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## THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND MARK MASTER MASON.

IT has been our pleasing duty on many occasions to record the rapid progress of Mark Masonry. New Lodges have been formed, new members enrolled, and a general spirit of advancement has pervaded all that has been attempted in connection with this particular degree of Freemasonry, and to-day we are called upon to chronicle an event which, if it may not be termed the realisation of a Mark Master Mason's ambition, is at least a very near approach thereto. The Grand Master of English Craft Masonry, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has consented to be put in nomination for the office of ruler of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown; and as there is not the shadow of a doubt as to his election, that consent is virtually equivalent to his acceptance of the office. In the course of a few months then we may expect to see His Royal Highness ruler at one time of the Craft degree, the Royal Arch, and the Mark, a combination of offices under one head which has never been known before in this country. The ultimate outcome of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's presidency of the Mark Degree is difficult to foreshadow, but we may safely predict, as an early result, a very large addition to the ranks of the Order, while we think we may anticipate a change in the relationship at present existing between the Craft, Arch, and Mark Degrees of England. Mark Masonry is not at present "officially" recognised by the Craft and Arch authorities, although we may now say it is "virtually" so, for with the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and many other high officials of Craft Masonry in the highest ranks of the Mark Degree, it would be unreasonable to describe it as wholly unrecognised, but at the same time there is no getting over the fact that in an official way the Craft and Royal Arch know nothing of Mark Masonry, a fact which will be immediately brought home to the sceptic if he will present himself at the portals of Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter displaying on his breast the emblems of the Mark degree. The ornaments of the latter are not allowed to be worn in Craft or Arch Masonry, but the question arises, will this rule be relaxed or repealed now that the Prince of Wales is at the head of the three degrees? The love of his Royal Highness for good order and regularity would induce us to answer in the negative; he would hardly attempt to upset the traditions of the past in this respect; but, on the other hand, it appears so absurd to maintain a nominal opposition when the three sections are so intimately associated that we almost incline to the belief that some alteration may be attempted. We do not look to any radical change in the relationship at present existing between the three degrees, although it might be a difficult task to make any alteration without upsetting the traditions of the past. "By the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Free-masons of England in December, 1813, it was declared and pronounced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch," and in face of this we may ask how is it possible for Grand Lodge to recognise the Mark degree? A solution

of the difficulty might be found by the interchange of representatives from the Grand Lodge of the one degree to the other, but whether this or any other innovation will be attempted under the united rule of our beloved Grand Master time alone will show.

## FREEMASONRY AND THE FAIR SEX.

We're true and sincere  
And just to the Fair,  
They'll trust us on any occasion;  
No mortal can more  
The Ladies adore,  
Than a Free and an Accepted Mason.

LOOKING over the many years which have passed since the song of which the above is an extract was written, we are surprised to find how much credit we Freemasons have been able to enjoy at so small a cost. There are few of us who have not heard, either on the night of our initiation, or in honour of some newly-admitted member, the ladies referred to in the Initiate's song, but how many of us can record anything further from a Masonic point of view in favour of those who "will trust us on any occasion." Our experience certainly tends to the belief that the trust reposed by the fair sex in Freemasons is rather taken for granted than based on anything like actual experience. Some one in the past was good enough to assume we had the support of the ladies—for we believe at no time in our history were they ever canvassed on the subject—and Freemasons have since lived on the reputation thus easily acquired. How long will this state of affairs continue, and how long shall we have to wait for practical demonstration of the truth of the words quoted above? For the sake of the ladies, as well as Freemasons themselves, we hope a change will come at no distant date. We do not mean that our fair friends will ever have reason to doubt the sincerity of Freemasons, but we hope that ere long they will have frequent opportunities of personally testifying that "No mortal can more, the ladies adore."

Let it not be supposed we desire that ladies should be admitted to a participation in the Lodge work—that is an innovation far from our wish—but we do think that an occasional entertainment might be provided for them, and that once a year, at least, they should be allowed to peep as far as possible behind the scenes at Freemasonry. There is no reason why they should not be present after one of the meetings each year, either in the summer or winter; in the former case a picnic might be provided for them, and in the latter a concert or ball. If this were generally adopted, the Craft would lose nothing, but rather gain greater respect from the ladies, while the fair sex would be able personally to endorse the words enunciated at the head of this article.

Freemasons are very selfish in this respect—selfish in keeping to themselves all the pleasures of Freemasonry, and trying to satisfy their wives and lady friends with simple details of what they enjoy at the meetings of their Lodges. Many of them preserve the menu of the banquet, the programme of the music, and other mementoes of the Festival, as visible proofs of the good things they have enjoyed, but do they ever think this is equivalent to adding insult to injury? Is it not sufficient for our wives to know we have been on pleasure bent, without their hearing afterwards of

the means taken to ensure our enjoyment, without the least possibility of their sharing in the pleasures recounted? We imagine so, but we will go so far as to tell the ladies—or those at least who have an opportunity of reading these lines—that there is no necessity for their permanent exclusion from the pleasures of Freemasonry. They can share, with their husbands, the enjoyments of a summer festival, the attractions of a Masonic ball, or the quiet, but perhaps equally enjoyable, ladies night at the Lodge. In future they may tell their husbands such festivities are not unconstitutional, but rather that they are fully recognised by the authorities of Grand Lodge, who seldom refuse permission for the wearing of Masonic clothing at Masonic meetings attended by ladies, and who are always willing to give the use of our Grand Temple to add to the enjoyment of the ladies attending one or other of the Masonic Festivals held at the London headquarters. We say then the remedy rests with the ladies themselves; we are not disclosing too much of our secrets when we tell them that every candidate for Freemasonry must come of his own free will and accord, without solicitation from those who are already members of the Fraternity. Perhaps this is the reason so few meetings for the benefit of the ladies have been held in the past; their husbands may have thought the laws of the Craft precluded them from inviting their wives to share the enjoyments of Freemasonry, and the ladies may not have been aware there is no restrictive rule. Now they know different, and will, perhaps, avail themselves of their right to ask for admission, as their husbands have done before them. If they come well and worthily recommended we do not think they can be refused, and in the face of the song we all know so well it is difficult to believe any Mason would not be prepared to well and worthily recommend those nearest and dearest to him.

The season of summer festivals is over, but we need hardly remind our fair friends that balls and parties will take their place, and if the former are impossible amid the inclemency of the next few months, the latter derive much of their charm from the ice and snow of an English winter. We will not advise the ladies to seek in a Masonic ball alone the pleasures they are entitled to, as we feel sure many of them would rather enjoy a quiet evening with their husbands after a regular Lodge meeting; and this moreover is within the power of every Master to arrange for; whereas a Masonic ball is not only a heavy responsibility, but an actual impossibility in many quarters. In our last issue we gave particulars of such a meeting as we now suggest, and although the praise we there accorded may be pronounced fulsome by some, it is none too great when considered in connection with the amount of enjoyment the meeting gave to the members of the William Preston Lodge and those who shared with them the pleasures of a Masonic banquet. Even at that meeting we heard more than one guest express a desire that similar gatherings might be arranged in other Lodges, and we feel sure that wherever they are provided they will afford as much pleasure and enjoyment as was the case here. The ladies may be assured of our warmest sympathy and support, and we hope they will put to the test the advice we have given them—to seek for themselves a participation in the enjoyments of Freemasonry.

In saying that little or nothing has been done in the past by Freemasons on behalf of the ladies we must not omit to refer to those grand exceptions the Masonic Institutions. The brethren of England do their best for all who ask for assistance, but the ladies in this respect receive the lion's share of their favours. The Girls' School and the Widows' Fund of the Benevolent Institution combined provide for more than the Boys' School and the Male branch of the Benevolent Institution, and we are convinced the proportion will always be in favour of the weaker sex. If the brethren of England did nothing more than support the School and the Annuity Fund founded for the help of the daughters and widows of their deceased brethren they would do well, but there is no reason why they should not do better. We do not like looking to the possible gain to Freemasonry which would accrue from a general admission of ladies to its enjoyments, but we cannot help thinking that if they were brought closer into contact with the inner work of Freemasonry they might attempt much more than they have hitherto done. The Girls' School and the Widows' Fund, to our thinking, particularly appeal to the ladies, and we feel it is only necessary to make them better acquainted with the work

done to ensure from them a more active participation in its responsibilities. We do not imagine they would ever hope to compete with the brethren in the amount of their help, but they could run them close in enthusiasm and good endeavours. We are frequently told that the Masonic banquet affords the best opportunity for making known to the brethren the needs and requirements of the Institutions, and if to the brethren, why not to the sisters? Let the experiment be tried, and, as we have previously said, we have little fear of the result. If the ladies could be induced to work on behalf of the mothers and daughters of the Craft, they would relieve the brethren of much of their responsibility in this quarter, and they would thus enable their husbands to give more to their distressed brethren and the sons of those who are gone from among us. They would thereby confer an inestimable blessing on Freemasonry and the world at large. How can we bring them face to face with the work to be accomplished?—by inviting them to a participation in our pleasures, and then showing them the responsibilities with which we are surrounded. There is nothing unconstitutional in the proposal, nothing which the most severe disciplinarian can find fault with, and yet it has not been attempted in the past. Is this to be accounted for on the grounds we have mentioned? or is there any other reason which prevents English Craftsmen from displaying that loyalty they all boast of? We think not, but Shakespeare has told us that—

Men were deceivers ever.

