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THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION
OF GRAND LODGE.

THE agenda of business to be transacted at the December meeting of the Grand Lodge, to be held on Wednesday next, presents no new features of importance to the general body of English Freemasons; indeed, the greater part of the programme of proceedings has reference to the nomination and election of next year's officers of Grand Lodge, other matters of detail usual at this period of the year, and the settlement of various points in connection with the restoration of the Masonic Temple and the Revision of the Book of Constitutions.

Items 1 and 2 relate to the confirmation of minutes; first come those of the last Quarterly Communication (held on the 5th September), and then those of the two Special Grand Lodges of 29th June and 8th August, deferred from the last Grand Lodge. This latter really means much more than mere confirmation; it is not unlikely that many of the points referred to in the minutes will actually be rediscussed, and it is not wholly improbable that the confirmation may be again delayed. Item No. 3 is the nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year, and although it is a foregone conclusion who will be nominated, this yet forms one of the most important features in the Masonic year's work. We trust that our present M.W. Grand Master will again honour the brethren of England by allowing himself to be nominated, and that being the case, we have little doubt but that his election will again be of that unanimous character which has marked it in previous years. There is not much doubt on the point, and yet this annual nomination and election is necessary; if only to periodically show the respect entertained by the Craft for the Prince of Wales, who we hope may long continue to occupy the position of Grand Master. The appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence comes next, and then the election of Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents. Bro. James Brett P.G.P. being the only brother nominated for the position of Senior Vice-President, he will, in due course, be again appointed to the post he has already filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Craft. The post of Junior Vice-President is sought by three brethren—Henry Garrod P.M. 749, James H. Matthews P.M. 143, and Charles A. Cottebrune P.G.P. When the choice of Grand Lodge between these three has been settled, the formal election of the twelve Past Masters (Bros. Britten, Cull, Dairy, Garrod, Gillard, Hogard, Mann, McPherson, Noble, Perryman, Spaul and Storr), nominated to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence will take place, and then item No. 7 will call for attention: this is the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for ten different grants, amounting in the aggregate to £645, and comprising one of £150, one of £100, one of £75, six of £50, and one of £20, this latter being an amount already paid to a brother, since deceased, on account of a recommended grant of £150, and which in consequence of his death has now lapsed. The report of the Board of General Purposes, next on the list, contains a record of two minor cases of irregularity

which have been dealt with by the Board, and the usual statement of Grand Lodge accounts. Item No. 9 is another matter deferred from the last Communication—the Report of the Special Building Committee in reference to the restoration of the Temple. We may fairly expect a lengthy discussion on this subject, which, as is well known, has occupied the attention of the Craft for some time past, and in nearly every portion of the country. A body, styling itself the "Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia," requests recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England, and their right to have it, or otherwise, will next be decided. An appeal from the Reunion Lodge, No. 1956, New Zealand, against certain comments made by the Colonial Board, relative to the conduct of a member of the Lodge, will need attention, and then the various motions of which notice has been given will be brought forward. The first four of these notices have reference to the reconstruction of the Temple, the fifth is the usual proposal by Lieut.-Colonel Creton, that the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season, while the ten remainder have reference to the Revision of the Book of Constitutions. We give these in detail in another part of our present issue, and do not, therefore, consider it necessary to repeat them here.

We can but urge on every brother who is eligible to do his best to attend, and give his attention to the day's programme, as many of the points, although they have been before the Craft for some time past, are most essential, as affecting its future welfare.

RICHARD PLANTAGENET—WAS HE
A MASON?

BROTHER G. W. SPETH has a keen scent for all matters Masonic, and he appears never to lose a chance of laying hold of any fact that is likely to lead to the confirmation of what all true students of Freemasonry desire to believe, namely, the remote origin of the Craft. The faith in the antiquity of the Fraternity is remarkably strong and general, but the grounds upon which this faith is founded are not so capable of demonstration as a mathematical problem, nor are they altogether satisfactory to those who are in the habit of weighing facts and testing conclusions. Tradition has always some modicum of truth in it; it can be relied upon when it relates to some general principle or custom. Words and phrases, songs and folk lore may be handed down by oral communication from generation to generation, but specific facts are exposed to great danger of being misunderstood and misinterpreted. Tradition, for instance, could be trusted if it related the existence of an ancient bard, although little or nothing remained of anything he did to indicate his style or genius. His labours would be widely known and popular, but the same could not be said of an individual, who lived a retired life, who was known only to a comparatively few. It is necessary, therefore, to be careful about facts in forming conclusions. Two cases in point have recently

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arisen—one with regard to Sir Christopher Wren, and the other with regard to Richard Plantagenet, so-called. With the former we shall not now deal, but confine our remarks to the latter.

A short time ago, the rector of St. Edmund's, Lombard Street, City of London, delivered a lecture at Margate, on the "Historical Memorials of Kent," and in the course of his remarks he referred to an entry in the church registry at Eastwell, where the death is recorded of "Richard Plantagenet" in December 1550. The lecturer stated that this Richard Plantagenet worked at Eastwell "as a mason for his living." Bro. Speth's mind was at once exercised on the matter, and he wanted to know who this Richard was, and the authority for the statement as to his occupation. He says: "Let us prove this statement and we shall indeed have one royal brother at least previous to the revival." The Rev. Mr. Benham very courteously responded to Bro. Speth's desire for more information, but his reply is more suggestive than explanatory, although he contributes some interesting facts. He states that his immediate reminder was Murray's "Handbook of Kent," which he had lent since the lecture, and could not therefore refer to it; to Hasted's "History of Kent," which he had sent to the binder. He also alludes to the "Gentleman's Magazine" for 1767, in which appeared, he says, "a full account of the discovery of the man's personality." According to *Drake's Eboracum*, Richard "was sixteen years old at the time of his father's death, and had been knighted by him at York." Mr. Benham records two or three other particulars, and adds: "My authority for using the word mason is an old history of England, which makes no mention of Eastwell, but merely says that 'King Richard left a natural son, who, after his father's death, supported himself as a mason.'" Just previously Mr. Benham had said: "I think, but am not sure, that Murray calls him a bricklayer." That is just what Murray does not do. The passage will be found on page 192 of the "Handbook for Kent and Sussex," from which we take the following:

Eastwell Church, in which is buried the "last of the Plantagenets." Richard, a natural son of Richard III., is said to have fled hither immediately after the battle of Bosworth, and to have supported himself as a mason, until discovered by Sir Thomas Moyle, who allowed him to build a small house adjoining Eastwell Place, in which he lived and died (1550). The parish register of burial contains the following entry, copied, of course, from an earlier book:

"V Rychard, Plantagenet, Desember 22nd, 1550."

The letter V marking persons of noble birth throughout the register. A tomb in the chancel, without inscription and deprived of its brasses, is said to belong to this offset of the White Rose (but the Earl of Winchilsea told Dr. Brett, in 1720, that it was unknown whether he was buried in the church or churchyard. See Dr. Brett's letter in *Peck's Desiderata Curiosa*.) The house in which Plantagenet lived was destroyed toward the end of the 17th cent.; a modern building marks the site. Near it is a spring called "Plantagenet's Well."

The author of *Desiderata Curiosa* was the Rev. Francis Peck, M.A., Rector of Godeby, near Melton, Leicestershire. The letter written by Thomas Brett, LL.D., to William Warren, LL.D., president of Trinity Hall, dated the 1st September 1733, in which the facts relating to Richard Plantagenet are set forth, is given in full on page 249 in the work referred to, together with several notes. The story reads like a romance of chivalry, and was thought, by Mr. Charles Knight, worthy of a place in that excellent work, "Half Hours with the Best Authors," now published by Warne and Co., Bedford Street, Strand. The paper is too long to transfer to our pages, but the following brief summary will give a fair idea of the interesting events recorded in Dr. Brett's letter.

Sir Thomas Moyle built the house called Eastwell-place, and Richard Plantagenet is called his "chief bricklayer." This Richard was observed to be fond of reading a particular book, a circumstance that excited the curiosity of his employer. The latter surprised Richard one day while engrossed in his study, and rudely snatched the book from him. Another account states that Sir Thomas, on one occasion found Richard asleep, and quietly removed the book from under his arm. At any rate, Sir Thomas discovered that the book was in Latin, and he examined Richard in the language. His answers suggested other questions, and by this means the real character of Richard was discovered, although he wished to keep his story a secret. It appears that he was boarded with a Latin schoolmaster, without knowing who his parents were. In a note the Rev. Mr. Peck makes Richard to say: "I was brought up at my nurse's house (whom I took for my mother) till I was seven years old. Then a gentleman, whom I did not know, took me from thence, and carried

me to a private school in Leicestershire." Afterwards Richard was taken by a strange gentleman to a fine house, where he had an interview with "a man, finely dressed, with a star and garter," who gave him money and dismissed him back to school. A note puts words into Richard's mouth as follows. Referring to the interview with the gentleman with the star and garter, who no doubt was the king, he says: "Who examined me narrowly, and felt my limbs and joints, and gave me ten pieces of gold, viz., crown gold, which was the current money then, and worth ten shillings apiece." We do not know Peck's authority for this detailed statement. He is precise, while Brett is general. The latter got his information from the Earl of Winchilsea, a member of the family that succeeded to Sir Thomas Moyle's estate, and simply repeats it to an intimate friend without apparently taking any trouble to confirm the facts. Peck, on the other hand, seems to have bestowed some pains upon the matter. He gives results and not authorities. Resuming the thread of the main story, it is recorded that Richard was favoured with a second visit from the same gentleman while at school. On this occasion he was furnished with a horse and accoutrements, and taken to the King's tent on Bosworth field. The King embraced him, told him where to meet him if successful in the battle, when he would own and provide for him; if defeated, Richard was told to shift for himself. The King then gave him a purse of gold and dismissed him. A note gives fuller particulars of this meeting, but both statements substantially agree. We shall take Peck's note as to what followed in preference to the original story. Richard says: "After the battle was over, I set out accordingly for London. And just as I came into Leicester, I saw a dead body brought to town upon an horse. And upon looking stedfastly upon it, I found it to be my father, I then went forward to town. And (my genius leading me to architecture), as I was looking on a fine house which was building there, one of the workmen employed me about something, and finding me very handy, took me to his house and taught me the trade which now occupies me." Brett also has it that Richard "put himself apprentice to a bricklayer." After Sir Thomas had heard Richard's story, he offered him the run of the house, but his "chief bricklayer" preferred to live retired, as he hitherto had done. He therefore craved a piece of ground, on which he built a house, where he lived and died. The close of the story, as given by Brett, is important, we therefore transcribe it literally:

