a most harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

The annual Anglo-French ball will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, on Monday, 5th of March, under the presidency of Bro. J. Cossart, No. 291, Celtic Lodge, and the following Stewards:—Bros. T. Browne, J. Innes, J. Bennett, Wheeler, Charpentier, Jenkins, F. Benoit and Crouch. Bro. Grove Ellis's (188) excellent band will be in attendance. Tickets—10s 6d each—including light refreshments and supper. Bro. Birlet will superintend the service of snapper on this occasion.

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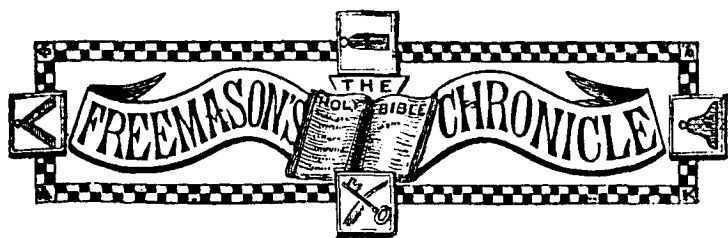
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## THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from p 107.)

IN dealing in his second chapter, with the "Old Charges of British Freemasons," Bro. Gould, after noting "the only point of identity between the English and German Constitutions in the shape of legend or tradition," and that our "British Constitutions, or 'Old Charges,' have indeed neither predecessors nor rivals," goes on to remark on the singularity of the fact that the Masons are the only Craft in Great Britain which can furnish documentary evidence "of its having claimed, at any time, a legendary or traditional history." the French *compagnons*, though not without legendary histories of their own, not now possessing any early writings which are comparable with our Masonic Charges. He then proceeds to an enumeration and description of the various MSS., "the original or a certified transcript" of each of which has, except where otherwise stated, been collated by Bro. Hughan or himself. These MSS. which, as he justly remarks, are vastly more numerous now than they were but a few years since, are arranged in three classes or groups, namely "(A) originals; (B) late transcripts; (C) printed copies, extracts, or references." In the case of those which are undated, and whose age therefore is "perfectly a matter of conjecture," he has "generally preferred the testimony," as to their probable periods of origin, "of such independent paleographical authorities as Mr. A. Bond (the principal librarian of the British Museum), and other non-Masonic 'experts,' to the possibly interested opinions of those connected with the fraternity," and has "carefully abstained from overstating the antiquity of these or any other documents relating to Freemasonry."

Group A comprises thirty-one MSS., and it will be as well, perhaps, that we should note the chief characteristics of each. No. 1, in the British Museum, is known as the Halliwell MS., and is assigned approximately to the fourteenth century. Its contents were not made known till the year 1839, in a paper read by Mr. Halliwell before the Society of Antiquaries "On the introduction of Freemasonry into England." That gentleman considers it was written not later than the latter part of the fourteenth century. Mr. David Casley, a former deputy librarian of the Cottonian Library, assigns it to the same century. Mr. Bond places it in the middle of the fifteenth century, and Dr. Kloss between 1427 and 1445. In the opinion of Halliwell, it is "the earliest document yet brought to light connected with the progress of freemasonry in Great Britain." No. 2, also in the British Museum, is the "Cooke" MS., and is so named after its editor, Brother Matthew Cooke. Brother Gould agrees with Mr. Bond in considering it "early 15th Century," though others place it towards the latter part of that century, because it "contains references to the Policronicon," the earliest edition of which, however, it is pointed out, is believed to have appeared in 1342. The "Lansdowne," ascribed to the sixteenth century, and in the British Museum, comes next, and was among the MSS. purchased by Parliamentary grant in 1807, after the death of the Marquis of Lansdowne, and hence its name. Mr. Bond dates it at about 1600, and Bro. Gould suggests it may have been of the middle of the latter half of the sixteenth century, "as these 'Free Masons Orders and Constitutions' are believed to have been part of the collection made by Lord Burghley (Secretary of State, *temp.* Edward VI., and Lord High Treasurer *temp.* Elizabeth), who died A.D. 1598." No. 4, "Grand Lodge," bears date the 25th December 1583, and was purchased in 1839 by Grand Lodge, for the sum of £25, "from Miss Siddall, the granddaughter of Mr. Thomas Dunkerley's second wife." "York No. I.," in possession of the York Lodge, No. 236, comes next. It was presented to the "Grand Lodge of all England" at York by Bro. Drake, who was a native of Pontefract, of which