Let us hope ere long they will be put to a severe test by the wives of the brethren, and that the result may prove that the immortal bard was not invariably correct in his surmises.

## FREEMASONRY IS PRINCIPLE INCARNATE.

(Continued from p 339.)

**F**REEMASONRY, unveiling to its initiates the true meaning of much that perplexes and confounds in this life, calls into noblest action the reason, and in the presentation of moral, philosophical, political and religious truth, gives ample play to all its powers. The influence of our Order will be measured by what it does in this direction, and here there can be no mistake of judgment.

We are thus led up to the consideration of the second, or religious, feature of Freemasonry. That it has a religious side is often suggested as a reason for its destruction by its enemies, who charge it with a sinister effect on the Church, because it has a religious side. That there is any antagonism between Masonry and the Christian faith is not for a moment believed by those who are familiar with its teachings, and to them there is no necessity for a denial of such a charge. But in a paper, a short time since, an argument against Masonry was based on the charge that "it is a religious system, having a moral code and a ritual of worship."

When we come to consider this religious side of Freemasonry, it is essential, then, that we have at the outset a definition of religion which is broad enough to cover all forms of human faith and belief. Religion, thus properly defined, means any reverence of a Supreme Being which enters into life as a factor in its development. Lord Bacon calls religion "the chief bond of human society," and viewed in its constant recognition of the supervision by Deity of human conduct, it is an effective agent in binding men closely together. And yet, when we reflect on the numerous religious wars which have marred human history, we are driven to the conclusion that if we do not have a broad and general definition of religion, we cannot call it the "chief bond of human society." We, therefore, take religion to be any expression of human faith in a Supreme Being, regardless of the way in which such belief is made manifest to the world at large. Religion is, then, more than ritual, and more than any special faith. The lowest people in the scale of civilization have a form of belief which may be classed as religious, as well as those who are most advanced. We are not called upon to distinguish in this connection between that which is true and that which is false in religion, for the question at issue is not as to the comparative value of different systems, but as to the value of faith itself, as a factor in human

development and progress. Webster's definition, "Any system of worship," is, however, hardly comprehensive enough to cover the ground, as men may have a faith which does not form itself into a regular system, so called, yet which is truly to them a religious belief and a moulding force in life and character. We are thus prepared to answer the question as to the relation which Freemasonry sustains to religion. If Freemasonry is "a system of morality veiled in allegory," it certainly is, in one sense, a form of religious belief, for the foundation of morality is a recognition of human responsibility to the Supreme Being, who, as the final arbiter of the race, is to reconcile all the decisions, made by men, which involve a question of justice and rectitude of conduct. Without a constant sense of a final just award, it is hardly a question that the passions of the human heart would destroy all idea of righteousness among men; religion would be something altogether unknown, and the strong right arm would be the controlling influence in the world. Chaos were come again were this inspiration to morality lacking. It will follow, then, that a moral system must be, of necessity, a religion, even though it do not assume to be one.

In the Lodge, the truth is, a moral system is not only taught, but enforced. The Freemason is not merely exhorted to walk worthily as a Mason, but his conduct is carefully hedged about by wholesome restrictions which usually secure a life in accordance with the teachings of the system of morals which constitutes the essence of Freemasonry. Even a hurried examination of the moral principles taught by the Lodge will satisfy any one that they are such as underlie the well being of the race, and such as are essential to its true civilization. No matter from what source they were drawn, the fact remains, man cannot exist in peace, if at all, if these fundamental principles of action be eliminated from our lives. That our system of morality is drawn from the Holy Bible is a tribute to that book of books, and must be taken as an all-sufficient answer to those who affirm that Freemasonry is essentially a survival of heathenism—a statement often made by those who do not understand the meaning of Freemasonry, or have been misled by shallow thinkers or writers—of whom, unfortunately, there are only too many.

When we understand the full scope of our system, we are glad to acknowledge its importance as a power in helping the race. Certainly, anything which lifts men nearer to the "full stature of a perfect man" must be looked upon as worthy of regard, no matter whence it be drawn. And yet, to the believer in the inspiration of the Great Light, this adoption of the biblical morality by the Fraternity is a weighty testimony to its value as it is given by men of all shades of belief; for we do not often expect men to see eye to eye, in the present state of human development, for we know that when all men see alike in matters of faith, the mightiest stride of history shall have been taken toward a perfect civilization.

Further—In the purity of the motive by which morality is stimulated, Freemasonry can safely challenge scrutiny. In the grandeur of its effect on character it can court investigation; for the close relationship of means to end is apparent to all who examine into its workings. In passing, we remark here that the extent to which reliance should be placed on Masonry, as a complete religious system, is also worthy of our thought and attention for a moment at this time. It will scarcely be denied by any one here to-day, that a perfectly pure moral system can have no other motive than one altogether founded on our relation to God as our Creator, to whom we owe a perfect obedience. Any other motive, or motives, introduce elements which have no place in a perfect moral system. But Freemasonry has, confessedly, a large admixture of purely human or social interest. It is an organisation for the furtherance of humanitarian ends, and as an aid to such work, it relies on the influence of moral conviction. As the true object of a moral system is to restore mankind to a right relation to Deity, any system which is not comprehensive enough to embrace all mankind in its scheme is so defective that man dares not trust it, to the exclusion of others which are confessedly free from this defect. All inferior ends must be subordinated to the highest good of the race as a whole. The divine must be supreme on earth as well as in heaven. No matter how fascinating our social plans may be, the great object of human existence must never for a moment be lost sight of nor ignored. Religion is intended to make the world fairer, happier and wiser. Freemasonry, in its religious

aspect, intends to elevate reason, to secure freedom, and to enhance all social blessings. To take any other ground is to relegate our system of morals to the background.

Freemasonry must hold firmly to this position or it will lose its hold on the reasoning men of to-day. It must show that by its aid there can be a more equitable adjustment of human rights, a more perfect promotion of the welfare of the race as a whole, as well as the introduction of a higher social state. Freemasonry must be ready to show that its labours are along the line of human progress, and directed by a wisdom which comprehends the true object of existence. It must also lift up its voice in protest against all that is unjust, and must labour for its eradication. It must enlarge the circle of its sympathies so as to embrace all who may be in need of a kindly voice or a helping hand. To all who bear the burdens and know the wretchedness of life, it must extend the largest charity, for are we not told that true "Charity never faileth?" Hence the spirit of self-sacrifice must enter largely into its life—in the work for truth and righteousness—for out of the ruins of our earth, it may build up spiritual temples to our God.

In such a spirit must it labour, and in such a light must Freemasonry be viewed, if we are to realise the true ideals which are implied by the existence of our Order. It cannot take the place of the Church as a teacher and guide in the labyrinth of life, for it does not presume to teach with the authority which alone gives assurance to the inquiring soul. In the Church all the interests of our race are gathered up in one comprehensive plan and purpose. In its principles that which is universal, as well as that which is efficient, are garnered. It alone can reconcile the conflicts of our present state. It gives us the most elevated and inspiring view of the ultimate destiny of humanity. It gives us not a speculative, but a historic certainty; one, too, that has approved itself as adapted to all our wants, and competent to secure the complete welfare of humanity. Freemasonry, then, should be the handmaid of the Church, and lead the seeker after truth to its portals. By its teachings the mind of the initiate should be fully prepared to grasp and understand the ideal existence which it is the mission of the Church to bring within the reach of the world. The Church will go on and do its work in the redemption of mankind, and if our Order cannot heartily co-operate it has outlived its usefulness and must cease to exist. However, it is our conviction that all the teachings of our Order lead us up to this co-operation in its work, as the exponent of the highest truth. We believe Freemasonry has been an agent in the uplifting of humanity for this reason; it has maintained its hold on men by virtue of this close, though not always acknowledged alliance. In the mutations of human opinion and the rise and fall of various systems, ours has lived on through many conflicts, because an unseen influence was helping it—the affinity to that which men regarded as the ideal of excellence. It has emerged in triumph from its conflicts, because it has lived for the exemplification of charity and truth, and as the poet has well said:

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again,  
The eternal years of God are hers;  
But Error, wounded, writhes in pain,  
And dies amid her worshippers."

The religious basis is, then, a source of strength to Freemasonry; nay, more, it is *the* strength of our Order, and in proportion to the zeal with which we follow that which is best and purest in faith shall we draw near to the goal which we have set before us. From all this we come to the conclusion that to understand the spirit of Freemasonry we must always remember that its vital and controlling principle is religion—this governs its actions and is the final test of its character. This being good and true, the system is worthy of our affectionate devotion, and will help us to a higher plane of useful manhood. But if we are to reach this higher plane of noble Masonic manhood, we are to bear in mind that a noble manhood is only gained by a noble use of our opportunities and of our powers.

"Heroes must be more than driftwood,  
Drifting on a waveless tide."