I have been computing the age of this Richard Plantagenet when he died, and find it to be about 81. For Richard III. was killed August 23 1485, which subtracted from 1550, there remains 65, to which add 16 (for the age of Richard Plantagenet at that time), and it makes 81. But, though he lived to that age, he could scarcely enjoy his retirement in his little house above two or three years, or a little more. For I find by Philpot that Sir Thomas Moyle did not purchase the estate of Eastwell till about the year 1543 or 44. We may, therefore, reasonably suppose that upon his building a new house on his purchase, he could not come to live in it till 1546, but that his workmen were continued to build the walls about his gardens, and other conveniences off from the house. And till he came to live in the house he could not well have an opportunity of observing how Richard Plantagenet retired with his book. So that it was probably towards the latter end of the year 1546 when Richard and Sir Thomas had the forementioned dialogue together. Consequently, Richard could not build his house, and have it dry enough for him to live in till the year 1547. So that he must be 77 or 78 years of age before he had his writ of ease.

It will be seen from the foregoing that Murray and Brett do not agree. The former says that Richard fled to Eastwell after the battle of Bosworth, and there supported himself as a mason; the latter, we think, relates the more probable story, because it accounts for Richard's knowledge of a handicraft, although its precise character is disputed. Whether a mason or a bricklayer, the "last of the Plantagenets" was a builder; that is certain, if there is any truth at all in the whole story. If Brett's authority is to be relied upon, the whereabouts and the life of Richard from 1485 to 1543 are involved in obscurity. It is true that he went to London, and Peck makes him to say that he had a genius for architecture, and Brett agrees with Peck in stating that Richard learned the art of bricklaying. What was the life of our hero during the long interregnum between his apprenticeship and his connection with Eastwell; there is nothing to show at present. Peck, in a note, states that at the interview at Bosworth the King gave his natural son "twelve hundred of the same (crown) pieces," so that Richard had a considerable sum of money wherewith to apprentice himself. The account, however,

he gives of his engagement in London favours the idea that a certain bricklayer took compassion upon him, put him to do humble work, and finding him handy, taught him the trade of a bricklayer. That he attained skill in his trade is affirmed by Brett, who says that he was Sir Thomas Moyle's "chief bricklayer." But the question arises—Was he a mason, a member of a guild, and can he be claimed as a member of the Craft which was first operative and afterwards became speculative? These are questions to be considered, and at this point we leave the subject at present.

THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

IT has become so frequent a practice of late years to recognise in a more or less substantial form the services which a brother may have rendered to his Lodge, to his Province, or to some other section of the Craft, that many on the impulse of the moment are inclined to look askance at testimonials as though, in the ordinary run of cases, they possessed little more than a nominal value, that is, of course, speaking extrinsically, if we may so phrase it. When every successive occupant of the chair of a Lodge is voted a Past Master's jewel on his retirement from office, many people are inclined to look upon the presentation as a compliment certainly, yet as a compliment which is paid as a matter of course. There is no very grave objection to the practice. A man who has fulfilled a particular duty well, or even fairly well, is apt to think that some slight is intended if his services, trivial though they may have been, are allowed to pass unrecognised; and, undoubtedly, having regard to the regularity with which P.M.'s jewels are voted, the omission to pay such a compliment would be a slur upon a man's character well nigh intolerable. In fact the P.M.'s jewel must be looked upon as the ornamental outward and visible sign that a brother has once occupied the chair of K.S., not that he has achieved any special distinction when so placed. So with many other classes of testimonials, they are evidences that a man has occupied a particular position, or discharged a particular duty, rather than that he has done anything out of the common run of achievements. There are of course exceptions, as when a man has occupied a position of great trust and responsibility, or involving, by the onerous nature of the duties attached to it, the sacrifice of much time. In those cases, any testimonial that may be presented in recognition of such labours becomes a real recognition of undoubted merit or of more or less considerable but special sacrifices made by the recipient. The testimonial which is being raised on behalf of Brother W. J. Hughan will serve admirably to illustrate our meaning. That worthy brother has already received many tokens of regard from his brethren, but in this respect he is only one of a very large number of estimable Craftsmen who have been made the recipients of similar tokens of regard. Quite recently, when on the point of leaving the Province with which his name had been so long associated, and for which he had laboured with so much enthusiasm and so successfully, his brethren of the said Province considered they would not be doing their duty unless they paid him some special compliment, and they did so. Yet even as the recipient of this higher, because more limited kind of distinction, Bro. Hughan by no means stands alone. There are many others who have been thought worthy of being placed in the same category with him. But the testimonial which it is now in contemplation to present him with, and which has been vigorously taken in hand by a Committee, which is strongly representative of the Mason Craft in the United Kingdom, is one that could only be proposed in the case of a brother who has rendered services to Freemasonry of a very exceptional character; services which must mark him out as the possessor of qualities of an unusually high order; services which have been productive of great and enduring advantages to the Fraternity. Herein lies the special significance of the Hughan Testimonial. He has done for the Craft at large, without hope or expectation of reward, but not without a heavy expenditure of time and means, and the exhibition of conspicuous ability, what no other living Mason has done; what it is within the capacity of very few to equal; and what, speaking with even great assurance, we may confidently affirm that none will surpass. The sphere of his labour has not been outwardly

impressive. Considering the amount of time he must have devoted to the work of his choice, there is, perhaps, and speaking, of course, comparatively, but little to show for it; but that little is of sterling value, and for generations to come will form the basis of far more showy productions. He has done the lion's share of laying the foundations of the trustworthy history of Freemasonry which has yet to be written, and it is well that he should be honoured while he is yet in the full vigour of his mental powers. Moreover, there is a certain fitness in the form which it is proposed the testimonial should take. He has already been honoured with the purple, by him alone who had the right to confer such honour. He has long enjoyed the respect of his brother Masons, and this to a far greater extent than would otherwise have been the case, because it is universally acknowledged that his literary labours have been something less than pecuniarily productive; they have cost him money, as well as time and thought, and we feel that the Craft would not be doing their duty if, with such valuable evidence before them of his great ability as a writer, and his untiring energy as an investigator of abstruse historical problems, they did not make some return to him, of extrinsic as well as intrinsic value, for what he has done so unselfishly. For these reasons we commend the Hughan Testimonial to the favourable notice of our readers. We trust that all who can will contribute their mite, and having regard to the many influential names on the Committee, we are not without hopes that the testimonial, when complete, will be as worthy of the donors as it must be of the recipient.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." So think the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The first of a series of entertainments to be given during the winter months took place on Monday, the 26th ult., at the Institution, Wood Green. The pupils took part in the concert that was given on the occasion, and were aided by Bros. John Hodges, Hanson, and Edward Wharton. Bro. Charles E. Tinney (Musical Director) wielded the baton, and rendered general and efficient service throughout. The programme was a pleasing one, and was well executed. The concert was organised by Bro. J. Murray, Vice-Patron and member of the House Committee, and gave general satisfaction. Among those present were Bro. and Mrs. Edgar Bowyer and party, Bro. Joyce Murray, Bro. and Mrs. H. S. Goodall and party, Bro. and Mrs. Matier and party, Bro. G. J. Row and party, Bro. R. W. Stewart, Bro. W. Willey, Mrs. Jno. Constable and party, Bro. Cubitt and party, Bro. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Mrs. Hogard and party, with several other friends, and Bro. F. Binckes (Secretary). Votes of thanks were given to those who had in any way contributed to a most enjoyable gathering.

Bro. Col. Creaton P.G.T. presided at the monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held at the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday afternoon. There were also present Bros. Richardson P.G.D., Col. Peters G.S.B., Parkhouse, H. Massey, Matthews, Finney, Tattershall, Letchworth, Kingston, Gladwell, Berry, Grey P.G.D., Webb, Bateman, Graveley, Caseley, Mason, Mickley, Spooner, Rudderforth, Hedges Secretary. The House Committee having unanimously recommended that the salary of Miss Redgrave, first assistant governess, should be raised from £75 to £90 a-year, Bro. Richardson moved a resolution in accordance therewith, observing that, during the six months' absence, through illness, of the head-mistress, Miss Davis, Miss Redgrave so ably discharged her duties that Miss Davis's presence was hardly missed. He meant no reflection upon the latter, but as a matter of justice to Miss Redgrave he was bound to mention the fact. Bro. A. E. Gladwell seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Notice was given that, at the next meeting, it is intended to move that the Secretary's salary be increased. After approving of two petitions of candidates for next election, and postponing a third, the Committee adjourned.

On Tuesday evening, 27th ult., Brother John G. Horsey Past Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies Surrey, P.M. 1619, P.M. 1892, was unanimously elected W.M. of the Industry Lodge, No. 186. Our esteemed Brother Horsey was initiated in this Lodge, and has worked through every office, from the door. We congratulate him on having been elected to the chair of this his mother Lodge.

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THE HIGH GRADES OF ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a rule I neither reply to reviews nor criticisms of our Rite, but I feel constrained to ask from you, in all justice, a little space in which I may reply to the critic who has so plentifully bespattered my recent lecture on the High Grades with abuse. He has altogether passed beyond the limits of civility, and no one can blame me in case I fall into the same vein. Some writer has observed that there are only two styles of criticism, namely, the slash and the puff. It is scarcely possible to suppose that this slasher of yours expects a serious answer to his criticism; and if I rightly recognise the style, it may be said of his writings, as Jack Johnson said of his friend, "Not such a fool as he looks." It is the fashion of all Masonic journals to praise in the most fulsome manner all those puerilities which the rest of the world laughs heartily at; and hence I was quite unprepared for the fall of this thunderbolt of the Press on my devoted head. Under the magic steel pen of Slasher my very nature seems to myself to be changed. Grave and hoary as I now am I do not recollect that my most intimate friends have ever attributed to me the faculty of a developed imagination, and I am equally certain that I do not possess that vice which Disraeli described in Parliamentary language as "drawing upon his imagination for his facts." Can I therefore believe otherwise than that your brief to the reviewer bore on its outside,—"No case; abuse plaintiff's attorney."