place his father and grandfather had been in turn the vicar. It is assigned to the seventeenth century, its date being "partly determined from internal evidence, and partly from a consideration of the date when Pontefract Castle surrendered to the Parliamentary Forces (March 25, 1649)." Wilson, Nos. 1 and 2, likewise of the seventeenth century, stand six and seven on the list. They were sold to Sir Thomas Phillips by Mr. Wilson, and are now in the possession of his son-in-law, the Rev. J. E. A. Fenwick, of Cheltenham, by whom permission was given to make a transcript of it. Some assign it to the sixteenth century. No. 1, the "Inigo Jones," of the year 1607, is in the possession of Bro. Woodford, who describes it as "a curious and valuable MS. *per se*, not only on account of its special verbiage, but because it possesses a frontispiece of Masons at work, with the words '*Inigo Jones delin.*' at the bottom. It is also highly ornamented throughout, both in the capital letters and with 'finials.' It is, we apprehend, pretty certain that it did belong to Inigo Jones. It is of date 1607." Its owner further considers it "a peculiarly interesting MS. in that it differs from all known transcripts in many points, and agrees with no one copy extant." No. 9, the "Wood" MS., of the year 1610, also in the possession of Bro. Woodford, is described by him as "written on parchment (or vellum), with partially illuminated letters here and there. . . . The 'Finis de Tabula,' at the end of the index (for it has also an index), is, according to some authorities, most archaic, and may refer to an original two hundred years older. It therefore deserves careful noting and perusal." Its title is "The Constitution of Masonry. Wherein is briefly declared the first foundation of divers Sciences, and principally the Science of Masonrye. With divers good Rules, Orders, and Precepts, necessary to be observed of all Masons." The declaration is "Newly Translated by J. Whitstones for John Sargensonne, 1610," and if, as Bro. Woodford suggests, it is copied from another MS. of the fifteenth century, in that case Bro. Gould considers "translated" as equivalent to "modernised." No. 10 in order is "York No. 3," of A.D. 1630, and has not been traced of late years, though it is known, from its description in the York inventory of 1779, as "No. 3, A parchment Roll of Charges on Masonry, 1630," to have been a version of the Constitutions. Nos. 11 and 12 in the Harleian Collection, at the British Museum, are ascribed by Mr. Bond, the former to the beginning of the seventeenth, and the latter to a period more modern by some half a century, though Bro. Gould thinks there cannot have been much difference in the dates of transcription. However, he considers it probable No. 12 is the copy of an older text. No. 11, he says, is of great importance, as it contains the "New Articles (26 to 31)," which are "not in any other known MS." and the "Apprentice Charge," peculiar "to a few versions only." No. 12 is believed to be in the handwriting of the third Randle Holme, who, like his father and grandfather before him, was deputy to the College of Arms for Cheshire and other counties," and may have been transcribed about 1650. It contains copy of a remarkable obligation "to 'keep secret' certain 'words and signes of a free mason,' &c., and likewise a register of the fees paid (varying from five shillings to twenty) 'for to be a free mason' by twenty-seven persons whose names appear," this being the earliest mention of "words and signes." Nos. 13 and 14 are among the Sloane MSS. in the British Museum. The former concludes "Finis p. me Edwardu Sankey, decimo sexto die Octobris Anno Domini 1646," the 16th October of that year being the date of the initiation of Elias Ashmole and Colonel Mainwaring at Warrington, in which town the Sankey family were landowners for several generations. The latter is signed and dated "Hæc scripta fuerunt p. me Thomam Martin 1659." No. 15 was presented to our G.L. in March 1880 by Bro. George Buchanan of Whitby, who considers, and Bro. Gould thinks he is right, it belongs to the "latter part of the seventeenth century—say from 1660 to 1680." It was found among the papers of the late Mr. Henry Belcher, an antiquary, and partner of Brother Buchanan's father, and Bro. Gould is informed that Mr. Belcher was a friend of Bro. Blanchard, the G. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of all England at York. No. 16 is in the possession of Mother Kilwinning Lodge, Scotland, and is assigned to the seventeenth century. With respect to this and other Scottish MSS. Bro. Gould remarks that "all the Scottish versions are evidently of English origin." No. 17, the "Atcheson Haven" and the property of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, is described as "Ane Narratione