Let us carry this a little further: Freemasonry can have little value if it does not mean to us a constant increase in knowledge. It must be educative in the true sense, if it is to do the work for which we give it credit. By it all

our faculties are to be in a state of training; by it new powers and new faculties are to be educed. It should stimulate us to better aims and nobler life—into something of practical good for humanity. Our various degrees should be, as it were, so many testimonials to our growth in a better and purer manhood. It is only when we look on Freemasonry in this light that we comprehend its beauty and significance, for, if a knowledge of our ritual is the only reward of Masonry to those who seek for the light it professes to cast on the pathway of life, it will pay but poorly for the toil spent in acquiring it. But I am persuaded that there is something in Masonry far better and far more desirable than knowledge of ritual. In the ministry of love and sympathy it fits men for faithful work. On the broad platform of morals it develops its votaries, and under its benign influence the manhood of the present finds equal recognition with that of the king. By it Deity is ever recognised, and at the name of God all reverently bow; and in brotherly love—that comforting bond which binds all our hearts as one—how Freemasonry exemplifies and enforces this most noble virtue!

Then, we may truly say, that a faithful devotion to the principles of our Order will result in the formation of a character in which shall be combined in a beautiful harmony, a subtle apprehension of all that is noble in morality, all that is sweet and pure in friendship, all that is necessary in true manliness. That which is best and truest in life will be aided by its teachings, and a degree of strength be imparted to its followers which will enable the weak, the fickle and the inconstant, to live as true and sturdy soldiers of the right.

Finally: Our Order must be more aggressive in its relations to all that is for the truest good of the race. It must not leave the organised Charities of life to others, but must have a part in every worthy enterprise. Masonry cannot live without activity, and wherever the wail of distress is heard in our land, there the helping hand of Freemasonry must be extended to relieve; wherever the orphan or the widow is left desolate, there, ready to sustain and comfort, our Order must be found. Our duty is to introduce our principles into every relation of life, so that mankind may be the better and happier for us. Deeds, not words, must mark our lives. We are to count any expense, any toil, any self-sacrifice it may demand of us, as not worthy to be considered in comparison with this duty to humanity—this living principle. For remember, it is not principle in the abstract which helps or saves in this world; it is principle embodied in life; in other words it is principle incarnate—principle which looks through human eyes, talks with human speech, and in all phases of human effort has its place and power. It is said that opaque objects may be so thoroughly charged with the electric fluid that they may become transparent; so our lives should be transfigured by the power of the beautiful teachings of Masonry. We do not live outside of the world, and must be sharers of its burdens, as well as partakers of its joys. As we feel its passions we must work for its interests, striving to do our duty in its trials, and by our purity, our zeal for goodness; by our broad charity, our self-sacrificing devotion to right and truth, show to the world at large that a true and living principle animates our Order.—*Voice of Masonry.*

We note that the second annual ball in connection with the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, has been fixed to take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 6th of January next. Brethren are asked to use their utmost influence to make the affair a success; and of this there can be little doubt, seeing that the arrangements are in the hands of an energetic and experienced Committee of Stewards. A dispensation has been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to allow the brethren to appear in Craft clothing.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—The ills of life are increased tenfold by the mode of life so many have to lead: most especially is this the case amongst the toilers in our factories and huge workshops of the manufacturing districts, whose digestions become impaired and nervous systems debilitated by the protracted confinement and enforced deprivation of healthy out-of-door exercise. The factory workers may almost be said to have diseases of their own, readily amenable, however, to treatment if not allowed to proceed unchecked. Holloway's Pills are the most effectual remedy ever discovered for the cure of liver and stomach complaints, as they act surely but gently, regulating the secretions without weakening the nerves or interfering with the daily work.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A REGULAR communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on 22nd September, when Bro. J. J. Miller District Grand Master was supported by a numerous body of District Grand Officers, Right Worshipful C. H. Dallas District Grand Master of Japan, and representatives of the Royal Sussex Lodge 501, Union 1951, Northern Lodge of China 570, Tuscan 1027, Cosmopolitan 428, Ancient Landmark (Mass. Const.), Grand Masters 1, St. Clair 362, Victoria 1026, and others. The Visitors having assembled in their respective places in the Lodge, the Right Worshipful acting District Grand Master, accompanied by Right Worshipful Bro. C. Thorne Past District Grand Master, the District Grand Master of Japan, and District Grand Officers entered, and was received in due form. The minutes of the January communication having been read and confirmed, the District Grand Master said he was happy to inform the brethren that there had been nothing of importance to bring before the District Grand Lodge requiring their decision. The brethren of the different Lodges had worked with unanimity, and though it gave the District Grand Lodge so little to do, yet it must be a source of pleasure for the brethren to know that the work of the District was carried on so harmoniously. He directed their attention to a letter which he had received from the Grand Secretary (Col. Shadwell Clerke), conferring upon him the powers held by the Right Worshipful Bro. Thorne as to granting a dispensation for brethren to be raised at a shorter notice than the usual period, and furthermore pointing out that it was imperatively necessary that the date prescribed in the bye-laws of the Lodge for holding installation meetings must be rigidly adhered to, the Right Worshipful Grand Master having no power to alter the Book of Constitutions. The District Grand Master in the chair explained that the same subject had come before the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, at their communication held on the 3rd June last, and warned the brethren that they could not be too strict in adhering to the dates in conferring degrees in their respective Lodges. He did not think it necessary to go into particulars as to what had been done with regard to the proposed Masonic School, the scheme submitted by the Committee having been approved by a general meeting of all Masons. The different Lodges and other Masonic bodies had to confirm the votes already made by them; and he moved that a vote of 100 tael, passed at the last regular communication of the District Grand Lodge, be confirmed. The proposition was seconded by Bro. E. P. Lalcaea, and carried unanimously.

The District Grand Master intimated that the new regalia agreed to be ordered had arrived, and he was pleased to say it was all in good condition. Bro. Spencer had added to the order sent by forwarding two handsome banners, and he had been communicated with on the subject. The bill for the whole was 270 taels, the cost of the banners being eighteen guineas. Some discussion took place as to whether the banners should be kept or returned to Bro. Spencer, and on the motion of Bro. Thorne, seconded by Bro. Gubbay, it was decided that the banners be kept, and that the Treasurer be ordered to pay Bro. Spencer's bill.

An interesting incident then took place in the shape of the presentation of an address to Bro. Cornelius Thorne, who sent in his resignation at the Regular Communication on that day last year. It had been hoped that his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master would be pleased to request that Bro. Thorne should retain office as long as he remained on these shores; but at the Regular Communication in January last, a letter was read from the Grand Secretary, informing them that his Royal Highness had accepted his resignation, with regret; and conveying his thanks to Bro. Thorne for his services there. The brethren of the District Grand Lodge then unanimously passed a vote of thanks to him for his past services, which had been duly recorded on the minutes; but they could not permit such services to be acknowledged only in a slight manner, and they drew up an address which he (the speaker) now presented to Bro. Thorne.

The address was to the effect that the brethren resident within the District of Northern China, in view of his resignation of the high office of District Grand Master, which for upwards of seven years he had filled with honour

to himself and advantage to the Craft, could not permit him to retire without giving expression to the feelings which they believed to be unanimous amongst those of the brethren who had enjoyed the pleasure of his personal acquaintance, or had been brought into contact with him in Masonic affairs. After relating the circumstances under which Bro. Thorne was selected by his Royal Highness the Worshipful Grand Master to preside over the District Grand Lodge, and how with an unselfish desire to open to others the road to advancement in the Craft he placed his resignation in the hands of his Royal Highness, the address went on to say the brethren could not forget that on Bro. Thorne devolved the task of inaugurating the District Grand Lodge, and that to his own personal abilities and active and impartial performance of the duties of his exalted office, the District Grand Lodge owed its present position. Peculiarly placed in Shanghai, at a common meeting point of several Masonic jurisdictions, his wise counsels had cemented that unity which should at all times characterise Masons; and those within their reach had learnt that above the distinctions of Grand Lodges to which each Mason in his place owed allegiance, there was yet a higher bond of unity in the Craft, and that every worthy brother might with confidence look forward to occupying his station in that Grand Lodge above, "where the World's Great Architect for ever lives and rules." Whilst recognising his beneficial influence as a ruler in the Craft, they could not omit to pay a just tribute to his private worth. Whether as a man or a Mason, he had equally won the good opinions of his fellow residents; while as a Mason he had ever sought to discharge his duty towards the Craft, as a man he had always been actuated by a desire to be foremost in every good work. True to the principles of our Order, the world had known that in him it had found one to whom the distressed might apply for succour, and to whom the wounded heart could pour out its sorrows. In conclusion, the brethren felt assured that while health and strength permitted, and whether it be Bro. Thorne's lot to continue to reside amongst them or return to his native land, he would ever be ready to afford good counsel in time of need. They prayed the Great Architect of the Universe to grant him long life, health, and prosperity, and that when it should please His Almighty wisdom to call him from this sublunary abode, he might ascend to the mansions of eternal bliss.