I beg you, therefore, in the first place to notice that you give your readers to understand that my lecture was intended to enlighten the darkness of the Craft. I said no such thing, and it was far from being the spirit of my lecture, in pointing out that the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry was the source to which the un instructed Craft should look for light as to the history of Masonry and development of those hidden mysteries of Nature and Science which the Craftsmen so much neglect. Nevertheless, I flatter myself that I have tested my ground pretty well in my thirty years' acquaintance with all grades in Freemasonry, and that I know it better than your slashing critic.

Great offence seems to be taken with my statement that it could not be proved that Craft Masonry had any esoteric mystery before about 1722. You admit at the same time that I expressed my belief that they had from remote times ceremonies similar to those now in use. But I cannot prove it, nor can any one else. The very fact of my stating that various High Grade Rites during the last 5,000 years had given off Craft Associations is evidence of my own belief, and, if admitted, the best evidence we can get that Craft Masonry had its peculiar ceremonies in all time. But is your slashing critic so far prejudiced in favour of the Craft as to believe that it is the parent of the religious Mysteries? This we know has been a favourite dogma with some writers of the imaginative period, but is not likely to find any favour with writers of sound judgment. Craft Masonry for some centuries was nothing more than an operative trade union; and I say that the Sacerdotal Colleges or Fraternities instituted them. The most ancient Constitution traces the origin of the Craft to Euclid's Lodge of Geometricians at Alexandria. But the Sacerdotal Colleges and Brotherhoods were thousands of years older than this, and almost all the Greeks who taught the Arts and Sciences (Socrates excepted) obtained their learning as initiates of the religious Mysteries. If you, on the other hand, derive our Craft guilds from the Roman Colleges of Artificers, we shall be equally obliged to admit that the Sacerdotal preceded and constituted them. The founder of the Roman Colleges of Artificers was Norma Pompilius, and ancient tradition informs us that he was an initiate of the Etruscan Priests. I even quoted a case in India, of a Sudra Yogam of Artizans, who assert that they are contemporaneous in antiquity with the Yogams of the Brahmins, but this equal antiquity is very improbable, for reasons which will strike any student of Indian literature. Again, in case we assign to Craft Masonry a middle age origin we are equally impelled to the conclusion that the system sprang from the Monastic Fraternities. This is all that it is necessary to say in regard to the preference of date which I have given to the Sacerdotal Colleges.

But there are several circumstances which lend countenance to the supposition that the Templars gave off our Craft Masonry, or the Hiram system, as distinct from the other systems of operative Masonry practised of old in France, and it may be even in Britain, amongst the followers of Maitre Jacques, Father Soubise, and perhaps others now extinct. We may go further in search of a father, and fare very much worse. 1. The Templars had a similar secret organization of their own, with mystic and secret ceremonies. 2. They built very largely in Europe. 3. They brought their system from the East. 4. They actually styled themselves "Knights of the Temple of Solomon." 5. The present Templar and Craft ceremonies are equally as old as the Grand Lodge. 6. Von Hammer, the Oriental scholar, has shewn that the "Syrian House of Wisdom" used identical symbols in common with both the Templars and modern Freemasons, and we may add also the old Rosicrucians.

And here I may say, that my account of the Mahomedan House of Wisdom was taken from Von Hammer, who informs us that it consisted of nine degrees, which were obtained by Hakim B'Mir Ella from the Colleges in Egypt. You have already extracted so

largely from Bro. R. F. Gould's work in respect to the French Com-pagnonages that I need say little here. They are not all likely to have had an identical origin with the rival system of Hiramite Masonry, but, where not modern, would spring as a matter of necessity from the Monkish fraternities. But such reasoning is not imagination as you term such things; it is logical deduction acquired from, and by a knowledge of, history.

As to Bro. Ashmole's diary, I can only say that your slashing critic must have read it very indifferently if he failed to notice that the last Masonic meeting mentioned by Ashmole in London terminated at the same time as the last Rosicrucian meeting, and that the two societies, after a long slumber, revived together, or nearly so. But why try to enlighten a brother whose sole object seems to be to use my lecture as a convenient means of gratifying some grudge against the writer? I will therefore only answer some of his criticisms by asking him questions, leaving him to find the answers as a means of increasing his Masonic knowledge.

1. Your slashing critic, does he not know that "Long Livers" had a dedication to the G.L. in 1721, in which High Grades are mentioned in Rosicrucian language? (Bro. Gould proved that this work was actually printed in 1722, and was by Robert Samber).

2. Does he not know of any evidence that shews that there were other Lodges in existence in the South than those of which G.L. was composed (Even the learned brother "MASONIC STUDENT" admits this).

3. Does he not know that G.M. Payne was censured by G.L., and was requested not to attend their so-called irregular meetings.

4. Does he not know that the so-called James III., when he invaded England in 1715, had embroidered on his banner the Eagle and Pelican? (our Rose Croix Badge).

5. Does he not know that Ramsay did propagate a Rite of 7° between 1728 and 1738, and that it differed in some respects from either the English Rite of 7° or the Rosy-Cross Rite of 7°.

6. Does he not know that D'Assigny states that the Arch degree of 3 steps was practised at York in 1743?

7. Does he not know that the York Masons supported and acknowledged the Athol or Ancient Masons?

8. Does he not know that the G.L. of York acknowledged the degrees of Past Master, Arch, Templar, and Priest?

9. Does he not know that Prince Charles Edward Stewart did actually charter a High Grade body at Arras as Hereditary Grand Master, which the Grand Orient yet preserves (or did a few years ago) as the Rite of Kilwinning; and that it was neither Ramsay's Rite or that of our Ancient Masons?

10. Does he not know that there are records of various bodies in London of Heredom Rosy-Cross, said records then, in 1743, claiming immemorial date?

If he is unacquainted with all these things the sooner he qualifies himself to write upon Masonry, by studying Masonic history, the better for the "CHRONICLE'S" reputation. What an ingenious logician! "Modern" really means "Ancient," and "Ancient" means "Modern;" that is what he gravely calls upon us to believe.

I have already shewn in my Lecture how the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry" may claim to represent the ancient mysteries, and need, therefore, only allude here to the first establishment of our Masonic Rite in Egypt. Various authorities have noticed the fact that Bnonaparte's army established a Grand Lodge in Egypt. The account I gave in my Lecture will be found to agree with that in "Heckthorn's Secret Societies" (John Hogg). The statement that Napoleon and Kleber, as Masons, received investiture with a ring from an Egyptian sage at the Great Pyramid of Cheops, is taken from a recent pamphlet by the Illustrious Bro. S. A. Zola, Past Grand Master of Egypt, but I remember seeing some mention of it about twenty years ago. The previous G.M., Marquis de Bauregard, 33°-97°, asserted that the Dervishes were actual Masons, in an Official Bulletin of the Grand Orient of Egypt, and the present G.M., Bro. Ralph Borg, had a newspaper article, in which it is alleged that he was allowed, at the request of a friend, to visit one of the Dervish Lodges: he was led blindfolded when nearing the locality, and vouches for the similarity to our Institution. I could give other proof as to the Constantinople Dervishes, but my obligations prohibit me.

Having replied to the more Masonic matter, I will touch, as briefly as I can, upon the Oriental Societies. I know of several such, and am entitled to a fifth degree of the ancient wide-spread Buddhistic order of nine degrees. I am aware that this admission will be turned against me, but our Rite has met with such great injustice from the Unitarian or "Christian Degrees," that I would even renounce Christianity if I thought it was at all likely that I should meet with such societies in the next life. But the fact is of little import, as the base or esoteric stand-point of all religions is the same. But none of the Oriental Societies will give information to outsiders. I could put any deserving Mason in the way of getting some little information by degrees from the Lodge of a Modern Rite in London, but even that would depend upon his capabilities. No English Freemason could make any great progress in the Old Societies, as, besides the monkish vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, they require abstinence from wine, animal flesh, and all sensual indulgence.

Any true initiate of the East knows well what the Ancient Mysteries were, and in the secret archives of their Orders are preserved untold treasures of ancient wisdom, and no one is likely to accuse the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of knowing what is hidden even from the Sanscrit scholars of the West. I do happen to know, however, that the colleges of adepts for the instruction of initiates have transmitted their history, from the most remote times, upon parchment and tablets of precious stones, and that in proof of this, their history, they point to ruins of ancient temples and caves where their Mysteries were practised. Very recently the scion of one of our great families (and I mention this only because I know how prone London Masons are to fall down and worship the golden calf) submitted evidence to Professor Huxley, who pronounced very favourably as to the probability of its authenticity. That the Societies of ninth degree are

now existing and claim the most remote descent is known to me with all the certainty of my own existence.

Your slashing critic has been especially sarcastic upon my account of the Primitive Adepts, a passage which, for reasons of his own, he has divorced from the context. I said that the Vedas specifically exact the death penalty against all initiates who reveal the secrets of the third to the second degree, or of the second to the first degree; and the account I gave is the commentary of an initiate upon a passage in the Vedas which is used in a part of one of our A. and P. ceremonies, and moreover agrees pretty well with our own Bible. There are many curious coincidences between the esoteric interpretation of the Cabalists and the Colleges of the East. Both seem to teach that the first man created by the Elohim, or creative powers, was bi-sexual, and spiritual, whilst the Second or Adamic race, created by the Lord Jehovah (or Brahma) was material and constituted of earth, air, fire and water, and needed a female help. The Biblical "Sons of God" are, in the Vedas, the Brahmans, who were celibates until Brahma, or the Lord God, gave to them wives, daughters of the fourth race or giants. It is only as to the account of the giants that the Biblical tradition differs from the Vedaic records.