of the finding out of the craft of Masonrie, and by whom it hath been cherished." It is engrossed in the earliest minute book of the Acheson Haven Lodge, and bears date 1666. No. 18 belongs to the ancient Lodge of Aberdeen, and is contained in the records of that Lodge, being inserted after Laws and Statutes and with general laws, list of members, &c., all beginning in 1670. No. 19, which Bro. Gould considers of far greater value than Nos. 16, 17, and 18, is Melrose No. 2, of date 1674, and Bro. Gould says, "One can almost positively declare it to be a transcript of an extinct MS. of A.D. 1581 (which I term Melrose No. 1), or even earlier, as the conclusion is a certificate from a 'master freemason,' in favour, apparently, of the lawful service by his apprentice." It was discovered by Brother Vernon of Kelso, though Bro. Hughan, we are told, appears to have had an inkling of its existence, and is certified thus: "Extracted be me, A. M., upon the 1, 2, 3 and 4 dayes of December MDCLXXIII." Bro. Vernon, it seems, suggests that "A. M." may stand for Andrew Mein, "who wrote also a copy of the 'Mutuall Agreemint Betwixt the Maisonis of the Lodge of Melros,' of the year 1675, which still exists." The title of No. 20, the "Hope" MS., belonging to the Hope Lodge of Bradford, Yorkshire, and assigned to the seventeenth century, is "The Constitutions, articles which are to be observed and fulfilled by all those who are made free by the Rt. Wr<sup>t</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup> Fellowes and Brethren of Free Masons at any Lodge or assemblie." Nos. 21 and 22, are York Nos. 5 and 6 respectively, and of the seventeenth century. No. 23, the "Antiquity," MS. of 1686, the date being fixed by the initials at the top, "I 2 R (James II., King)." The invocation, "In the name of the Great and Holy God," differs from that in the majority of MSS., which commence "The might of the Father in Heaven." It concludes "William Bray, Free-man of London, and Freemason. Written by Robert Padgett, clearke to the Worshipful Society of the Free Masons of the City of London, in the second year of the Raigne of our most Gracious Sovereign Lord, King James the Second of England, etc., Annoque Domini 1686." No. 24 was recently discovered by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and presented by him to the library of the Supreme Council. The inscription is "J. 2d R. 1686." No. 25, which is "York No. 4," bears the endorsement "Brother Geo. Walker of Wetherby, to the Grand Lodge of York 1776, No. 4, 1693," its date being further certified by "These be the Constitucions of the noble and famous History, called Masonry, made and now in practice by the best Masters and Fellowes for directing and guiding all that use the said Craft, scripted p. me vicesimo tertio die Octobris, anno Regni regis et Regina, Gulielmy et Marie quinto annoque Domini 1693—Mark Kypling." The "names of the Lodg" are appended at the foot of the Roll. This is valuable, as it contains the "Apprentice Charge," not in the other York MSS., and also from the anomalous instructions preliminary to the Charges, the word "shee" being inserted, and suggestive of the possibility that females were admitted Freemasons, though it is reasonably submitted that this "shee" is a clerical error for "they." No. 26, is styled the "Alnwick" MS., being "the Masons' Constitutions," preceding the records of the "Company and Fellowship of Freemasons of a Lodge held at Alnwick," the first minute being dated the 29th September 1701. No. 27, the second in point of number, but the youngest in point of age of the York MSS., is entitled "The Constitutions of Masonrie, 1704." Like the oldest of the same series of MSS.—the No. 5 of Brother Gould's list as already described—it commences with an anagram on Masonry. No. 28, the "Scarborough" of the year 1705, is in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Brother Jacob Norton had a hand in tracing it. It is important as containing the following record: "We . . . That att a private lodge held att Scarbrough in the County of York, the tenth day of July 1705, before William Thompson, Esq. P'sident of the said Lodge and several other brethren Free Masons, the severall p'sons whose names are herevnto subscribed were then admitted into the said Fraternity. Ed. Thompson, Jo. Tempest, Robt Johnson, Tho. Lister, Samuel W. Buck, Richard Hudson." The "Papworth," No. 29, bought by Mr. Wyatt Papworth some twenty years ago, cannot have been written before 1714, as "the 'Water-Mark' consists of a crown and the letters 'G R.' above." No. 30, the "Gateshead" MS. in the possession of the Industry Lodge of Gateshead, and No. 31, "Rawlinson" in the Bodleian

Library at Oxford, are assigned approximately to 1730. The former, according to Bro. Woodford, was bound up with a copy of the Constitutions of 1723, the "Apprentice Orders" which, he says, "in their present form are unique," being entered a little later. These "Apprentice Orders" conclude with an admonition to the neophytes that they should "behave one to another Gentlely, Friendily, Lovingly, and Brotherly; not churlishly, presumptuously, and forwardly; but so that all your works (words?) and actions may redound to the Glory of God, the good report of the Fellowship and Company. So help you God. Amen." Of the "Rawlinson" the original has not been traced, but it is said to have been "Copied from an old MS. in the possession of Dr. Rawlinson." At the end, for the usual termination "the contents of this Booke," or "some such form," are substituted the words "the holy contents of this Roll."

The second group, B, of "Late Transcripts," comprises six copies—the "Spencer," No. 32, which Bro. Gould surmises is "in the main a copy of No. 8"—the "Inigo Jones MS."—or, at all events, of one very much like it." It was purchased at the Spencer sale in 1875 for Bro. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, the Masonic bibliographer. Its date is 1726. No. 33, "Woodford," and 34, "Supreme Council No. 2, are copies of the Cooke MS. (No. 2), and both dated 1728. The former, in the possession of Bro. Woodford, contains "the arms plate of William Cowper Esq. Clerk to the Parliaments (Grand Secretary 1723)," the inscription being, "This is a very ancient record of Masonry, wch was copy'd for me by Wm Reid, Secretary to the Grand Lodge, 1728—Ld. Coleraine, Grd. Master, Al. Choke Depy.; Nat. Blackesby and Jo. Higmere, G<sup>d</sup> Wardens." The latter, in the library of the Supreme Council, is termed in a pencil note the "Lord Coleraine MS."