The address, which was in the form of an illuminated volume, and a very pretty piece of art, received the signatures of the brethren, not only of the Lodges in the district, but also of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, working under American jurisdiction. The brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, working under Scottish jurisdiction, had decided to address Bro. Thorne separately.

Bro. Cornelius Thorne, in acknowledging the address, said:—

I hardly know how to sufficiently thank you for this further proof of your kindness and goodwill towards me in presenting me with this address. It is much more than I could have anticipated. On the last occasion that the District Grand Lodge met you were kind enough to pass a special resolution acknowledging my services. What further could I have expected? But this address is another expression of your goodwill towards me, and it is an assurance that my Masonic duties have been discharged in a way that has not been altogether a failure, and I sincerely thank you. It has always been my earnest desire to do all that I could to promote the prosperity of Masonry. I have fallen short, yes, very short, of that standard to which I desired to attain. But, brethren, I can honestly say that my shortcomings have been those of the head and not of the heart. It has been my earnest desire to see Freemasonry taken up by the members of the Craft in all sincerity—that no one should enter the Fraternity simply for the purpose of calling himself a Freemason, but when once admitted he should act up to the moral law, so beautifully illustrated in our lectures—so as to become a true and faithful brother amongst us, and following the dictates of truth, honour, and virtue, he may be the better enabled to unfold the beauties of true godliness—that he should remember the solemn duties which as a M.M. he has undertaken to perform—that he may never forget that wherever he is, or whatever he does, the All-seeing eye of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe beholds him—for, brethren, if we so act, we shall, as we are taught to do, set an example to all mankind, as well as to our brethren, and thus prove the beneficial effects of our noble Institution. Brethren, excuse this digression. I am losing sight of the fact that I am not here to deliver an oration on Masonry, but to thank you for that kindly and fraternal feeling which has prompted you to present me with this address. I do so from the bottom of my heart. I do not forget that it is to your willingness to support me in my office, and to the obedience you have always shown to my decisions, that my seven years of rulership have been attended with some measure of success. To the various Officers of the District Grand Lodge I am most deeply indebted for the manner

in which they have assisted me to carry on the work in the district. More especially do I owe my thanks to our esteemed Worshipful Bro. Johnford, who for a period of three years performed the arduous duties of Deputy Grand Secretary, and who by his care and attention has materially assisted me in my labours and promoted the interests of the District Grand Lodge. I am pleased that I have been relieved of the responsibility of naming my successor. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master kindly allowed you to make your own selection, and I have no doubt that he will readily accede to the choice you have made. Under the rule of my late Deputy I trust peace and harmony will reign throughout the district, and I am perfectly sure that if you, brethren, will only assist him in the discharge of his duties in the same manner in which you have assisted me, and will submit in the same graceful manner to his rule as you have done to mine, that this District Grand Lodge will continue to flourish and be an example to other districts. To my brethren of the Scotch and American Constitutions, I am also deeply grateful for the manner in which they have always received me amongst them, and for this further mark of their appreciation and goodwill towards me in joining with you in the testimonial you were so desirous to present to me. I can assure you that it is a great pleasure to me to know that before I had resigned my office, steps had been taken to form a Masonic School. It is true the scheme has not advanced very far at present, but I think sufficient progress has been made to lead us to hope that before long it will be established, and if it is presided over in a proper manner, it must prove a blessing to the junior members of our community, be they children of Masons or of non-Masons: and here, brethren, I must again warmly thank you for listening to my suggestion, and consenting that the money subscribed as a testimonial should be placed in the form of a Scholarship in this School which is to be established, and I am sure you will agree with me that you will do me a greater honour in this way than by presenting me with some personal token of your esteem. You will thus have the opportunity of seeing the result of your contributions in inducing young people to study here, and by that means not only improve themselves, but become good members of society. It confers upon me a double honour; it will cause my name to be associated with what I trust may become a benefit to others. I fear I have detained you too long, and yet I feel I have not sufficiently thanked you for the many kindnesses I have received at your hands. In the last paragraph of this address that you have presented to me you have kindly promised to offer up your prayers to the Great Architect of the Universe on my behalf. And, brethren, should these prayers be fully answered, the time will come when we shall all meet in that Grand Lodge above, there to enjoy that rest and happiness promised by the Great Architect of the Universe to all who believe in Him and act up to His Divine commands. May He be with us and direct us in all our undertakings now and evermore.

Bro. C. H. Dallas, D.G.M. of Japan, in an able speech, thanked the D.G. Lodge for the kind manner in which his presence had been noticed, expressing the hope that the two D.G. Lodges would ever work in peace and harmony. The D.G.M. heartily reciprocated the good wishes of Bro. Dallas. Bro. Kingsmill drew attention to the fact that there were no Lodge banners in the District Grand Lodge. At their next meeting he hoped to see the banners in their proper places, and the proper Officers about them. The D.G.M. concurred. There was no reason why the Lodges should not be represented under their banners, and the D.G. Pursuivant would please take note of the wish expressed. There being no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in form, and with prayer by the District Grand Chaplain.

The consecration of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, will take place on Monday, the 14th instant, at three p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, Holborn. The ceremony of consecration and installation will be performed by Very Worshipful Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England, assisted by other Grand Officers. Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.M. P.P.J.G.W. is the W.M. designate, W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.S.G.D. S.W. designate, W. Masters J.W. designate. A banquet will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, at 5.30 p.m., for which early application must be made, as dinner will be provided for those only who procure tickets before the 14th December.

The Cama Lodge, No. 2105, will be consecrated on Wednesday, the 16th instant, by the Right Worshipful Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. The Provincial Grand Master will be assisted by the following:—Bros. R. H. Thrupp D.P.G.M. Middlesex, J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary Middlesex as S.W., Henry Lovegrove P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex as J.W.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## IMPERIAL GEORGE LODGE, No. 78.

THE regular meeting of this old fireside Lodge was held on Thursday evening, 26th ult., at the Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton. The Lodge was opened, in due form, with solemn prayer, at six p.m., by the Worshipful Master, Bro. R. Birtles. This was election night, and the W.M. had the pleasure of seeing a goodly muster of brethren, and all his right Loyal Officers, with three visiting brethren from neighbouring Lodges. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, there being no other business, the election of Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, and the appointment of a Charity Representative, was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—The Senior Warden, Brother W. H. Withington, who six years back was initiated into Freemasonry in this Lodge—after serving the several offices of Steward, the Deaconships, and filling both of the Wardens' chairs, in all of which offices he had displayed much energy and zeal—was unanimously elected W.M. of the Lodge, the highest honour it was in the power of his fellow members to confer on him. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Birtles, in announcing the result of the ballot, expressed his belief that the brethren had made a happy selection, and he felt sure Bro. Withington would discharge the duties with satisfaction to himself and credit to the Lodge. Bro. Withington having suitably responded, the election of Treasurer was proceeded with, and resulted in the re-appointment of Bro. Harvey Heywood P.M., who is a justice of the peace for Middleton, and has been a member of this Lodge for upwards of twenty years. This worthy brother received the well-merited congratulations of the brethren. The election of Charity Representative was declared to be unanimously in favour of Bro. Peter Lawton P.M. D.C. Bro. Kent was re-appointed Tyler. Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer at 7.30. The usual well-provided repast was served in the dining-room, by the host of the hotel. After spending a most enjoyable evening, the brethren took a fraternal leave of each other at ten o'clock.

## CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE installation meeting took place on Tuesday, 1st instant, at the Café Royal, Regent-street. Present—Bros. H. S. Lee W.M., G. J. Jones I.P.M., W. C. Smith S.W., F. Hill J.W., J. Hammond P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Shand P.M. Secretary, E. B. Cox S.D., C. M. Brander J.D., W. G. Higgings I.G., Radclyffe W.S.; P.M.'s J. Waugh and T. W. Eastgate, and thirty-four of the brethren of the Lodge. The Visitors present were Bros. G. Cowley S.D. 1044, F. Kinpler P.M. 1044, Carton 1044, J. Hopper 1515, Smythe 1338, Hutchinson 1338, H. E. Perle 2030, T. Hawkins 2030, A. C. Hignry P.M. 1714, C. H. Schmidt 1227, Atkinson P.M. 1648, S. A. Cooper P.M. 1637, G. Boulton P.M. 1604, W. Barham 88, J. Graham 382, E. Appleyard 177, Turner 1765, S. Farlough 1150, A. Farlow 1150, H. Brock 145. After the I.P.M. had raised six brethren, and passed two to the degree of F.C., he initiated four gentlemen into the mysteries of the Order. He then proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, which ceremony was done in masterly style, especially considering the very heavy evening's work. The business of the Lodge being ended, it was closed in due form, when the brethren proceeded to a most sumptuous banquet. After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master; he could say no more than wish the Lodge might have as good a Master as they had had in him as an officer. In reply, the Worshipful Master briefly stated that he would do all in his power to enhance the prosperity of the Lodge. When he was initiated he little thought of ever being in the proud position he was in that night. Bros. Brock, F. Atkinson P.M. and Cooper P.M. responded to the Visitors' toast, all passing glowing eulogiums on the working, and especially congratulating the Lodge on the splendid balance shown in its favour. The Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Past Masters and Officers, all of whom he thanked for their kind assistance. The pleasures of the evening were enlivened by the assistance of the Organist of the Lodge, Bros. E. J. Hoare, Hammond, Bolt, &c.

## HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

An emergency meeting was held on Saturday, 28th ult., at the Railway Station Hotel, Harrow, under the presidency of Bro. W. A. Scurrah W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove I.P.M. and Treas., C. J. Axford S.W., Phillip Cheek J.W., C. P. McKay P.M. Sec., W. M. Stiles P.M. (honorary member), R. M. Surridge S.D., W. H. Burgess J.D., H. Webb I.G., S. Barfoot D.C., and the following visitors:—J. Brown 1445 and W. W. Morgan jun. The W.M. proceeded to confer the third degree on four brethren, and afterwards initiated a gentleman into the Order. A discussion on some private business followed, and Lodge was closed. Refreshment was afterwards partaken of, and in due course the customary toasts were honoured. The toast of the Queen and of the Grand Master was coupled, followed by that of the Grand Officers of England, to whom the W.M. said Freemasons owed much. The health of the Past Grand Master, Sir Francis Biddell, was most enthusiastically received. Sir Francis was known as a thorough gentleman, a worthy Master, and a beloved ruler. Brother Thrupp, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Officers of the Province were next toasted. The Provincial Officers were anxious to do their duty as loyally as the Officers of any other Province, and deserved the respect of all with whom they were associated. Bro. Axford replied, tendering thanks for the toast. Bro. McKay proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Lovegrove the I.P.M. having been obliged to leave. The present ruler of the Henry Levander Lodge was one of the most genial

Masters ever known in Freemasonry. He had that day raised four brethren in the Lodge, but had given each of them the benefit of a separate ceremony, which had greatly added to the impressiveness of the work performed on their behalf. Bro. Scurrah tendered his thanks. He felt that responding so often to the kind way in which they proposed his health rendered his remarks somewhat commonplace. He really did not know how to show fully his recognition of the compliments the brethren continually showered on him. He assured them he appreciated what the brethren of his Lodge did for him, and felt towards every member of it as he did towards those of his own family. He had done the work to the best of his ability in the past—for the good of Freemasonry in general, and for the benefit of the Henry Levander Lodge in particular. He should always take an especial interest in the Lodge, which was the first in which he had attained to the high office of Worshipful Master. Bro. Scurrah next proposed the health of the Initiate, to which Bro. Dolling, the newly admitted brother, responded. Other toasts were the Treasurer and Secretary, to which Bro. McKay responded; the Visitors, both of the guests replied; and the Officers, which was responded to by each in turn.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., 2nd instant. Bros. Saint W.M., W. Belchamber S.W., J. Egan J.W., P.M. Shackell Acting Preceptor, McMillan J.D., J. Lashbrook I.G., King, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. King candidate. The first and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Belchamber, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Belchamber was elected W.M. for ensuing week, Bro. Egan proposed that an Audit should be made. Bro. Shackell seconded this proposition, which was carried. Lodge was duly closed, and adjourned to Wednesday next at seven o'clock.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 27th November, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Bros. Botley W.M., Turner S.W., Cammell J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, King S.D., Gillett J.D., Thomas I.G., and Maton. After preliminaries the first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M. and brethren. Lodge was opened in second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. C. E. Botley candidate. Bro. Turner was afterwards elected W.M. for 4th December.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## DOMATIC CHAPTER, No. 177.

THE Companions of this Chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, 26th ult., with Comp. Webb M.E.Z., Briggs H., Cabitt J., Fendick P.S., Cottebrune S.E., Hubbard S.N., Austen 1st Assistant, Thomas 2nd Assistant, and Buss Treasurer. Bro. Covell having been approved, was entrusted, and exalted to the supreme degree. The usual routine business being completed, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned for refreshment. After the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts, Comp. Buss proposed the health of the Acting M.E.Z., who had ably filled the chair in the unavoidable absence of that officer. Comp. Webb thanked the Companions for the pleasant manner in which the toast had been received, and assured them that he was always ready to do anything to advance the interests of the Chapter; especially gratified was he on this occasion, when the work comprised the exaltation of a brother who had paid so much attention to the ritual as their new Companion had done; he had great pleasure in proposing his health. Companion Covell returned his thanks, especially alluding to the kind and impressive manner in which the ceremony had been rendered, and assured the Companions that he was delighted at being accepted a member of the Domatic Chapter. The health of the different Officers was proposed, and duly responded to by these Companions. Lastly, the health of the Visitors was given:—Companions Morse and Dr. Corrie Jackson H. 534. The Janitor's toast was then duly honoured, and the Companions separated at an early hour.

**Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, No. 355.**—This young and flourishing Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., Friday, 27th ult. Present—Bros. F. Binckes P.G.W. Grand Secretary, C. E. Soppet W.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, J. L. Mather P.M. Old Kent Lodge T.I. Preceptor; J. Willing jun. W.M., W. M. Stiles S.W., W. A. Scurrah J.W., G. Gregory M.O., H. Dickey S.O., J. H. Batty J.O., G. Morley P.M., C. J. Knightley Secretary, W. J. Ferguson S.D. (all of Royal Savoy Lodge 355), A. Ganned Brixton Lodge as I.G.; and Bros. Carter, Edmonds, Millar, Beeglymer, and others. The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed by Bro. Willing jun., the W.M. of the parent Lodge; he was supported in their respective posts by his Officers, who conducted their various duties to the satisfaction of all present; while the Grand Secretary expressed his pleasure with the working, and congratulated the W.M. on the success of the meeting. Bro. J. L. Mather, the Preceptor, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Binckes, kindly promised to rehearse the ceremony of consecration at an early date. Lodge was then closed.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting of this Association was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, when Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M. 180 was re-appointed President of the Association, Bro. J. While P.M. Vice-President, and ten other brethren members of the Committee, with Bro. W. W. Snelling S.D. 1541 Secretary. Bro. Snelling announced that he had received on account of the Association subscriptions amounting altogether to £1642 0s 10d, and that he had paid over to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons' Fund £482 10s, and to the Widows' Fund the sum of £316 7s; to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys £341 5s; and to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls the sum of £393 15s. After providing for expenses of printing and postage the sum of £80 12s 8d remained in bank towards ballots already drawn. By means of this useful Association brethren and their friends may become Life Subscribers or Life Governors of the various Masonic Charities, by payment of the small sum of 4s per month. We strongly recommend all brethren who are not Life Subscribers or Governors to become such through the medium of this or a similar Association. Bro. Snelling will be pleased to forward Prospectus and Bye-Laws of his Association to any one making application for the same.

A Masonic *conversazione*, in connection with the Province of Surrey, is arranged to take place on Thursday evening next, at the Assembly Rooms, Greyhound Hotel, High Street, Croydon, and extensive preparations are being made to ensure a numerous and successful gathering. The affair is under the patronage of the Provincial Grand Master of the Province (R.W. Brother General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B.) and Mrs. Brownrigg, and many of the officers of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, and the Committee is headed by Brother F. West P.M. and Treasurer 1328 as Chairman, with Brother J. D. Langton P.M. No. 1 as Treasurer, and Brother C. H. Woodward P.P.G.W. P.P.G.N. Surrey as Secretary. We hear that there is already a large demand for tickets, and a very strong gathering of the leading Masons of the Province and their lady friends is confidently anticipated. A most attractive programme is in course of preparation.

### REVIEWS.

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*Ye Earlie Englyshe Almanack, 1886; with a Treatyse on the Occult Science of Mesmerism, Thought-Readyng, and Seconde Syghte.* London: Imprinted and solde by T. Pettitt and Co., 23 Frith Street, Soho, W.

We have before us a third annual issue of this quaint and unique almanac, which, as its title implies, is got up after the old English style, and which displays many features of improvement over previous numbers. These are set forth in folk-lore manner in the editor's preface, which is itself a literary curiosity, and there is, moreover, a vein of dry humour running through the whole of the volume, which is a perfect marvel of comprehensiveness, originality, and cheapness. There are ancient carols, and racy verses for certain festivals of the year, such as St. Valentine's Day, the Annunciation (the date usually fixed for what are termed Lady-tide vestries), "Maye Daye," Bank Holiday, &c., whilst interleaving the monthly calendars, are chapters on folk-lore, "old Englyshe" merriments, health notes, astronomical, meteorological and other observations, garden operations, and a host of other interesting subjects, all treated in a Chancery vein, and thus made doubly attractive. This almanack is quite an originality in its way, and should command a very extensive circulation.

### THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Vaudeville.**—"Loyal Lovers," a comedy in four acts, from the French play, "Voyage de M. Perrichon," was presented here, with success, on Wednesday afternoon last. A cockney tradesman, who has amassed sufficient money to retire upon, goes on a tour to the Mer de Glace, his wife and youthful daughter accompanying him. Two young friends, who are both in love with the fair daughter, also set out on a tour. They meet, make known to each other their intentions as regards the young lady, and both agree to conduct an honourable contest and win her as best he can. While on his travels one of these is lucky enough to save the father, old Coverham (Mr. Thomas Thorne), from falling over a precipice; he thus secures the sympathy of the family circle. The other, by pretending to fall down a dangerous precipice, gains to his side the old man, who is naturally proud of his supposed achievement. Consequently our young friend never tires of telling Coverham the boundless gratitude he owes him for his bravery in saving his life, and in the end, as a

matter of course, secures the old man's daughter. Mr Thorne, in the character of Coverham, is seen to perfection; he keeps the house in continual roars of laughter. Miss Lavis took the part of Mrs. Coverham, while Miss Kate Rorke that of the daughter. It is to be regretted such a powerful actress as Miss Kate Rorke should have to play so insignificant a character; there is little for her to say, and little to be done. The weakness of the piece, however, is in its want of female characters. Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Everard, the two lovers, played their parts with vigour and success. Mr. Mackintosh was loudly applauded for the manner in which he portrayed the part of a retired French officer. We have no doubt the piece will soon take a place in the regular bill.

**The Japanese Village.**—The Japanese Village, which, until its destruction by fire a few months since proved a great attraction to a large number of Londoners and visitors to the metropolis, has been rebuilt on its former site, and is now open, with similar but greatly extended claims for public favour. The new structure is, indeed, a handsome and capacious range of buildings, constructed of brick and iron, and erected with every modern appliance to lessen the risk of fire. The familiar temples and tea-houses in the new home gather around a Japanese garden, and the work-shops have been multiplied till the village has grown into the representation of a goodly-sized town. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and the public have profited by the destruction of the former miniature Japan in having substituted for it an ampler scene, biased with more varieties of this form of Oriental life than could be crowded into the previous one, which, nevertheless, proved uncommonly inviting. Among the natives there are a number of new faces. All, of course, wear the quaint dress of their country, and look so impassive when sitting about unoccupied, that it is sometimes difficult to say whether they were living persons or merely the counterfeit presentments thereof. But this is only one of the peculiarities of a dignified Oriental people, which find picturesque and vivid illustration in the new hall at Albert Gate.

**Institute of Painters in Oil Colours.**—There are only a few really good pictures in this exhibition, and these are not, it is almost needless to add, by artists who have made a name. No. 87, by T. R. Way, is a charming little picture, painted simply and finely, of an old French courtyard with the typical French house with green blinds. Solomon J. Solomon sends a Frenchy clever picture, No. 78, of a drawing-room, with furniture, gas lights, lamp shades, and finally people. Admirable as is this painting in parts,—for instance the head of the old gentleman and the servant in the background,—the picture is all to pieces; there is no atmosphere or distance, and the central figures are common-place and out of keeping. Possibly the best thing in the exhibition is the "Portrait of my Mother," No. 197, by L. Bernard Hall, which is hung too high to allow of distinct appreciation. However, it looks very well there. The best landscape by a long way is that by Julius M. Price, "Blackwall," No. 689, a genuine London effect, red, struggling in faint blue, on the misty river, admirable in composition, tone and feeling, and painted with fine restraint. Mr. T. B. Kainington's "Fancy free," No. 426, is spirited, but rather too flourishing and loose both in drawing and painting. Mr. Henry Moore's "After a Storm," No. 372, is wonderfully true, but hard. We prefer this artist's "Moonlight in the Channel," No. 475, which is quite as truthful and more broadly painted. There are some clever genre pictures; Nos. 7, 125, 364, 518, 535, are all good in their way, especially the last, by J. B. Clark, which is excellently painted. These are about the only pictures of real interest in the exhibition, which is on the average of very poor quality. There may be some other good works hidden away in corners but the search for them involves much trouble.

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### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

ON Wednesday evening the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was held at Freemasons' Hall, when the chair was occupied by R.W. Brother W. W. B Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, who was supported by Brother the Hon. Mr. Justice Prinsep D.G.M. of Bengal acting as Deputy Grand Master, the Marquis of Hertford G.S.W., V. A. Williamson as G.J.W., and a very full attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers. Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read by Bro. F. Richardson P.G.D., in the absence of the Grand Secretary, through indisposition. The minutes having been confirmed, a communication was read from the Most Wor. Grand Master to the effect that it having come under his notice that distinguished brethren representing this Grand Lodge at the foreign Grand Lodges had not hitherto been invested with any badge to mark their position as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England, such as had generally been presented by those foreign Grand Lodges to the English brethren representing them in this country, his Royal Highness had been pleased to approve of a jewel (design of which accompanied the letter), to be conferred upon each of the brethren in question, to be held and worn by them while actually officiating as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England. The brethren signified their approval of the jewel. Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts P.M. 2030 moved the re-election of the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year, in doing which he briefly referred to His Royal Highness's services to the Craft, which were graven on every Mason's heart. The nomination was received with great applause. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune then proposed Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year; Bro. D. P. Cama was nominated for that position by Bro. Dr. F. Ernest Pocock W.M. 1891; Bro. R. B. Martin P.M. and Treas. 1506 was nominated by Bro. J. Gibbs W.M. 1613; whilst Bro. W. R. McConnell W.M. 1610 proposed Brother Samuel Pope, Q.C., a P.M. of his Lodge. Brother W. Burdett-Coutts, (after the brethren had decided not to hear any advocacy of the personal claims of the four nominees) said his nomination had taken him by surprise, and he should be unwilling to stand in the way of other brethren who had greater claims than himself. His only merit would be that he had been instrumental in establishing a large and powerful Lodge, at the present moment in a district with which he was more or less personally connected; but at the same time he recognised there were claims of seniority and distinction which entitled one at least, if not others, to priority of choice for the office of Grand Treasurer. Whilst gratefully acknowledging the compliment paid him, he trusted they would permit him to withdraw from any competition. The acting Grand Master then announced that the Grand Master had appointed Brother Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. as President of the Board of Benevolence, and that Bros. James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. were chosen by the brethren as Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, no other brethren having been proposed. The following twelve brethren were declared elected as Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence:—

Brother BRITTEN, GEORGE POLE, P.M.	183
CULL, THOMAS	1446
DAIRY, CHARLES	141
GILLARD, GEORGE P.	657
HOGARD, CHARLES F.	205
MERCER, DAVID D.	1641
PERRYMAN, WILLIAM H.	3
READ, GEORGE	511
SPAULL, FRANCIS R.	1768
STORR, EDWARD FRANCIS	22
TAYLOR, ROBERT J.	144
WILLING, JAMES JUN.	1987

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the last

quarter, in which were recommendations for grants amounting in the aggregate to £1,060, was adopted. The Board of General Purposes reported a balance in the Bank of England of £3,115 13s 1d, in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £8 4s. On the motion of Bro. Thomas Fenn (President of the Board), the report was received, and entered on the minutes. Five appeals (particulars of which were given in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE) were considered,—from Bombay, Melbourne, Gisborne, Rangoon, and Jersey; the first four cases were very properly dismissed as frivolous, but in respect of the fifth, the suspension of the appellant, after a considerable time had been expended over the consideration of the facts, was removed. Brother H. Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, then moved:—

That one thousand pounds (£1,000) be paid from the Funds of the General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the Funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to assist in defraying the expenses incurred by the purchase of the land recently determined on.

In doing so he recounted the action that had been taken by the Committee appointed for the purpose, to which reference has been exhaustively made in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and on the motion being seconded by Bro. G. P. Britten, it was carried unanimously. Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren separated.

### MARK MASONRY.

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#### GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

ON Monday a special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Holborn Restaurant, for the purpose of considering, and if approved, adopting the Revised Book of Constitutions. The chair was occupied by the M.W.G.M.M.M. the Earl of Kintore, and amongst the Grand Officers present were Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton D.G.M., Rev. Canon Portal P.G.M., A. M. Broadley P.P.G.M.M.M. as G.S.W., F. Davison P.G.W. as G. J.W., Colonel Somerville Burney G.M.O., Adlard as G.S.O., J. E. Le Feuvre as G.J.O., Rev. T. W. Lemon Grand Chaplain, F. Richardson G. Registrar, J. Moon G. Treas., F. Binckes P.G.W. G. Sec., G. Mickley G.J.D., G. Graveley G.I.G., R. Berridge P.G.O. G.D.C., D. P. Cama, M. B. Williamson G. Stwd., C. F. Matier P.G.W., &c. There were also in attendance a numerous body of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of Private Lodges. Grand Secretary read several letters of apology for unavoidable non-attendance from many distinguished brethren. After the usual preliminaries, the Grand Master announced that the Revised Constitutions, as recommended by the General Board, would be submitted in sections of twelve, and if no objections were raised to any of the articles he would declare them carried. The Constitutions, as revised, were adopted, and on the motion of Most Worshipful Brother the Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M., President of the General Board, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Revision Committee, and especially to Bros. R. Berridge and A. Williams for their very successful labours. The Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason directed that the minutes of the meeting should be submitted for confirmation at the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge on the following evening, when it would be in the power of competent brethren to move amendments, if any were deemed necessary. Lodge was then closed in ample form.