It is generally believed that the Ethiopians derived their instruction from the Indian Adepts, and communicated it to the Egyptians. Our A. and P. ceremonies specially state it, but there is a very ancient Indian historian who says that Mani (Menes, the first King of Egypt), abandoned by the Brahmans, led his army from old India, through places recognised as Ethiopian, to the land of Mizraim. Whether this is an exact historical account is of little moment here, for the Vedas are the oldest books in the world (much older than the West believes, and curiously correspond in number with the Hermetic books of Egypt), and all the Ancient Colleges of Adepts taught the same esoteric doctrine. India has maintained to our day amongst the few her old esoteric Secret Wisdom; but Cambyses and other foreigners scattered the Egyptian. That Plato was an Egyptian Initiate is certain, and to his works must we look with an understanding mind to discover the teaching of the Adepts, and it will be found identical with the Indian. Champollion observes of Plato:—"It was the dream of his life to write a work, and record in it the doctrines taught by the Egyptian Hierophants; he often talked of it, but found himself compelled to abstain on account of his solemn oath." In his "Phædrus," Plato says that it is only by "Constantly perfecting himself in perfect mysteries, that a man becomes truly perfect." That the late Neo-Platonists of Alexandria, as well as the Essenes of Syria, were a branch of the Ancient Mysteries, admits of no manner of doubt to those who know the history of Occultism. I have already observed, on the testimony of Von Hammer, that it was at Alexandria that Hakim B'Mir Ella obtained the 9^o of his Syrian House of Wisdom, and from these the Druzes are derived. I know the nature of the Druze ceremonies, on the testimony of actual Initiates, and pronounce them a continuation of the Mysteries. But the doctrine, degrees, and systems of other Secret Societies yet existing among ancient nations, also correspond with the remote Colleges of Wisdom, and we are logically justified in asserting, as I have done, that the present Societies have truly descended from the most ancient times. The Indian will one day prove this.

The rest must be discovered by your slashing critic, by the aid of his own great intellect, for I do not intend again to write on the subject. I have neither time, inclination, nor money for it, as what he wants from me is a book of 1000 pages. If he is disposed to investigate the matter for himself, he must first discover what the dogmas of the ancient Hierophants were, and trace the same culte in the Secret Societies of all ages and times. He may either ascend or descend the stream of time. Wherever he finds these special dogmas, he will equally find secret oaths and ceremonies, and must of necessity arrive at the same point that I reached in my Lecture. I have traced more by dogmas as, if these are identical, the landmarks of initiatory ceremonies must have been identical.

I do not want to advertise my own works, but to save loss of time in letter writing, I desire to mention that in my larger work on "Speculative Freemasonry" (John Hogg), I have shown clearly enough, on contemporary evidence, that the High Grades were derived from the Rosicrucians; moreover, these Rosicrucians asserted, in the seventeenth century that their association was organised in degrees, in a similar way to the Indian Societies. Now, as we know that these latter have been uninterruptedly continued from ancient times, and as the Druzes, Dervishes, and Indians, equally with the Rosicrucians and many middle-age Societies, possess a system identical in Dogma with the ancient Sacerdotal Colleges, or Hermetic Associations, are we not justified in claiming the uninterrupted descent of all these modern societies from those of antiquity? I assert emphatically that we are, and that any Freemason may prove the thing for himself by diligent study; and if he will not undertake it, he does not deserve the "Gnosis." The royal road thereto is the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, but even there the indolent student will fail to discover all that he ought to know.

The closing lines or parting stroke of your slashing critic was overtly intended by him to be the hardest hit, and most telling paragraph. Therefore let me tell him plainly, that it is a matter of the utmost indifference whether "my brother Masons," which of course means the learned critic and his particular friends, laugh at my lecture or cry over it. If one may judge of the rest by this sample, their Masonic knowledge is confined to a few pot-house scrapings and comic songs. It is my intention shortly to again trespass upon their risibility, but I scarcely think that you will quote so largely from my next lecture.

With great respect, and in perfect good nature,

I remain,

Your obedient Servant and Brother,

JOHN YARKER, 33^o, 96^o, 90^o.

MUSIC, MASONRY, AND CHARITY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Jupiter thundering is a sight for the gods, but Jupiter maudlin is—I hardly like to say what I think—well, not a pretty object. I have already dealt with the thunder, but the air is not yet cleared. I am not quite sure that there are not two modern Masonic Jupiters, some say three—two who air their eloquence in one print, and a third relieves himself of a little bile in a paper that is eagerly scanned by Freemasons once a week. I propose to let the latter roam at pleasure, for the present. His lucubrations are comparatively harmless and of one type—strictly orthodox, narrow, and respectable. The other two I shall deal with as one, for if Jupiter major will permit Jupiter minor to assume the reins now and again he must not be surprised if he has to follow where his *alter ergo* leads him. Before following out my main purpose, I may, perhaps, be allowed to summarise the position taken up by the three brethren I have alluded to. No. 1 is sentimental, and earnest over the cause of charity. No. 2 thinks that professional concerts and banquets do not affect the good of the Masonic Institutions—are permissible pleasures; and No. 3 is of opinion, "as a general principle that it is far better to lay out money in honest labour than to encourage pauperism by enriching charities." Aye, but does No. 3 mean that our Masonic Institutions are encouraging pauperism? If so, then "charity is outrage," and he is bound to strive after a remedy; if not, then his remark has no relevance. But I forgot, I promised not to deal with this writer at present.

Once for all, let me clear the ground. I have no unkind thought towards any of whom I write; I would not willingly wound their feelings; but I am earnest in my contentions, and I believe that although plain speaking may cause temporary irritation, that it will ultimately win its way to the conviction of all who desire that truth and justice may prevail. As an artist attains effect by striking contrasts, so I humbly seek to follow his example by bringing my thoughts into relief without violating the canons of good taste, and certainly without any desire or intention of being personally offensive. I prefer to let the blow go straight from the shoulder, and if in the counter I get a facer, I must take my punishment in good temper. I want a free stage and no favour, and when the bout is over I shall hope to shake hands with my opponents as if nothing had occurred to ruffle our feelings.

My contention all through this controversy has been—not that there should be no music or banquets, but that both should be used with moderation; not that no arrangements should be made on special occasions, but that these should be effected with the aid of members and visitors, who, almost without an exception, are well able to furnish all the musical entertainment needed. I do not pretend to set up a precise standard, nor do I wish to limit personal discretion and generosity to the verge of a narrow utilitarian creed, or to the stinginess of a miser. I am content to abide by the broad and conclusive teachings inculcated by Freemasonry, and I hold very strongly that much of the money now spent in music and feasting could be much better employed. I am not bound to any particular plan of utilising the money that would be saved by moderation in selfish indulgence. If the coffers of the present Charities are full to repletion, then other means can easily be found for the use of surplus cash. But have our Charities arrived at that point when further efforts are not needed? Is their income placed on such a sure footing as to supersede the necessity of consideration when the engagement of professional artistes and the providing of luxurious banquets are contemplated? I think not, and therefore it is that I urge reflection and greater economy in the indulgence in those matters that minister to the lusts of the flesh.

Now, your contemporary speaks with two voices. One says it is right to enjoy in full the pleasures of the table; that the well-to-do Master is justified in spending of his substance in providing a professional musical entertainment on special occasions. My impression of the meaning of this voice is, that enough is being done for the Charities, and that the whole question as to music and banquets resolves itself into one of personal discretion. I have advanced reasons already against this conclusion, and shall not now repeat them. The other voice is of a very different character. Speaking of the lack of Stewards for the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, your contemporary in its last issue says, "At the approach of our winter season, our thoughts naturally revert to old friends and old age, and the feeling that any old brother Masons whom we once knew, and sat by happily and genially in Lodge, or their widows, are wanting sometimes the very necessities of life, must dispose our hearts to relieve their distresses and succour their necessities in fraternal goodwill and true-hearted Masonic sympathy." Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, had been lamenting the lack of Stewards, and your contemporary urges the pressing claims of the Charity upon us all. Might not professional artistes be dispensed with on a particular occasion, and could not the brethren do without some of the costly luxuries of the table, in order to help in some degree to meet these "very pressing claims?" Who or what would suffer by such self-sacrifices? We have seen who would benefit by the help thus sought.

Let us look a further on in the same issue. Referring to the possibility of the House Committee of the Boys' School enlarging "the scope of their original ideas and proposals," with regard to the "Junior School for Boys," your contemporary says: "We deprecate a lavish expenditure on our buildings for little boys as a hardship on those remaining candidates who are in a state of the greatest misery and distress, who are often hardly able to 'keep body and soul together, and who cannot be taken into the Boys' School because there is no possible room for them." If this be a true state of things, and I have no reason to doubt the faithfulness of the deplorable picture, then I say boldly that to indulge in costly music and the abnormal pleasures of the table is a monstrous sin, and must work injury to the Fraternity. It is too late to talk about care in admitting persons into the Craft. The mischief has been done, and the

consequences are before us. Due care may not always have been observed in the admission of candidates, but I question very much whether the temptation to enter has arisen so much from the nature and extent of the Charities, as from the social enjoyment that was anticipated, and which anticipations the festive doings of some Lodges are calculated to foster. It might fairly be asked—Has there been such an absence of care in the admission of candidates as to warrant the conclusion that any appreciable number of those who have sought, or are now seeking relief, ought never to have been permitted to enter the Order? It would be exceedingly difficult to adduce proof of such a contention. It is really one of those assumptions that passes current and is accepted without thought. My experience leads me to conclude that the want of care in the admission of candidates applies more to their mental and moral unsuitness than to their social position. Men too often enter Freemasonry without duly appreciating its spiritual character; indeed, the inner life, the glory and strength of the Craft, is rarely thought of, and I do not think I am uncharitable when I say that social enjoyment, and not the cultivation of the mental and moral faculties, is the leading motive in the minds of most of the brethren. If I am right, then it is time to define what true Masonry is, and in this labour I confidently claim that voice in your contemporary which has proclaimed the pitiable condition of many now looking for that help which shall rescue them from starvation, and which only a few days ago made known the fact that the Craft "seek to set before the world at large at all times, and in all places, reverence for God and love for man."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

I.P.M.