No. 35, "Melrose No. 3," of date 1762, in the possession of the old Lodge at Melrose, is "a transcript of No. 18," and is thus referred to in the Records: "Given out this day, the old Rights of the Lodge in a long Roll to be extracted by Nichol Bowr and Thomas Marr, and they are to be allowed for their trouble." No. 36, once the property of the late Bro. Tunnah, of East Lancashire, after whom it is named, but now of Bro. Hughan, is assigned to 1828, the watermark of the paper being of that year. Bro. Gould says it resembles No. 13—"Sloane" MS. 3941 of 1646, in the British Museum. No. 37, the "Wren" of 1852, belonging to Bro. Woodford, is endorsed "Copy from an ancient parchment Roll, written in old Norman English about the date of 1600, and said to be a true copy of the original found amongst the papers of Sir Christopher Wren, who built St. Paul's Cathedral, London. This parchment roll belonged to the late Rev. Mr. Crane, a very learned divine and most zealous Mason, and who was for many years P.G. Secretary for the Province, when Sir Robert S. Cotton (father of the present Lord Combermere, and now R.W.P.G. Master) was the Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire." This note is signed "Bro. S. Browne, Secretary and Treasurer of the 'Cestrian,' 615, Chester A.L. 1852, December 4th."

(To be continued.)

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THIS is the third year of issue of this useful compilation, and we again congratulate Bro. Nott on the admirable manner in which he has fulfilled his task as Editor. It is but the other day, as it were, that we described at some length the contents of this Wiltshire Masonic guide, and there is little that we can add in the present instance. Bro. Nott has considerably enlarged his account of the local Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund Committee, so that the information it now contains is well nigh as complete as it can possibly be made. In fact, as far as we can judge, nothing more remains for him to do in the future years of his editorship than to reproduce what is herein contained with, of course, such alterations as each new year will necessarily demand. We must, however, express regret at Bro. Nott's announcement that the Calendar in the past two years has not been able to pay its way. For their credit's sake, the Wiltshire brethren should render such an announcement in respect of this and future years impossible.

## 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, 24th FEBRUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1824—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1708—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 Sini Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 1482—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1985—Fastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

## MONDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich  
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-Jane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn  
 1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Colden-square  
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 392—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
 R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

## TUESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 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 (In.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1707—Fleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 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. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford  
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.  
 M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaitington  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham  
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland  
 R.A. 103—Earl of Arundel, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight  
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

## WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

- Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 5.30. for 6 o'clock.  
 House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3  
 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 893—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 9 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station  
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester  
 280—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.  
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 750—Friedship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1283—Ryourn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire  
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent  
 R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire  
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott  
 R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone  
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes  
 R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

## THURSDAY, 1st MARCH.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney  
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston  
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)  
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 1673—Laugton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.  
 R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars  
 R.A. 763—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.)  
 R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow  
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury  
 39—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester  
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hincley, Leicestershire  
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire  
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry  
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood  
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

- 291—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks  
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham  
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.  
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.  
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.  
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.  
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.  
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley  
 9974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland  
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire  
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire  
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire  
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes  
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire  
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich  
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley  
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley  
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire  
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks  
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire  
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

### FRIDAY, 2nd MARCH.

- 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)  
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hamersmith (Instruction)  
 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.  
 R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury  
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop  
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford  
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.  
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.  
 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

### SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1824—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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### KING'S CROSS LODGE, No. 1732.

THIS successful Lodge, which may be considered an offshoot of the Metropolitan, No. 1507, celebrated its Sixth Anniversary Festival on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Lodge was opened by Bro. Henry Higgins the W.M., who was supported by Bro. Lewis Solomon S.W., W.M. elect, and the other Officers. Amongst those present were Past Masters J. J. Michael (Treasurer), W. M. Stiles, Henry Stiles, J. T. Briggs; James Terry P.M. 228, &c., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Thomas Cubitt P.G.P. Honorary Members; with the following Visitors:—H. E. Turner I.G.