THE Half Yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of the Earl of Kintore, who was supported by Lord Egerton of Tatton Deputy Grand Master, the Marquis of Hertford Grand S.W., F. Davison as Grand J.W., &c. Grand Lodge having been opened, and some routine business transacted, it was resolved to refer the printing and distribution of the new Constitutions to the consideration of the General Board. The Report of this body set forth that 680 certificates had been issued in the half year

ended 30th September, a large increase over corresponding periods in previous years. The total number of registered advancements was now 20,876. Five new warrants had been granted in the half year,—for Durham, Kew Bridge, Natal, Liverpool, and Amlwch. The number of certificates issued in the degree of Royal Ark Mariner was 89, bringing the total registered elevations to 1866. A warrant for a new Ark Lodge had been granted to Finnemore Lodge, Natal, attached to Finnemore, No. 358. The appointment was notified of Bro. J. Walker, J.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, in succession to Brother the Rev. C. Davy, who resigned in consequence of ill-health; and of Bro. Colonel George Singleton Tudor, D.L., as Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, *vice* Brother Lieutenant-Colonel Gough, LL.D. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master had been pleased to accept the office of Representative from this Grand Lodge near the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and Lord Henniker, Past Grand Mark Master Mason, had accepted the office of Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland near this Grand Lodge. The Board having received personal explanations from the Worshipful Master and Secretary of a Lodge, recommended that the brother referred to be confirmed in the rank and restored to the privileges of a Past Master on payment of the sum of two guineas for necessary dispensation. A nominal fine of half a guinea was imposed in the case of irregularity in the installation of a Worshipful Master, and the rank and privileges of the brother as Past Master were confirmed, notwithstanding he had not completed the full term of twelve months. In a similar case from another Lodge, Grand Lodge was recommended to confirm the brother in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of two guineas. The Worshipful Master of a Lodge informed the Board that in his installation he had unconsciously violated Art 64, page 13, Book of Constitutions, not having been qualified as Worshipful Master of a Craft Lodge, and, through ignorance, not having procured the necessary dispensation; at the same time expressing his deep regret at having committed a breach of the Constitutions. The Board recommended the Most Worshipful Grand Master to issue a special dispensation to cover the irregularity on payment of a fine of one guinea. The Board having been informed that the Worshipful Master elect of a Lodge had been installed without the presence of a Past Master, cancelled the so-called installation, and directed that the outgoing Worshipful Master should continue in office until his successor be legally installed. The subscriptions announced at the Seventeenth Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, held last July, at the Crystal Palace, under the presidency of Brother the Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, were £1721 16s 6d; more than double the largest amount ever previously received. In consequence of this success, the Board had been enabled to admit without election the whole of the candidates for educational grants; and, in accordance with the desire of a large number of brethren, they recommended Grand Lodge to sanction the establishment of a fund for granting annuities to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons and their Widows; and that such fund should be constituted by a grant of £1000 from the invested Fund of Benevolence, £105 given specially by Lord Egerton of Tatton, and one-third of all amounts subscribed at the last and future Benevolent Festivals. The Board further recommended that all monies received should be invested, and the interest only be appropriated to the purposes of the Fund, it being proposed as a beginning, to grant an annuity of £20 to each of two men, and £16 to each of two widows, to be elected by ballot. Satisfaction was expressed at the arrangements made for the Moveable Grand Lodge at Liverpool, in July last, and also with the hospitality extended to the visiting brethren. The Board confidently recommended the adoption by Grand Lodge of the Revised Book of Constitutions, upon which a Committee of this body had been engaged for over 12 months; and recommended also a vote of fifty guineas to the Preparatory School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, enabling Grand Lodge to obtain the special voting privileges offered by that Institution. The Board had ordered the investment of £500 on account of the Educational Fund, and £300 on account of the Benevolent, making the total invested funds as follow: General Fund, £2,900; Benevolent Fund, £2,300; Educational Fund, £1,900. The Board had granted relief in three cases, amounting to £25, and recom-

mended grants for confirmation by Grand Lodge, in eight cases, amounting to £165. The recommendations were adopted. The total receipts for the year on the General Fund were £1,179 13s 5d; leaving a balance in hand of £200 12s 1d; the receipts on the Benevolent Fund were £1,272 15s 3d, of which there remains a balance of £328 3s 9d; and the income of the Educational Fund was £616 13s less £25 15s 7d which had been overdrawn. The accounts having been passed, Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal moved that Grand Lodge sanction the formation of a fund for granting annuities to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons, and Widows of Mark Master Masons; he said the question arose as to how such a fund was to be raised. The General Board proposed, first of all, to vote £1,000 to the Annuity Fund from the invested Fund of Benevolence, which now amounted to £2,678. During the past five years they had spent on an average £120 per annum in assisting cases as they arose. The very large sum (£1,721 16s 6d) produced at the last Festival was owing, no doubt, in a great measure to the exertions of the Stewards, and the very able advocacy of the fund on the part of the Deputy Grand Master. He thought they might reckon that they would never have less than £1,000 at their Anniversary Festival; and on that estimate, which was well within the mark, they would have £333 handed over to the Benevolent Fund from the Festival each year. Supposing that to be the case, they could very well afford to give £1,000 from their present invested funds, and then leave ample for the purposes of the Benevolent Fund, as the cases arose year by year. He referred to the munificent gift of 100 guineas by the Deputy G.M., which he hoped would enable them to admit at once two men and two widows, to be elected by ballot. The whole sum they asked Grand Lodge to give would be invested, and the interest applied only to the Fund. Grand Lodge might rest satisfied that after giving £1,000 from the Benevolent Fund they would have sufficient left for any cases of benevolence which might present themselves within the next twelve months, as their annual expenditure had never exceeded £120. They might reckon on having £300 a-year from the Festival Fund, and then they would have £1,678 left invested. The whole matter had been carefully considered, and he had no hesitation in recommending Grand Lodge to grant this sum, and to allow one-third of all subscriptions at the last and future Festivals as a means of creating the necessary nucleus of the Fund. The motion having been seconded by Bro. F. Davison Past Grand Treasurer, was carried unanimously. The Grand Master said their next business was the nomination for the ensuing year of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason, and he had a nomination to make which he thought would be received with the utmost satisfaction, not only by this Grand Lodge, but by all Mark Master Masons. He had the greatest pleasure in proposing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and in nominating him for the high office he (the speaker) now held, he had his Royal Highness's authority for saying that if he was elected, he would be very willing, and more than willing, to accept that high honour. The nomination was received with loud and prolonged applause. Bro. Henry Venn nominated Bro. James Moon for re-election as Grand Treasurer; and amongst other matters disposed of regret was expressed at the death of Bro. C. T. Speight, the Grand Tyler of the Order; and Bro. Colonel Bignold suggested that as the next Moveable Grand Lodge was to be held at Norwich, a date should be fixed during the Royal Agricultural Society's meeting in that City, as the Prince of Wales would be there, and he might attend Grand Mark Lodge. The suggestion was favourably received by the Grand Master, and Grand Lodge was then closed. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of Brother Lord Egerton of Tatton, when the usual Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 5th December 1885:—

Monday—Scottish Hospital, Premier Conclave. Tuesday—Albion Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Officers' Mess. Thursday—Metropolitan Dairymen's Association, Westminster and Keystone Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge, Victoria Rifles Lodge, St. James's Chapter. Friday—Royal Kensington Lodge, Thistle Lodge, Odd Volumes.

## THE PRINCE OF WALES AT BIRMINGHAM.

THE Prince of Wales visited Birmingham on Friday, the 27th ult., for the purpose of visiting the Jaffray Suburban Hospital, founded by the proprietor of the *Birmingham Daily Post*, for the reception of chronic and convalescent cases from the General Hospital. The Prince arrived at two o'clock from London, and was received at New-street Station by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Martineau); the Town Clerk, Mr. J. Jaffray; Lord Leigh, the Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire; Major-General Willis, commanding the Northern Division; Majors Knollys and Coke Collis, Colonel Fielden, and other gentlemen. Tickets to witness the arrival had been issued by the Railway Company to about 15,000 ladies and gentlemen, and when the Prince stepped from the saloon carriage in which he had travelled he was received with round after round of cheering. The band of the 1st Warwickshire Rifle Volunteers, which Corps provided a guard of honour, played the National Anthem. The station had been most elaborately decorated, and the scene presented was very bright and animated. On alighting the Prince shook hands warmly with Mr. Jaffray, the Mayor, and Lord Leigh, with whom he remained in conversation for several minutes. He was accompanied by Lord Snfield (Lord in Waiting) and Colonel Ellis, his Equerry. Three carriages were in waiting at the end of the station. In the first of these sat Mr. John Lowe and Capt. Boulbee, representing the Cattle Show Society; in the second Lord Leigh, Gen. Willis, Colonel Ellis, and the Town Clerk; and in the third, an open landau, with four horses and out-riders, were the Prince, Lord Snfield, the Mayor, and Mr. Jaffray. The procession, escorted by a troop of Hussars, left the station at a walking pace, and proceeded through the town to the Hospital, which is situated several miles from Birmingham, at a village called Gravelly Hill. The streets all along the line of route were more or less decorated with banners, flags, and shields, by Messrs. Defries, of London. The chief embellishments were in New Street, Corporation Street, Aston Street and Aston Road. The thoroughfares were thronged by spectators, and the Prince met with a most gratifying reception at every point, the cheers being continuous from the time he left the station until he reached the hospital. There he was accorded a most enthusiastic greeting by a large crowd, which, notwithstanding the severity of the weather (and during the whole of the day it was most inclement), had gathered in front of the Institution. The Prince was presented by Mr. A. Baker, Chairman of the Hospital Committee, with an elaborately wrought gold and silver key, with which His Royal Highness unlocked the door of one of the wards. Proceeding to a room which had been set apart for the formal ceremony, the Prince was presented by Lord Brooke with an address of welcome. In reply his Royal Highness said:—