REBUILDING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was much interested some weeks back by your elaborate description of the Old Freemasons' Hall, and am somewhat surprised that amongst your many able correspondents no one seems to have thought it worth while making an effort to prevent the "wiping out" of a structure so unique in itself, and so replete with Masonic reminiscences. Is it not possible to re-construct the Temple on the present lines, and yet give increased accommodation for the members of G. Lodge? I think it is; what has become of the galleries, "capable of containing 300 spectators exclusive of the band of music?" Could they not be restored and be made available on extraordinary occasions? According to the report of the Special Building Committee the present hall would hold about 750 persons; surely that should be amply sufficient for the purposes of legislation, not to mention the increased accommodation to be derived from the galleries. I am no advocate for the "patching up" policy so strongly urged by some of the Provincial Grand Lodges, nor can I support the unnecessary and very costly alterations suggested by the Special Building Committee, but, having given the subject my serious consideration, I am firmly convinced that the best course is, to rebuild the Temple on the old lines or nearly so, making use of all available space for seating accommodation, give increased facilities for entrance and exit, do away with all adjoining flues, and render the building as nearly as possible fireproof.

Yours fraternally,

E. P. W., P.M.

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read in the *Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book*, published "under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, and by command of the M.W. Grand Master," under the head of "Remarkable Occurrences in Freemasonry," that in 1819 Brother William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, author of the "Illustrations of Masonry," bequeathed, amongst other Masonic gifts, £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevolence, and £300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture. Now, Sir, I believe it is about twenty years since the Prestonian Lecture was delivered; the last time by Bro. Henry G. Warren. Can any of your readers inform me what, if anything, is done with the principal or interest on the £300 Consols, which must have been accruing for so long a period? It would also be worth while to know what has become of the MSS. of the lecture or lectures as they were given in the three Craft degrees. For many years these lectures were delivered annually, but for a long period they appear to have been altogether forgotten. I have listened to them with great pleasure, and I have no doubt many of our younger brethren would do the same if they had the opportunity of doing so.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

26th November 1883.

P.M.

THE PERCY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In a late number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, I noticed that some doubts were expressed as to whether the late Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson was a member of the Percy Lodge of Instruction. Now I can unhesitatingly answer the question in the affirmative, that he was not only a member, but its able and talented Preceptor and Instructor. The Lodge used to meet at the

Falcon Tavern, Fetter-lane, every Saturday night, where Bro. Barton Wilson was always present, and often have I listened with greatest interest and pleasure to that information and explanation of different parts of our ritual which he was so eminently qualified to afford. As one who profited by his teaching, I have great satisfaction in now rendering my humble tribute of respect to his memory.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

H. THOMPSON 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

THE fifteenth anniversary and installation meeting of this Lodge, which now numbers sixty-three members on its books, was held at the Lodge room, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, on Friday, the 16th ult. Present—Bros. Ardley W.M., Jennings S.W., Grimwood J.W., Rev. Wilkinson Chaplain, Hill P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk Treasurer, Wheeler P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk P.M. Secretary, Alston S.D., B. H. Hirst Organist, Platt I.G., J. George Steward, W. H. Smith I.P.M., Emmerson P.M., Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, Brothers Joslin, Wells, Reid, Revolva, Murrells, Lilley, Fenn, Havard-Jones, Whittle, Row, Kilpack, Mauldon, Aprile, Sewell, Mason, Wells, Joslin, Walford, and Sholl. Visiting Brothers—George J. Paine W.M. 1008, J. G. Oliver I.P.M. 1008, A. E. Smith W.M. 1983, R. Titlow 1983, J. Oakley Green 388, P. N. Canova 1983, J. G. Mills I.P.M. 697 P.G.P. Essex, E. W. Moore 388, A. Norman 697, W. J. Browne 1983, H. Cullum 1663, J. M. Canova P.G.S.W. Suffolk P.M. 1983, F. Grimwood I.G. 114, George Thompson P.M. 1008. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and Bros. Wells and Sewell were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. The Installing Master the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. took the chair, and after explaining the second portion of the traditional history and working tools to the newly made M.M.'s, Bro. Jennings S.W. was presented by the W.M. as Wor. Master elect. He having taken the customary obligation, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Jennings was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably rendered by the D.P.G.M. The W.M. then appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Grimwood S.W., Alston J.W., Pratt S.D., Tilley J.D., Mason I.G., Hills Treas., Wheeler Sec., Rev. J. F. Wilkinson Chap., Hurst Organist, George Steward, Maceldon M.C., Sholl Tyler. Bro. Wm. Inglis Mason, M.D., I.G., who had recently presented to the Lodge a very beautiful organ, in a handsome rosewood case, with gilt pipes, which had rendered goodly service during the recent ceremony, and whose rich tones had been much appreciated, was then presented, by Bro. Martyn, with a beautifully illuminated vote of thanks on vellum, signed by the Officers and members of the Lodge, and framed in a rich gilt frame, with Masonic emblems. Bro. Martyn, in making the presentation, said the heartfelt thanks and gratitude of the Lodge were due to Brother Mason for the handsome and most useful present of the beautiful organ which he had so kindly and generously given to the Lodge. After this very gratifying ceremony, the newly-installed W.M. presented to the Lodge a beautifully painted banner on silk. The D.P.G.M. then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke G.S. and Capt. Phillips P.G.D., for the kind support and assistance they rendered in securing the election to the Boys' School of the son of the late esteemed Bro. Orlando Steed. This was seconded by the W.M., and carried unanimously. The Charity Column having been passed round, it produced £1 5s 6d. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned, to the number of about forty, to the Rose and Crown Hotel, and partook of a most sumptuous banquet provided by the host, Bro. George, the W.M. occupying the chair, supported by the Installing Master, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Thompson P.M. 1008, &c. Conspicuous among the Visitors were several members of the Martyn Lodge, 1983, Southwold. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured; some excellent songs were sung, accompanied on the piano by the Organist Bro. Hurst. Some good recitations were also contributed. After spending a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated, at 11 o'clock.

CASTLE LODGE, No. 1621.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth, on Friday, 23rd November 1883. Present—Bros. T. Whitefoot jun. W.M., W. L. Southwell S.W., J. H. Cooksey J.W., H. E. Roberts Secretary, T. F. Nock S.D., W. Wescott J.D., Rev. R. T. H. Lucas Chaplain, J. Sewell Organist, H. J. Skelding and A. Bethell Stewards, G. Westcott I.G., W. Simms P.M., T. Pratt P.M., E. J. Chitney P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C., A. Pitt, A. S. Trevor, Thomas Whitefoot, J. Galley Secretary 823, and H. Goodall Tyler. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last regular Lodge and Lodge of Emergency, held 26th October, confirmed, Bro. Dr. Lucas was duly proved in proficiency previous to being passed to the degree of F.C., and he withdrew. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing Bro. Dr. Lucas was performed and Lodge reduced. Mr. Thomas Bromwich, of Bridgnorth, photographer, who had previously been unanimously elected by ballot, was then admitted and initiated. The W.M. then proposed that Bro. P.M. Joseph Stokes P.P.G.R. be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and in recognition of the essential services rendered by him as the Founder of the Lodge and its first Master. In doing so he commented upon the great

services rendered to Freemasonry in the district by Bro. Stokes, but especially to the Castle Lodge, and he was sure the brethren felt gratitude beyond expression to Bro. Stokes for having not only been mainly instrumental in founding the Lodge, but in carefully nursing it during its tender years and developing it into a well grounded Institution. Although Bro. Stokes had resided at Dudley, between which and Bridgnorth the railway communication was very difficult, often necessitating a long drive in cold weather, he was regular in his attendance, and had acted as Installing Master until this year. It was a heavy cloud which seemed to overshadow the brethren when they thought on the cause of his absence, and although the health of Bro. Stokes had failed so much that he could not now be expected to attend the duties of the Castle Lodge, the hearty desire of the brethren was that he might be spared as a blessing to his family and friends. The motion was very ably supported by P.M.'s Chittrey, Pratt and Simms, and carried unanimously, after which Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

A REGULAR meeting of the above Lodge took place on Wednesday, 21st November, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, under the presidency of Bro. F. Rothschild P.M. acting W.M. The business before the Lodge consisted of a passing and a raising, both ceremonies being rendered in a most masterly and impressive manner by Brother Rothschild. A large muster of the members of the Lodge were present, who with the visitors adjourned to a banquet, excellently and expeditiously served by Bro. Begbie. The W.M. was brief with the toasts, enabling a long musical evening to be spent. Bro. Collings, Organist 1693, kindly officiated at the piano, and gave two selections, which were much applauded. Songs were given by Bros. Hopper, Casely, Woodman, Cummings and others. The following visitors were present—Bros. W. Rest W.M. 1288, E. Woodman J.W. 1950, and J. A. Collings Organist 1693.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