1149, F. G. W. Guyer S.D. 1288. C. Solomon 23, J. A. Harvey P.M. 1314, E. Howlett J.W. 134, B. ratt-Kidder I.P.M. 12, John Pitter P.M. 1793, E. Harvey Junior Warden 1314, N. Vallentine Senior Deacon 1017, J. C. Smith A.M.C. 1744, S. Hickman P.M. 188, E. Storr Senior Deacon 167, H. Hamilton 569, J. P. Hamilton 1708, C. Renter (Cornwallis), F. Silvester J.D. 193, T. C. Edmonds 1507, F. Rothschild P.M. 1288, J. Shipley W.M. 30, J. Hemming 1287, W. J. Burgess P.M. 1472, W. R. Powell 1901, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, J. E. Pope P.M. 946, Lindsay Sloper, J. B. Edwards 1107. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bros. J. H. Smith and C. J. Davis were then passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. It has been the rule, since the establishment of this Lodge, that the Worshipful Masters should undertake all the duties attached to their office, and conclude their labours by installing their successor. Our esteemed Bro. Higgins—a most competent worker so far as ability is concerned—unfortunately suffers from a physical infirmity of voice, and under these circumstances we had anticipated he would have claimed the indulgence of his brethren, and called on one of the Past Masters to work the ceremony of installation on this occasion. However, our excellent brother nerved himself for the task, and must have been infinitely gratified at the manifestations of approval and recognition of his zeal that his exertions called forth. However, we feel we are anticipating the business. Bro. Lewis Solomon was in due course presented and obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and he was placed in the chair of King Solomon. On the readmission of the brethren the W.M. was saluted, and he invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. Leon Jacobs S.W.; G. H. Gorringe J.W.; J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer, Frederick Saintsbury Secretary, C. B. Putland S.D., B. Kauffman J.D., Frank Fletcher I.G., Arthur Hubbard M.C., Alexander Pawson Asst. M.C., W. H. Baker Wine Steward, F. C. Austin Assist. W.S., Daly Tyler. After Bro. Higgins had delivered the addresses a cordial vote of thanks was proposed to him by Bro. P.M. Michael, for the zeal he had displayed during his year of office, and for his able and impressive rendering of the ceremony of installation. Bro. P.M. Briggs, who seconded the proposition, also testified to the satisfaction with which he had listened to Bro. Higgins, and the vote was carried unanimously, with a suggestion that a record to the effect be made on the minutes. Bro. Higgins acknowledged the compliment, as also did he the honour conferred on him by the W.M., who in a few graceful sentences presented him with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge. He assured the brethren he tendered them his thanks most heartily. He had endeavoured to do all he possibly could for the welfare of the members, and should look back with pleasure on the kindness and consideration that had been shown him during the period he had governed the Lodge; he fully recognised and appreciated the assistance he had at all times received, and which had tended to the success with which he had carried out his labours. After routine work, Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the pillar-room, and after the cloth had been removed, the W.M. Bro. Solomon briefly introduced the Loyal toast, the Queen and the Craft. After the National Anthem the W.M., in speaking of the M.W. the Grand Master, said all knew the many claims made on the time of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; consequently, we can scarcely expect to see him so frequently in Grand Lodge as we could desire. However, all are alive to the interest he takes in the doings of the Craft, and he (the W.M.) had every confidence in offering the toast for acceptance. After this had been fully honoured, the Grand Officers were toasted, and Bro. T. Cubitt's name associated therewith. Bro. Cubitt, in replying, said the Grand Officers could fully appreciate the kind remarks of the W.M. All Masons recognised the zeal of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. In the Marquis of Ripon's time, the Earl of Carnarvon made his mark as Deputy Grand Master, and since the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, now some eight years since, he had ably fulfilled the functions of Pro Grand Master. Bro. Cubitt made reference to a rumour prevalent that the Marquis of Ripon will be offered a dukedom at the expiration of his term of office in India. This step in the peerage will mark the Government's high appreciation of the Vice-roy's administration, and will be acceptable to the large body of Masons who are fully alive to the great interest the Marquis once took in the doings of the Craft. The Earl of Lathom, up to the time to which he (Bro. Cubitt) referred, was better known in his Province of West Lancashire. However, since his occupancy of the post of Deputy Grand Master, he had secured the good opinion of Masons in a more extended sphere. Bro. Cubitt then referred to the recent Royal visit to Essex, on the occasion of the installation of Lord Brooke as the Grand Master of that Province. The foul weather prevalent on that day did not damp the ardour of the Grand Officers, who, he might say, spared no labour to fulfil their duties. Brother Cubitt concluded an excellent speech by thanking the W.M. for connecting his name with the toast. In proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, Brother Higgins said that Brother Lewis Solomon was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and had been one of the most constant attendants at its meetings; in fact, he might say he had scarcely ever been absent. Personally he felt sure the members could not have made a better choice of a Master than in electing Brother Solomon. He had every confidence in offering the toast for their acceptance. After an amusing song from Brother Silvester, the Worshipful Master replied. He would not take up their time by attempting to make a long speech. He felt fully the responsibilities of his present position; he had striven to gain their good opinion in the past, and he felt he had not been unsuccessful. As he grew older, and gained greater experience, he trusted he should still further advance in their good opinion. He had a competent Mentor in Brother Stiles, to whom he felt infinitely indebted for many kindnesses, and he knew he could rely on the cooperation of those whom he had appointed to office. Under all these circumstances, he looked forward to a pleasant year of office, and thanked them all heartily for the way they had greeted the toast. In proposing the health of the Past Masters, Brother Solomon