Lord Brooke and Gentlemen,—I thank you for your address, and for the welcome which you offer me on the occasion of my visit to the Suburban Hospital. Both the Princess of Wales and myself take a sincere interest in anything relating to the arrangement and administration of hospitals; and while, therefore, it gave me great pleasure to accept your invitation to perform the duty which I have just fulfilled, it was a matter of deep regret to the Princess that circumstances prevented her from accompanying me here to-day to take part in a work which so specially occupies our attention. I myself, in common with all the inhabitants of this district, offer my tribute of thanks to the generous founder of this Institution, who, assisted by some charitable friends, has come forward in the most munificent manner to fill a serious want, and to relieve the strain which was placed upon the resources of the General Hospital by erecting this building for the reception of all cases of a chronic nature. This new departure marks a fresh era in hospital organisation, and I venture to think that it is one deserving the liberal and warm support of the benevolent, as well as of all those who approve of the movement. I cannot doubt of its success, and I earnestly pray that the bright example which has been so nobly set may be followed by other communities, and that ere long we may see establishments of a similar useful character in the course of erection throughout the kingdom.

Lord Leigh, as Grand Master of the Warwickshire Province of Freemasons, presented an address to the Prince, in reply to which the following address was handed to the noble Lord:—

"BRETHREN,—I have read with feelings of deep satisfaction your loyal and fraternal address, and I can assure you that I am much gratified by the warm terms in which you welcome me here to-day. I learn with pleasure that the munificent founder of the Suburban Hospital is a most respected member of the Craft, and I rejoice to find that we number amongst us a brother who comes forward so nobly in the cause of charity. I earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will watch over and protect the interests of this Institution, and that it may be the means of affording relief to the many patients who, victims to chronic disease, will meet in this branch establishment with all the care and attention that kindness and medical skill and foresight can devise."

Two cheques of the value of £1,250 each were handed to Mr. Jaffray, one from a private donor, and the other from the Birmingham and Aston Licensed Victuallers' Association, for the endowment of beds in the Hospital. The Prince of Wales gave Mrs. Jaffray a copy of the presentation key in the form of a brooch, and shortly after the Prince declared the Hospital open. Subsequently, his Royal Highness proceeded to Gravelly Hill Workhouse, where he was presented with an address by the inmates. Thence he drove to Ferry Hall, where he will be the guest of the Hon. A. G. C. Calthorpe during his stay in the neighbourhood. —*Evening Standard*.

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## THE UNIVERSALITY OF FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A choice little illustration of this subject recently came under my observation at a banquet at which I was a Visitor; and I think it is too good to "waste its fragrance on the desert air." Under the impression that many other brethren might like to hear the story, I will relate it as nearly as memory serves me. In responding to the toast of the Visitors, a venerable Past Master said he was aware that religious and political subjects were strictly prohibited in Masonic Lodges, and he did not intend to break that wholesome law. But as a Jew he must make a few remarks. Whatever their religion, Masons acknowledged each other as brethren; they were children of the same parents, inhabitants of the same planet, partakers of the same oath; and each had Eternity in view. In Masonry they were joined hand in hand with every being on the face of the earth; religion, politics, colour or clime made no difference from that point of view. Then our esteemed brother related, with greater detail, and I am afraid with much greater eloquence than I can even fairly convey, a circumstance which occurred to him a quarter of a century ago, when he was Master of a very old Lodge in the West of England. He said "Our Organist, who was in a very bad state of health, and felt his end approaching, said to me when I visited him in his sick chamber, 'Worshipful Master, I have a very particular request to make to you; and I promised him that if it were within my power, to grant it. It was that the brethren of his Lodge might be allowed to follow him to his last resting-place, and accordingly on his death I wrote to the Provincial Grand Master, who gave me a dispensation permitting the brethren to walk in procession at our brother's funeral. His remains were brought to the Lodge-room, and taken thence to the burial-ground, where there were between 1,000 and 2,000 persons assembled around the grave, having come from various places. We had invited several brethren from neighbouring Lodges to join in the procession, and amongst them was a Turkish brother, wearing a turban and Oriental dress, and also a man of colour whom a gentleman had brought from abroad as his servant. I instructed the Director of Ceremonies to place these two brethren hand in hand in the procession, and they walked thus to the churchyard. The minister having completed the burial-service, I took the head of the grave, having the Chaplain of the Lodge before me, with the Volume of the Sacred Law, and I read a funeral address. At that time a variety of interesting observations were made. One said, 'There is So-and-So—a Jew—reading prayers over a Christian brother, and close by there is a Turk and a negro hand in hand. What a beautiful symbol of the universality of Freemasonry!' Then, continued the speaker, 'the observations made respecting this funeral were most gratifying to me, showing that there is no distinction between Christian, Jew, Turk, or Ethiopian; they are each of them children of the Great Architect of the Universe, as God and Father of us all.' The 'old man eloquent' spoke much more than I can recollect, but the above little outline may prove of some interest to your readers, should you think it worthy of a corner in the columns of your valuable and much-prized journal.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

SCRIBO.

We have just had presented to us a notice intimating that Brother G. S. Graham intends giving his twentieth grand annual concert, at St. Andrew's Hall, Balham, on Tuesday evening next. Our old and genial favourite will be assisted on the occasion by an array of talent such as is rarely brought together, except at special times, in the South of London, and we may anticipate a treat, if one may judge from the judiciously selected and varied programme issued. To the readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE the name of Brother Graham "needs no bush," for who does not recollect him, in early days, when his singing and whistling formed such a novel and attractive feature of the entertainments at which he was the principal figure? Although we entertain a feeling of regret mingled with our pleasure in revisiting Brother Graham's concerts, seeing that a couple of decades remind us that we are growing older, yet we can assure our readers that our versatile brother is yet able to amuse and entertain his audiences, and that his transatlantic experiences recently have not detracted from his inimitable powers of pleasing. We anticipate that in completing his twentieth year of public life, in contributing to the wholesome recreation of a very wide circle of friends and supporters, he will meet with a very cordial reception next Tuesday, at Balham.

## 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, 5th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 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)  
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 875—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 1466—Horn Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## MONDAY, 7th 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  
 88—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)  
 189—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 9 (In)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (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)  
 191—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue  
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.  
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven  
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 156—Harmony, Hyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple  
 339—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
 391—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
 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  
 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester  
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
 622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield  
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, 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  
 1414—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 1444—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Acerrington  
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea  
 1574—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 1793—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, 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, 8th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street  
 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City

235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steppay (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.  
 840—Dalhousie Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 9 (Inst)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Hefley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 9. (Instruction)  
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.

R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)

R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

83—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield  
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton  
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich  
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wodnesbury  
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Locominster  
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge

1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington

1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)

1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey

1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex

1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc

1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon

1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge

1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham

R.A. 70—St. John's, Hyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth

R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley

R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Salford

R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead

R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford

R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter

M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## WEDNESDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3

3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 9 (Instruction)

11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich

15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street

30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)

72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)

87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth

117—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford

193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)

223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 9 (Inst.)

232—The Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)

720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7 (Instruction)

781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.

913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)

927—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppins-square, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)

902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)

1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.

1308—Lodge of St. Joan, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E

1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 9. (Instruction)

1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)

1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street

1596—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood

1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palace St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)

1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel

1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)

1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mar Pur, at 9. (Instruct)

1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea

1718—Contarion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct

1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields

1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 9. (In.)

R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Aldersgate, Regent-st., at 7 (Instruction)

R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)

M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale

146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton

191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire

204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich

281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

493—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend

567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick

606—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor

758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire

851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing

852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford

854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham

972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth  
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burley  
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford  
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes  
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove  
 R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple  
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool  
 R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford  
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

## THURSDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

- 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 233—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1168—Southern Star, Pleasance, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1195—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1791—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly  
 R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.  
 K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter  
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.  
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1201—Roid, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester  
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable  
 R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.  
 M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.  
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

## FRIDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (L.)  
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)  
 1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leale Hall St.  
 R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In.)  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme  
 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

- 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate  
 1037—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland  
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax  
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gr., London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 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)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
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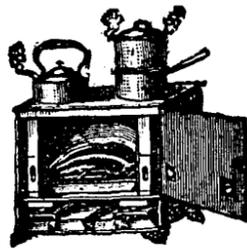
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