THIS Lodge held a regular meeting on Wednesday, the 14th ult., at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak. The W.M., Bro. Walter Hopekirk P.M. was supported by the following officers and members: Bros. Darch P.M. acting I.P.M., John Hammond P.P.G.D. Middx., S.W., Phillips J.W., Bye sen. Treas., Williams Sec., Hartley J.D. acting S.D., Knight W.S. acting J.D., Hooper I.G., Johnston Org., Aldwinckle Assist. Sec.; Bros. Crofts jun., France, Morday, Cox, Simons, Wootton, Hakim P.M., Longhurst. Visitors—Bros. Cranch W.M. 1669, Williams P.M. 104, Coe P.M. 1339, Harper P.M. 1616, Gunner M.M. 720, Baldwin J.W. 1949, Richardson S.D. 183, Francis 1658, Tear 72, Tacker 1273, J. H. W. Tear Org. 72. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Longhurst, a candidate for passing, was questioned, and having proved his proficiency satisfactorily, was entrusted and passed. On the agenda was given the name of a brother who was to have been raised; he had, however, been suddenly called away from town, the work of the evening was consequently somewhat curtailed. Several letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, and a proposal for initiation given in, hearty good wishes were expressed, and the Lodge was closed. After dinner (on the cloth being removed) the W.M. proceeded to give the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. That of the Visitors was received by the brethren of the Lodge with enthusiasm. All expressed their thanks for the hospitality and kindness of the Lodge, and admiration at the working of the officers. Bro. Williams said that he had never entered a Lodge room more perfect in its appointments, and where the embellishments were in more perfect taste. Bro. J. Hammond, in responding for the Masonic Charities, referred to the support already given by the members of this Lodge on the occasion of the W.M. going up as Steward at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This was especially creditable, as but a few months had passed since the consecration of the Lodge. He (Bro. Hammond) hoped to represent the Lodge as a Steward at the next Festival for the "Old Folks;" he trusted to be as well supported by the brethren as the W.M. had been in his year of office. The other toasts comprised the acting I.P.M., the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant meeting to a close. During the evening some beautiful music was excellently rendered by the following brethren:—Bros. Cranch, Cropp, Johnston, Simons, G. I. Tear and J. H. W. Tear. Bro. J. H. W. Tear most efficiently acted as accompanist.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 29th ult., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. J. W. Freeman W.M., Good S.W., J. Bedford Williams J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Penrose S.D., Ingram P.M. I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, and several other brethren. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Penrose personating the candidate. Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and closed to the first. After other business had been disposed of, Lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 23rd ultimo, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. James Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, &c. W.M., C. Andrews P.M. S.W., B. Blasby P.M. J.W., Tucker W.M. 1612 Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, Hodges 199 S.D., Hirsch J.D., Sperring I.G., Gunner W.M. 780 I.P.M., and about forty other brethren, including twenty visitors. Lodge having been opened in the usual

manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, confirmed, and signed, was advanced to the second and third degree, Bro. Terry then proceeded with the rehearsal of the ceremony of consecrating a Lodge, in his usual impressive manner, which was much aided by the musical arrangements of the Organist. The Installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and the brethren below the chair having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed. The brethren were then re-admitted in order. Bro. Gunner, who had been placed in the chair, appointed his Officers. The following brethren were elected members:—Bros. H. Howard Hodges 1996 P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, A. H. Strong 1585, W. H. Causton S.W. 1726, J. E. Terry 1764, J. Edwards 1662, H. S. Bonison 1702, F. J. Tylor 59. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until the 30th November, when Bro. F. Botley will occupy the chair.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on Monday evening last, the 26th ult., at the Fountain Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington, W., when were present Bros. W. A. Vincent W.M. 1139 W.M., J. Lawrence S.W., W. H. Chalfont W.M. 1425 J.W., H. Dehane P.M. 1543 S.D., J. J. Ham-fries J.D., W. Middlewick I.G., C. S. Moto Steward; Past Masters James Stevens 720, 1216, 1426; M. S. Spiegel 188, and S. Smout 1642; also Bros. E. F. Ferris, W. Percy, R. Cullen, A. Hardy, F. Chandler, J. C. Rhind, C. Horton, W. J. Mason, G. Dickenson, J. J. Thomas, J. Reid, W. Mathews, J. Murch, H. Robinson, C. J. Morse, G. Simpson; and Visitor, Bro. S. Barnett S.W. 185. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was called off, and the brethren were instructed by Bro. Stevens in entry drill. The Lodge was called on and opened in the second degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hardy as candidate. The lecture on the second tracing board, preceded by the delivery of the second section, was given by Bro. Stevens. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and then closed in due course to the first. Bro. Barnett was elected a member. Bro. Lawrence was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Stevens for his services during the evening; and it was announced that, at the meeting on Monday next, that brother would give, for the first time, and in this Lodge, a lecture explanatory of the ceremonial of the second degree. The report of the Auditors of this prosperous Lodge of Instruction was read and received, and thanks voted to the Auditors for their services. After a full business evening, which gave great satisfaction to all present, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the meeting adjourned to the 3rd December.

United Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on Monday, 26th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury. Bros. Webb W.M., Geddes S.W., Abbs J.W., Blamires Treasurer, Develin S.D., Beardsley (Sec.) J.D., Carter M.C., Clements (E.A.) Steward, Caddington I.G., Ewell Tyler, and Tomblings. Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of last Lodge of Instruction were read and confirmed. The tools of an E.A. were explained by Bro. Webb, and repeated by several brethren. The charge of this degree was given to Brother Caddington by Brother Blamires. The Lodge was called off, and again brought on for Masonic work. The questions leading from first to second degree were put to the brethren present. Nothing further having been offered for the benefit of Freemasonry in general or this Lodge of Instruction in particular, the same was closed in ancient form.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, on Tuesday, 27th ult. Bros. Bolt W.M., Scott S.W., Oldis J.W., Berry Secretary, Follett as Preceptor, Fetch S.D., Moon J.D., Stead I.G., and Bros. Kingston, Richards, Eldridge, Gribble, Smethurst, Amoy, Hildreth, Hall, and Morris. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. Berry, and the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed. The chair was then resumed by Bro. Bolt, and Bro. Scott was elected to fill the office of W.M. at the next meeting, after which the Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned to Tuesday evening next at eight o'clock.

We must again crave indulgence from our friends. Several Lodge reports are unavoidably held over.

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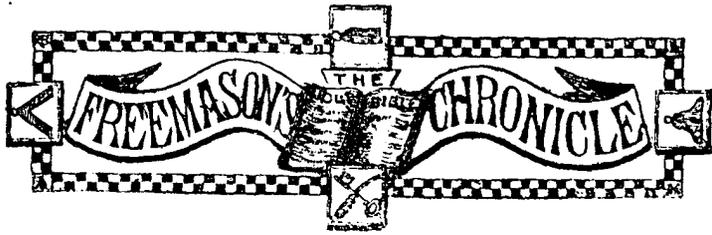
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RANDOM NOTES AND REFLECTIONS.

ROYALTY and Freemasonry have become so linked together in this country that we feel no surprise at any fresh interest that may be taken by the sons of the Queen, especially by the Heir Apparent, in matters connected with the Fraternity. As the M.W. Grand Master of Masons in England, the Prince of Wales has earned the gratitude and secured the respect and admiration of the whole Craft. He has done more than any other man living to forward the Order; under his auspices Freemasonry has grown and flourished as it never did before. The Charities promoted by the body are unequalled in the world; and although the wants of the poor brethren have not yet been altogether compassed, sufficient has been and is being done to show a vast amount of good work accomplished and noble and glorious ends attained. There is evidence, too, of the growth of an inquiring spirit, of the desire to know more of the inward character of the Craft, to sound the depths of history, in order to prove, not only the antiquity of the Institution, but also its universality. We should be glad to see this feeling still more developed, so that the ethics of Freemasonry shall be regarded as a duty as well as a pride and a privilege.

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Although Mark Masonry has not received official sanction in the same sense that the Royal Arch Chapter has, the fact of so many brethren of "light and leading" joining the Mark degree is proof enough that it is regarded by them as an adjunct to Craft Masonry, and well worthy of their recognition. It is not so very long since that H.R.H. Bro. the Duke of Albany had conferred upon him the rank of Past Grand Mark Master Mason, and only about a month ago he had the great and distinguished pleasure of performing the ceremony of advancing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at a special meeting of Mark Grand Lodge held for the purpose. Now the announcement is made that on Saturday next our M.W.G.M. (Craft) will be invested with the rank of Most Worshipful Past Grand Mark Master, with seniority next in order to the Grand Master, Bro. Lord Henniker. A Grand Lodge meeting is called for that day, at the Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. the Prince of Wales will be present to receive the honour, for which a special dispensation has been granted. The gathering will be a memorable one, and is looked forward to with intense interest. The event will mark an epoch in the annals of Mark Masonry, the effect of which cannot at present be realised, although it must tend to the advantage of this branch of the Masonic family. If the Mark degree did not possess inherent qualities of excellence those noble members of the Craft who now belong to it would never have lent it their countenance; but now that it has received the recognition of the most notable Freemason in the world, it must be admitted that the Mark degree will henceforth be regarded as a part of that Trinity in unity, independent of itself, yet forming a section of a complete whole. Saturday will be a proud day for Mark Masons, for then will be performed an act that shall crown the labours of years. The brethren of this degree have worked their way in a quiet, unostentatious manner, and it may truly be said of them that they have used no fictitious arts to secure adherents, but that the intrinsic merits of the Order alone have drawn men unto them. We cannot but hope and expect that good will result from the proceedings of next Saturday.

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Bro. Sadler's letter in last week's issue has given us great satisfaction. His efforts to secure substitutes for the destroyed portraits of eminent brethren that once adorned the ruined Temple have met with almost complete success. The portrait of the Duke of Athol is still wanting, and if the Craft cannot furnish a copy, it will become a question whether the family of the noble duke should not be appealed to. They might have something

that would satisfy Grand Lodge; at any rate, they doubtless possess some memorial of their distinguished ancestor, and might assist in getting a copy made. This question of copying will form an important matter for consideration, especially if the subject of a portrait gallery, museum, and library is taken up in a spirit worthy of the Craft. We are glad to find that such a movement has the sanction and the promise of support of such good Masons as Bro. Woodford and Bro. Lambert. Already something has been done, an earnest has been offered, and if the brethren at large only rise to the occasion, we shall ere long have an artistic, antiquarian, and intellectual side of Freemasonry worthy of the members of the present day, and which shall, in however small a degree, recognise the esoteric genius of the Order. We shall be glad to aid any movement tending to such an end to the utmost of our power. We are justly proud of our Charities, the Craft stands in the foremost rank in making provision for their poor, and we desire to have a home worthy of our position, furnished in a manner that shall gratify the eye, minister to the taste and to antiquarian proclivities, and stimulate and satisfy the highest intellectual cravings.