again referred to the way Brother Higgins had carried out the work of the day, and that brother, in acknowledging the compliment reiterated his good wishes for the prosperity of the Kings Cross Lodge. Bros. W. M. Stiles, Briggs, and Henry Stiles also replied. Bro. Terry acknowledged the toast of the Masonic Institutions, and recognised the substantial assistance rendered to the Charities by this Lodge. It was gratifying to know that Bro. Jacobs, the S.W., had over £70 already on his list, and doubtless the zeal he was displaying would enable him to take a position not second to that occupied by Bro. Solomon, their W.M., who had taken up a list of £80 at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in 1882. Bro. Terry then gave details of what was being done by the respective Institutions, and urged on all to aid in making the Festival of Wednesday next such a success as would warrant the Committee in electing the proposed additional candidates. The other toasts comprised the Visitors, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, &c. To each and all suitable responses were made, and it was somewhat late ere the Tyler gave the signal for departure, after a singularly pleasant and harmonious meeting.

#### LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

A REGULAR meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. Francois J. Ferguson W.M., R. C. Mount I.P.M. and Treasurer, S. Wheeler S.W., M. J. Withers J.W., A. W. Parry Secretary, D. H. Witherington S.D., F. Blackwell J.D., J. W. Martin M.C., J. C. B. Tirbutt Organist, C. G. Butler I.G., G. W. Webb and H. G. Armstrong Stewards; P.M.'s Bros. C. Stephens, R. Bradley, J. W. Hounslow, S. Bradley; Bros. Albury, Cookburn, Higgs, Walters, Rayner, Sydenham, Stubington, Tubbs, George, Sherwood, Hawkes, Tench. Visitors—Bros. Colonel Heathcote 654, W. Ferguson P.M. 1101, Ivey P.M. and Sec. 1101, A. Mount 1328, Petty 414, Ashby J.W. 771, General Romer 319, D'Albar 1466, R. Dowsett W.M. 1101, W. Hickie Organist 1101, E. Whitfield 1101, J. Goddard W.M. 771. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge and Lodge of Emergency were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Strickland P.M. and P.P.G.O., formerly a member of this Lodge, was elected as a joining member. Bro. C. B. Tubbs, a candidate for passing, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency in the former degree, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Tubbs was admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. This being the new Master's first work since his installation, it is fair to say that he conducted the ceremony in a most perfect manner; the effect was considerably heightened by vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Tirbutt Organist. Bro. Stubington, a candidate for raising to the third degree, was examined, entrusted, and in due course raised to the sublime degree of M.M. This ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. R. C. Mount, in his usual correct and impressive manner. On the W.M. resuming the chair, a notice of motion, "for increased accommodation in the offices outside the Lodge," was referred to the Permanent Committee to report thereon. Bros. Higgs, Bracher, and Sherwood were appointed on the Permanent Committee. We congratulate Bro. Ferguson on his prospect of a successful year of office. A discussion arose respecting a memorial to the late Secretary, Bro. Leaver; it is contemplated to have a stained window, in St. Lawrence's Church, for which a subscription has been opened. Before closing the Lodge the W.M., in an appropriate speech, presented to the I.P.M. a case, containing the full regalia of Prov. G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, which Bro. Mount felicitously acknowledged, with sincere thanks to the members of the Lodge. All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

#### GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

HELD at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 14th inst. Bros. Dowsett W.M., Blackwell I.P.M., Ridley S.W., Hawkes J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Secretary, Prickett S.D., Ravenscroft J.D., Hickie Organist, Rhind I.G., Hemmings Tyler; Bros. Weatherhead, Creech, Coates, Slaughter, Vowles; Visitors—Bros. Sparrow 419 and 464 I.C., Hallam P.M. 1349. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. announced that Mr. Bennett, who was elected at the last regular Lodge, was a candidate for initiation, and while he was being prepared he (the Worshipful Master) addressed the brethren in explanation of his absence from the last regular Lodge, and desired to convey his heartfelt thanks for their kindness in sympathising with him in his late domestic bereavement, and especially he desired to thank the I.P.M. for the very kind manner in which he conveyed those expressions in a letter addressed to him. The candidate being announced, was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M., at the conclusion of which the charge was most correctly given—in *extenso*. The sum of two guineas was voted to the relief of brethren in Jamaica, who are suffering from the late calamitous fire. A moiety of expenses incurred by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks at their last meeting in Reading was ordered to be paid; the Lodge of Union 414 having paid the other moiety. The Secretary produced a paper of suggestions for alterations and amendments in the Revised Book of Constitutions, at a meeting of the representatives of the Lodges in the Province, for the inspection of the members; he also announced that the returns to Grand Lodge had been made, and the fees remitted. The Provincial Grand Lodge returns were also ready for the Audit Committee, when they meet in a few days. After a proposal for a joining member, and the usual ceremonies, including the closing hymn, under the direction of Bro. Hickie, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