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We are afraid we cannot add much, if anything, more to the information already furnished relative to the portrait of Brother the Earl of Zetland mentioned in a former issue. The facts we have mentioned were taken from the *Freemasons' Magazine* and *Masonic Mirror* of April 1857. The paragraph is as follows:

Portrait of the Grand Master.—A beautiful half length portrait of the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., drawn and engraved by Bro. H. C. Shenton P.M. No. 40, has just been published. It is admirably executed in the most finished style of line engraving, is an excellent likeness, and reflects the greatest credit on our worthy Bro. Shenton. A limited number of proofs on India paper will be issued, and doubtless there will be a ready demand for them by the brethren. The portrait is enclosed in an appropriate Masonic border.

Doubtless Bro Sadler will know how to take up the clue, if he deems further search necessary.

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In the same Magazine for April 1856, under the heading "Fine Arts," are two other references to portraits. The first paragraph alludes to a visit to the studio of Bro. Howell, a member of several Lodges, and who, as far as we can gather, resided at Richmond, Surrey. He had painted life-size portraits of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Mexborough, and his Deputy, Bro. Chas. Lec, and they are described as being eminently successful. It is stated that as many brethren had expressed a desire to have copies of the portraits, arrangements had been made to have them engraved in *mezzo-tinto*, the issue to be limited to the number of copies actually subscribed for, after supplying which the plates were to be destroyed.

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The second reference is more important, and offers up a rather extensive field of research. We give the paragraph just as it stands. It runs thus:

Portrait of the late M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex.—A most splendid picture by Lonsdale is in the possession of a family, the head of which was a Freemason, and celebrated for his conversance with the artists and famous productions of the last generation. The survivors wish to dispose of this magnificent painting to some Lodge, and we have great pleasure in making their wishes known to the Craft, some of whom will we trust, confer the double benefit of serving a Brother's children, and preserving so fine a memorial of our late Grand Master by purchasing it for the Fraternity.

Where is this painting now? Can its career be traced, and would it be desirable, if possible, to obtain it?

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In looking over some old advertisements we observed one that awakened memories of a very mixed character. The announcement we refer to stated that the members of the Stability Lodge of Instruction would hold their anniversary at Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars, on the 25th April 1856, when the Lodge would be opened by Bro. Muggeridge W.M., and the banquet presided over by Bro. John Havers P.S.G.D. What changes have taken place since then. Bro. Muggeridge is little heard of, and only a short time since one who aided him when engaged in active Masonic work, Bro. Hubbuck, paid the debt of nature. Bro. Havers is still among us, somewhat the worse for wear and ill-health, but now we trust strong enough to occasionally attend Grand Lodge. His great knowledge

and wide experience are valuable, and we should hail his return to strength and renewed interest in the Craft with pleasure. Few men, if any, have a better right to be heard than Bro. Havers, and if his health will permit, and his disposition to work for the Craft is equal to his capacity, the brethren generally will have good reason to welcome his return among them.

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A circular, signed by Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. and others, has been issued, setting forth sundry reasons why Bro. J. D. Allcroft should be re-elected Grand Treasurer in March next. We have no word of disparagement of Bro. Allcroft to offer, nor do we desire to "split up the Craft," a consequence pointed out by the circular if the practice is followed out of electing a new Grand Treasurer every year. We question the prudence of the action taken by Bro. Richardson and his friends of Golden Square, and it appears to us that they are actually resorting to the very means of agitation they profess to view with disgust. The post of Grand Treasurer is one of honour chiefly, and is just one of those offices that can be utilised for the purpose of recognising merit, and of conferring distinction upon any brother who has made himself conspicuous by his work. There are certain conditions, of course, that are indispensable, such as character and financial solvency. When these requirements have been complied with, it is open to Grand Lodge to appoint whom they please to be their Treasurer. We go further, and say that the right to select a new Treasurer each year has been asserted in the election of Bro. Allcroft, who succeeded one who had held the office for some years. It was not because Bro. Col. Creaton was ineligible that he was superseded by Bro. Allcroft, but that it was necessary to assert the principle that the office should be annually at the disposal of Grand Lodge, in order that they might diffuse the honour and not confine it to a comparative few. We trust the brethren will pause before they respond to Bro. Richardson's circular.

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We regret that owing to indisposition we were unable to be present at the annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement that took place on Friday evening, the 23rd ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern. From information received we are glad to say that the whole proceedings passed off in a very pleasant and satisfactory manner. As is usual on these occasions, some work was done, we presume upon the principle that labour should precede refreshment, and that opportunity should be taken of the presence of non-members of the Lodge to exhibit the working for which the Lodge is famous. After opening in the three degrees, the second lecture was admirably worked, and in justice to the brethren who took part we give their names in the order in which they performed their respective duties. First section—Bro. F. T. Bennett 211. Second—Bro. J. T. Tanqueray S.W. 1965. Third—Bro. A. Marvin W.M. 1768. Fourth—Bro. J. J. Black 1564. Fifth—Bro. F. F. Marshall S.D. 69. Bro. T. Fenn P.G.D. acted as W.M., and acknowledged the vote of thanks passed to the workers of the lecture. After the Lodge had been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to a capital supper, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and served under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. Bro. the Hon. Justice Prinsep presided at the banquet, and as he was supported by several other members distinguished in the Craft, the speeches were more than usually interesting. The attendance was large, and many brethren took the opportunity to join the Lodge. Altogether, the Festival was very successful.

His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master has granted a warrant for a new Lodge, to be called the Queen's Westminster, No. 2021. This Lodge will derive its name from the celebrated corps the 23rd Middlesex. Bro. George Lambert Past Grand Sword Bearer is the W.M. designate; Bro. Captain Probyn S.W. designate, and Bro. Payne P.M. J.W. designate. The Consecration will take place this month.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 5th December 1883:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th September 1883 for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the two Special Grand Lodges of 29th June and 8th August, deferred from the last Grand Lodge, for confirmation.
3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
4. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
5. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
6. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
7. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	-	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Castle Lodge of Harmony, N. 26, London, £150	-	20	0	0
Note.—This Brother died on the 10th October, consequently this recommendation has lapsed, with the exception of £20 paid to him on account of such recommended grant.				
A Brother of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, Bromley, Kent		50	0	0
A Brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London		50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham		50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, London		100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, London		50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Confidence, No. 193, London		50	0	0
A Brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, London		150	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge Star in the East, No. 650, Harwich		75	0	0

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—

The Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, Monmouthshire, having balloted for and admitted a Joining Member at a Lodge of Emergency, contrary to Art. I., page 83, of the Book of Constitutions, the Board have censured the Lodge for the irregularity, and have fined it the sum of One Guinea.

The Members of a London Lodge having reported that their Worshipful Master, had on the 17th October last, wilfully burned the Warrant of the Lodge, the Board investigated the matter, and the said Brother having admitted the offence, but having pleaded extenuating circumstances, the Board severely reprimanded him, and ordered that he pay the cost of a Warrant of Confirmation—viz., Two Guineas—and further that he be suspended from all his Masonic functions for a period of six months.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
20th November 1883.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of November inst., shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £3,643 2s 11d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £18 12s.

9. Report of the Special Building Committee, the consideration of which was deferred from the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

10. Applications from a body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of Victoria," Australia, requesting their recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England as a regular Grand Lodge.

11. Appeal from the Reunion Lodge, No. 1956, Blenheim, New Zealand, against certain comments made by the Colonial Board when cancelling the exclusion of a Brother from that Lodge, relative to the conduct of another Brother, of the same Lodge, in the matter.

N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION:—

(1). By Brother JAMES STEVENS P.M. No. 1216:—

(a) "That when the general scheme for the re-construction of the present damaged Temple, or for the erection of a new Temple, shall have been decided upon by the Grand Lodge, Architects who are Freemasons shall be invited, under the direction and authority of the Grand Superintendent of Works, to submit plans and designs for the re-construction or new erection, as the case may be, to the Committee already constituted, or to be constituted, for the purpose of carrying out the intended work.

(b) "That the foregoing being agreed, prizes of money

value, to be subsequently determined, be offered for the three most approved designs."

(2). By V.W. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, President of Board of General Purposes:—

"That so much of the Report of the Building Committee as refers to the enlargement of the Temple, and the arrangements consequent thereon, be adopted, and that on such adoption and the confirmation thereof at the next succeeding Quarterly Communication, it be referred to a Committee of twelve to carry the same into execution, and that such Committee consist of the eight members of the recently appointed Building Committee, and four additional members, to be appointed by Grand Lodge.

(3) By Brother GEORGE EDWARD WEBSTER P.M. No. 139. To move as an amendment to the report of the Special Building Committee:—

"That the Antient Temple be re-instated out of the funds received from the Insurance Companies, and that no extensive building operations be undertaken until the expiration of the lease of Bacon's Hotel. And that no part of the premises of Grand Lodge be leased for a longer period than seven years."

(4) By Brother HENRY SMITH P.M. No. 387:—

"That this Grand Lodge is of opinion that the leasing of any property of Grand Lodge, except for a very limited period, is, under any circumstances, highly objectionable, and may prove, as in the cases of the three leases now existing extremely inconvenient, and that the question of rent is quite a secondary consideration compared with the retention of full control of the premises and the tenants of Grand Lodge. And this Grand Lodge decides on the preservation of the Antient Temple in Great Queen Street, and that it be immediately restored, the cost to be paid out of the funds received from the Fire Insurance Offices: and further, that no extensive building operations be undertaken until the expiration of the lease on Bacon's Hotel—which will afford a favourable opportunity for the consideration of a comprehensive scheme for an additional Hall, and the re-arrangement of the premises of Grand Lodge."

(5) By V.W. Brother Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer:—

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,' to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

(6) By Brother EDWIN T. BUDDEN, P.M. No. 622:—

In the event of Article 80 of Revision of Book of Constitutions not being confirmed, to move that the Article shall stand as follows:—"80.—A Provincial or District Grand Lodge consists of the Provincial or District Grand Master, the Present and Past Provincial or District Grand Officers; the Provincial or District Grand Stewards for the year; the Master, Past Masters and Wardens of all Lodges in the Province or District; and Past Masters of any Lodge under the English Constitution, if Members of Grand Lodge. But no Brother can be a Member of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge unless he is a subscribing Member of a Lodge within such Province or District."

(7) By Brother JOHN E. LE FEUVRE P.M. No. 130:—

To move that in Article 119 of the Revision of Book of Constitutions the following words be added in brackets after the words "Regular Lodge," viz.:—

"This qualification is only essential in the case of a petition for a new Lodge in England."

(8) By V.W. Brother Rev. CHARLES WILLIAM ARNOLD, P.G. Chaplain:—

In the event of Article 186 of the Revision of the Book of Constitutions not being confirmed, to move that the following words, "Every such Member, if an installed Master, may, by a vote of the Lodge, have a position assigned to him amongst the Past Masters of the Lodge, provided that he has not ceased subscribing to a Lodge for twelve months," be substituted for the words, "Every such joining Member, if a Past Master, shall have the rank of a Past Master of the Lodge, ranking next after the then Junior Past Master and the Worshipful Master of such Lodge, provided that he has not ceased subscribing to a Lodge for twelve months," and that the paragraph do now stand as so amended.

(9) By W. Brother HENRY C. TOMBS, P.G.D.:—

In the event of Article 130 of the Revision of Book of Constitutions not being confirmed, to move, to omit clause added by Special Grand Lodge in June, to follow the words "antient usage," and instead thereof to insert the following:—"If in any Lodge it should become impossible to hold either or both of such meetings upon the day named in the Bye Laws for that purpose, the Grand Master, and in Provinces and Districts the Provincial and District Grand Master, may grant a dispensation for the holding of such meetings, or either of them, upon a day not more than seven days before or after that fixed by the Bye Laws, which day shall for

all purposes be deemed the regular day of meeting," and that the paragraph do now stand as so amended.

(10). By R.W. Brother The Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PRINSEP D.G.M. Bengal:—

To move that in Article 190 the following words be added after the word "Fees," viz.—"in England, nor for less than three guineas, exclusive of Registration and Certificate fees, abroad."

(11). By V.W. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON President Board General Purposes:—

To move—"That in any case where an amendment to any rule provided for in the Revision of the Book of Constitutions shall have been carried at the Special Meetings of Grand Lodge in June and August last, but shall not be confirmed at a subsequent meeting of Grand Lodge, the law shall stand as proposed in the Revised Book of Constitutions and without such amendment."

(12). By Brother EDWIN T. BUDDEN P.M. No. 622:—

To move—"That the regulations as to Masonic Funerals contained in page 136 of the present edition Book of Constitutions (1873) stand part of the Revised Edition."

(13). By W. Brother THOMAS W. TEW S.G.D.:—

To move—That in Art. 129 of the Revision of the Book of Constitutions the following words be added at the end of the paragraph:—"Except that of Treasurer."

(14). By V.W. Brother Rev. JOHN STUDBOLME BROWNIGG P.G.C.:

To move—To omit in Article 186, Revision of the Book of Constitutions, the words "ranking next" to end, and to insert "but junior to all who at that time shall have or at any future time may be installed in the Chair of that Lodge."

(15). By V.W. Brother Rev. HERBERT G. MORSE G.C.:—

To move—To insert in Article 146, Revision of the Book of Constitutions, before the word "present" the words "past or."

Name of Brother nominated for Election to the Office of Senior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Brother JAMES BRETT P.G.P.

Names of the Brethren nominated for Election to the Office of Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Brother HENRY GARROD P.M. 749.

JAMES H. MATTHEWS P.M. 143.

CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE P.G.P.

Names of Twelve Past Masters nominated to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence.

Brother GEORGE POLE BRITTEN	183
THOMAS CULL	1446
CHARLES DAIRY	141
HENRY GARROD	749
GEORGE P. GILLARD	657
CHARLES F. HOGARD	205
WILLIAM MANN	186
HENRY MCPHERSON	890
JOHN NOBLE	975
WILLIAM H. PERRYMAN	3
FREDERICK R. SPAULL	1768
EDWARD FRANCIS STORR	22
And none others were nominated.	

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- No. 2016.—The Shalden Lodge, Alton, Haunts.
- 2017.—The Duke of Portland Lodge, Nottingham.
- 2018.—The Nipal Lodge, Gorakhpur, Bengal.
- 2019.—The Crook Lodge, Crook, Durham.
- 2020.—The St. Botolph's Lodge, Aldersgate Street.
- 2021.—The Queen's Westminster Lodge, 8a Red Lion Square.
- 2022.—The Haven Lodge, Ealing.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1884 is now ready, and can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

The regular Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday, 29th ult., at eight o'clock. Comps. Gregory occupied the chair of Z., R. Bird H., Sparrow J., Radcliffe S.N., Knight P.S. This Chapter is being well attended by R. A. Masons from all parts of London and its surroundings.

FUNERALS.

Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON,
COFFIN MAKERS & UNDERTAKERS,
17 NEWCASTLE STREET, STRAND, W. C.
And at 30 FOREST HILL ROAD, PECKHAM EYE, S.E.

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, 1st DECEMBER.

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)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1049—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1382—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Old Ship Hotel Brighton

MONDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1459—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
 M.M. 224—Monatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 63—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwon
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
 R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
 166—Union, Criterion, W.
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 183—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.

1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
 1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1449—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermy-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Kleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 159—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Shoerness
 200—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 791—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyll
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
 R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
 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, Nowington Causeway, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 533—La Tolerauce, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Counts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1298—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)
 1595—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1791—Crenon, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1599—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersey, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1055—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Ernie, Ernie House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alwrick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwrick
 1206—Cinqe Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—Do Grey and Ripon, 143 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst)
 1393—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1842—St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 369—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe

R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

- 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, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
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 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
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 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
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 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1351—St. Clement Dances, 265 Strand
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct.)
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 1850—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
 M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
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 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
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 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.
 360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 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
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
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 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1807—Loyal Wye, Built, Breconshire
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
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 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
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FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 9.30.
 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. (Instruct.)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (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)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 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
 1801—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, 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. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 M.M. 8—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- 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
 998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1333—Athalstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1523—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1581—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Braintree.
 1661—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
 R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 170—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Meeting held at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday the 24th ult. Present—Bros. Gush W.M., Gollen S.W., Glass J.W., Parkes S.D., Ashton J.D., Flack I.G., Percy Preceptor, Galer Secretary, Fenner Treasurer; also Bros. Bullock, Dixie, Houghton, Schwabe, Chant, Williams, Weeden, Robinson, Percy, Moss, Ferrar, Manger, Jones, Wright, O'Donnell. The usual ceremonies were observed in opening the Lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Schwabe being the candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed in a very excellent manner by Bro. Gush. Bro. Schwabe, of the Stanhope Lodge, No. 1269, was elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Gush for presiding in so efficient a manner. A widow of a deceased brother was relieved to the extent of £1 1s out of the Lodge funds. This gift was supplemented by a considerable amount contributed by the brethren. Bro. Gellen will preside at the meeting this (Saturday) evening. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 27th ult. Bros. Stewart W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Brasted J.W., Robinson S.D., Olley J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Cushing, Hunt, Little, Banister, T. Clark, Allen, Baker, Watkinson, Webb, Barlow, Creasey, Catling, Baveystock and others. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed the first, when the following brethren assisted the W.M. to work the Fifteen Sections. First Lecture—Bros. Watkinson, Robinson, Catlin, T. Clark, Christian, Lorkin, Stewart. Second Lecture—Bros. Smyth, Webb, Brasted, C. Lorkin, E. J. Allen. Third Lecture—Bros. F. Carr, Catling, Wallington. Bros. Barlow, Baveystock and Creasey, of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, were elected members, and honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred on Bro. Stewart for presiding on the occasion. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Forge P.M. 1950 W.M. 619 W.M., Hurdell W.M. 1348 S.W., Western J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Defriez Senior Deacon, Goddard J.D., Trewinnard P.M. Preceptor, Treadwell I.G.; also Past Masters T. J. Casworth, Osborn, and several other brethren. After preliminaries the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Forge, Bro. Hurdell acting as candidate. After the ceremony the newly-installed Master was saluted, and he invested his Officers. Bro. Forge delivered the various charges exceedingly well, and a cordial vote of thanks to him was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Monday, 3rd December, when Bro. Jordan will preside.

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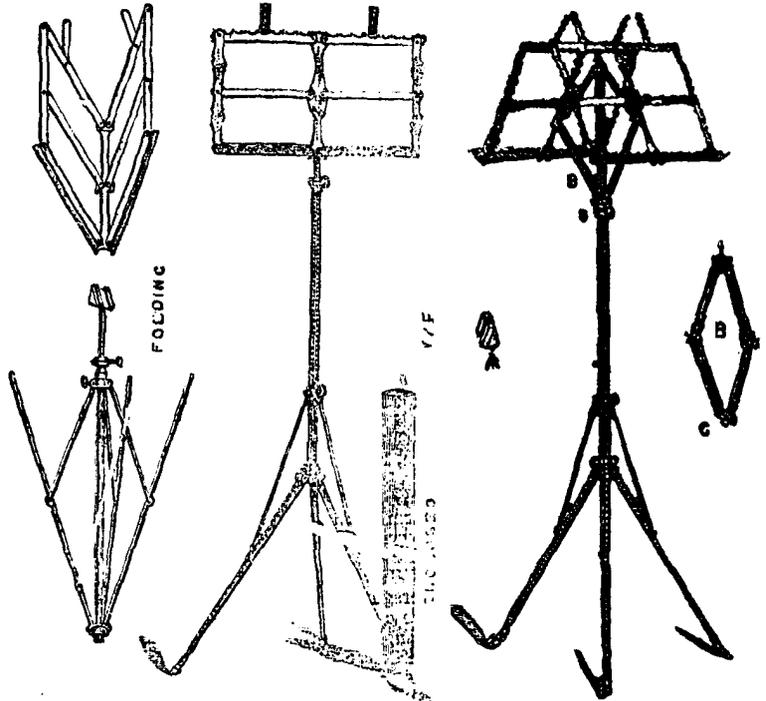
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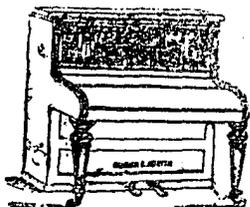
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