#### KILBURN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1608.

THE Annual Banquet of the members and friends of this Lodge of Instruction took place on Monday last, the 19th instant, at Bro. W. F. Walton's, South Molton Hotel, South Molton-street, W. The chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Linscott I.P.M. No. 55, who was supported by Bros. P.M.'s Baker 753, Finch 173, Brooks 1608, Latreille 1260, Willey 9, Willey jun. 9, Valentine 9, Cuff 1608, Foxley W.M. 173, Langdon J.W. 538, Wickens S.D. 733, Soper W.M. 1769, Flood 1642, Spencer 733, Fisher 733, Brooks, Walham 1642, Taylor 1612, Dickenson 1608, Thomas 753, Barr 1305, Coles 1305, Smith 1305, Gomm 1305, Pescod 1305, Dunn 1305, Ashdown 1305, Peirce J.W. 211, Halliday 1305, Dale 1310, Walton S.D. 1608, Morgan S.W. 211, Blum W.M. 511, Steckelbach 766, H. J. Price 55, Wiggins S.D. 753, Raymond 1305, Brooks 66, Pourpart 9. The repast was very well served by Bro. Walton, who personally looked after the comforts of his guests. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Linscott proposed the toast that is never overlooked at gatherings of this nature—The Queen and the Craft. This was followed by the National Anthem. The W.M. then gave the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. If ever there was a Mason who deserved to be toasted, it was our Royal Brother. He would call on those present to do full honour to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. The toast of the Grand Officers came next, and then Bro. Preceptor Baker, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of their President, the Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, Bro. T. B. Linscott, to whom he gave all credit for the sustained interest he evinces in the welfare of all matters tending to the advancement of the Order. On Bro. Linscott rising to reply, he said he did so with some amount of diffidence. His associations with the members marked some especially happy episodes in his life. Bro. Baker had somewhat foreshadowed his ideas in proposing the toast, but he could assure those present that the Lodge of Instruction was in a flourishing condition; it had a balance in hand, after satisfying all claims that could be made on it. He heartily thanked all present for the way they had received the mention of his name. The President next proposed the health of the principal Officers—the Preceptor and Secretary—whom he enlorged for the earnestness with which they severally entered upon their duties. Bro. Baker was Preceptor of several Lodges, and in all he displayed infinite zeal, which redounded to the advantage of his numerous pupils; all of whom had derived great benefit from his instruction. He (the W.M.) felt all appreciated the ardour their Preceptor manifested. In replying, Bro. Baker stated that for nearly twenty-five years he had endeavoured to perform the functions of a Preceptor, and, as their president had stated, stress of weather never kept him from his post. So long as he had health and strength he hoped to be able to continue his labours, which he trusted would redound to the advancement of the younger members of the Craft. He could endorse what had been said in regard to their worthy Secretary, Bro. Cuff. A more popular brother they could not meet with, and a more energetic Mason it would be difficult to find. Bro. Cuff having replied, several other toasts were given, the efforts of mine host receiving special acknowledgment. The proceedings were enlivened by several songs and recitations.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held on Wednesday, 21st February, at Bro. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C. Bros. Tegg W.M., Serjeant S.W., Woolley J.W., Millington S.D., Pinder Preceptor, Stroud I.G.; also Bros. A. Clark, Rowe, Andrews, &c. &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Andrews candidate. Bro. Andrews worked the first, second, and third sections of the first lecture, assisted by Bros. Millington, Rowe, and Serjeant respectively. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Andrews worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Stroud. Bro. Serjeant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The brethren of the Kent Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction on Monday evening, 26th instant, at seven o'clock precisely.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, at 7.30 p.m., at Brother McDiarmid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction. Present—Bros. Westley W.M., Barclay Perkins S.W., Westmore J.W., McDiarmid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Howard Reynolds S.D., Serring J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Warren I.G.; P.M.'s Tapps, Lang, Carnack, Littlewood, Banks, Hook, Brown, Bellic, Thompson, Wood, Hervey, Loudon. After preliminaries, the Worshipful Master worked the first section of the third lecture. Lodge resumed to the second, when Bro. Wood, a candidate to be raised, answered the usual questions before being entrusted. Lodge resumed to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. After routine work, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday next.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 17th instant. Present—Bros. A. Ferrar W.M., Foxcroft S.W., Venning J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Galer S.D., Dixie J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Marks, Parkes, Houghton, Archer, Williams sen., Williams jun., Weeden, Rhodes, Brasted, Wolf. All formalities were complied with in opening the Lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history, Brother Weeden acting as candidate. Brother Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. Foxcroft was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed and adjourned. This evening (24th) the election of the Secretary and Treasurer will take place, when it is hoped there will be a large muster of the members.

## EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THIS Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday evening, at the Queen Hotel, York. Bro. M. Millington W.M. was supported by P.M.'s Bros. Whytehead, Cumberland, Balmford, Simpson; Bro. Geo. Kirby W.M. 236; by his Wardens, and an unusually large attendance of brethren. Two successful ballots were taken for candidates; and two candidates, elected at a previous meeting, were initiated, by the Worshipful Master, the J.D. giving the charge. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, as Treasurer of the building fund, announced that nearly £1,000 had been subscribed towards the purchase of a hall, most of it by members of the Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master had very generously subscribed £50, and so also had Brother J. W. Woodall, of Scarborough, who was always ready to help in Masonic work. There was no doubt that the necessary funds would easily be raised, and he was able to state that a meeting of members of the Mechanics' Institute had endorsed the action of their committee in the sale to the Lodge of their old building. Great satisfaction was expressed by the members at this announcement, and several additional debentures were taken up. Before the Lodge was closed Brother Cumberland P.M. presented to the Lodge a framed photograph of Masonic emblems, Brother G. Irving presented a large framed and coloured bird's-eye view of York, and Brother Whytehead presented to the library a bound copy of the *Voice of Masonry*. Two candidates for Freemasonry were proposed, and the Lodge was closed. At refreshment several good speeches were made, and the proceedings were enlivened by the singing of Bros. Cumberland, Wilkinson, and Child, whose performance of "Willie brewed a peck o' maut," was exceedingly humorous. We may add that the building secured by the Eboracum Lodge for the purposes of meeting is situated in St. Saviour-gate, in the centre of the city, and for many years has been used by the Mechanics' Institute Society, who are now raising a fund for erecting a new and larger building in Clifford-street. The old building is admirably adapted for Masonic purposes, having a very large lecture hall on the first floor, suitable for a Lodge room, and ground floor rooms available for banquetting room, smoke room, library, committee room, &c., and a caretaker's residence at the back. The price is £1250, and as some additional outlays will be required, the members of the Lodge have formed an Eboracum Masonic Hall Proprietary, and are raising £2000 by means of debentures of £5 each, bearing interest at a low rate. There is every prospect of the scheme being perfectly successful.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 16th inst., at eight o'clock p.m. Present—Bros. G. Monson W.M., Tucker (Treasurer) S.W., Gomm J.W., Henning S.D., Gunner J.D., Cammell I.G., Andrews Preceptor, C. E. Botley and F. Botley Joint Secretaries; Bros. Sugg, Sperring, S. Flint, A. Turner, Maton, Hirst, Weeden, Fenner, &c. After preliminaries, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hirst candidate. This brother answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hirst acting as candidate. Lodge was advanced to the third, and closed to the first degree, when Bro. C. E. Botley worked the first section. Bro. T. Flint 780 was elected a member, and Bro. Tucker was appointed W.M. for the 23rd inst.

**New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.**—On Wednesday evening last, at the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road. Bro. F. Perl presided as W.M., supported by Bros. Marks S.W., Potter J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, Dixie S.D., Chubb J.D., Priestley I.G.; also Bros. W. Potter, Warden, Flack, Smith, and Capstick. The work composed the rehearsal of the initiation ceremony, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Capstick proved himself an efficient F.C., was entrusted, and Lodge was opened in the third and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bros. Smith and Capstick were unanimously elected members. Bro. Marks will occupy the position of W.M. on Wednesday evening, March 7th. Next Wednesday, February 28th, will be devoted to the working of the Fifteen Sections, by members of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 20th instant. Present—Bros. Christian W.M., Robinson S.W., Smyth J.W., Bunker S.D., Cushing J.D., Gray I.G., Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Darnell, Brasted, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Brasted offered himself as candidate for raising, was interrogated and entrusted, and in due course the ceremony was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was called off, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties by the W.M. working the third section, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. Proposed by Bro. Carr, and seconded by Bro. Darnell, that Bro. W. W. Morgan be invited to deliver a lecture in this Lodge of Instruction on the first Tuesday in March. This was carried unanimously. It was also arranged that the Preceptor of the Lodge should rehearse the ceremony of installation next Tuesday. On each of these occasions we trust the brethren will make it convenient to attend in force. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

The first meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 30, since the installation of Brother Henry Povey, as W.M., was held on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern.

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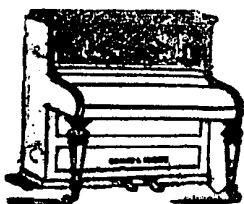
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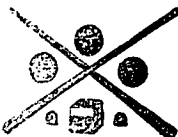


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