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IS NOISE AN ESSENTIAL TO ENJOYMENT?

DURING the last few days the British roughs have been trying to demonstrate, in various centres of civilisation, that noise is essential for their enjoyment, or at all events that they can find some amusement in creating disturbances, and making themselves a nuisance to their fellow creatures. It is true a few of them have gone much further than this, and have committed outrages which have called forth the strongest condemnation, and which, it is to be hoped, will be severely punished. But a large number—by far the majority—have contented themselves with shouting, and creating as much noise as is possible, to the annoyance of all who heard them, and with no good result to themselves. Yet, in a measure, we can excuse all this noise considering the source from whence it has come. Many of those who have been loudest in creating the uproar have hardly known better, while they have been led astray by popular agitators; men who are for ever urging the masses to excesses against good order and regularity. But what can we say of almost similar conduct among educated men; men who have been taught, and who know better; men who are moving in good spheres of life, and who are well acquainted with the laws—unwritten though they may be—which govern properly organised society? Such behaviour from these is disgraceful, and calls for the strongest condemnation, even if it should not be carried beyond actual reproof.

There are some Masons to whom noise appears to be an essential to enjoyment, especially at the banquet table, and to such as are so circumstanced we commend the above paragraph. If they could see themselves as others see them, could realise the fact that their frequent shouts for a glass of wine with Bro. So-and-so was the greatest of nuisances to their more peaceable neighbours, they would perhaps see they were quite as great offenders against good order as the loudest of the shouters who, during the past few weeks, have proved such an annoyance to the peaceable citizens of London and other towns, and considering they stand much higher in the social scale they are deserving of stronger reproof than the poor ignorant masses, who have gone wild in response to the rabid utterances of practised agitators. Is it necessary for these brethren to make themselves a nuisance to all around them before they can say they have enjoyed their evening? If so, the sooner it becomes generally known the better, as we may then be able to set apart two or three Lodges for these over "enthusiastic" brethren, and let them shout among themselves, to their heart's content—on condition they do not annoy their fellows whenever they may find themselves outside one of their reserved centres. We can appreciate enthusiasm in a good cause, or hearty enjoyment at the festive board, as well as any one, but the excess to which some brethren go is far beyond the one or the other, and is, we again say, deserving of the strongest condemnation. We have known a few of these lively spirits to monopolise an evening, to call down upon themselves the censure of the Worshipful Master, to bear the criticisms of Past Masters and Visitors alike, and to go away feeling they had had a good time of it, and really believing they had contributed to the harmony of the meeting. How can we hope to convert such offenders as these? We should be sorry to suggest anything un-Masonic, but really they deserve to have

their own weapons turned upon themselves. Let us go, again, to the popular agitators, and take example from them; in short, let us "boycott" those who annoy us, and when they shout for a toast let all who desire to maintain peace and comfort decline to acknowledge it. There are plenty of methods by which one friend can attract the notice of another, without continually shouting across the tables, to the annoyance of those around, and the sooner this is generally recognised the better it will be for all concerned.

WHY AM I A FREEMASON?

A TRAVELLER on a long journey gets weary sometimes, and finds it necessary to pause for rest and refreshment. While resting and meditating, he naturally takes a retrospective view of the way already travelled, the place whence he came, the rough and rugged places, it may be, over which he has passed, the running brook where he has slaked his thirst with its limpid water and plucked vernal flowers from its green and fertile banks. He then takes a prospective view of the road yet to be travelled. It may be he is going home to see his loved ones, either on this side of the "dark river" or beyond. In either case the object is delightful and the thought transporting. Supposing it to be a road he has never before travelled, the following questions cannot fail to engage his earnest attention: Am I in the right way? and is it a safe route to travel?

The writer of this article, having "travelled East" for many years, is inclined to meditate on the spot where he is now resting, and inquire:

Why am I a Freemason? and is that route a safe one to travel?" To me the answer is not difficult nor embarrassing.

It is because Freemasonry is a social organization, instituted by virtuous men, and based upon the broad, liberal and sublime principles of morality and religion. Its first grand principle, underlying it, and interwoven with all of its ceremonies, is the belief in one true and living God, the Supreme, intelligent First Cause of all things. Hence, no atheist can be made a Mason; and any Mason who may become an atheist cannot remain a member without being guilty of the greatest hypocrisy.

The second great truth inculcated is the belief in a resurrection to eternal life. Nothing can ever efface from the mind of a Mason the doctrine of immortality, so beautifully and forcibly taught by the legend in which the sprig of acacia is found blooming at the head of the grave of the departed, and which doctrine is symbolized when the evergreen is deposited upon the remains of a departed Brother.

In addition to these fundamental truths, the Fraternity lays down as moral axioms the four cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, the practice of which makes a man an upright and honourable citizen. But it does not stop there, for justice without charity is as cold as an iceberg. The social virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, which are the "tenets of a Mason's profession," must be added to give symmetry to moral character; and which will make a man what his Maker intended he should be, namely, a social being—the depository

tory of whatsoever is pure, whatsoever is lovely, and whatsoever is of good report among his fellow men.

To complete the system of truth adopted and inculcated, the Fraternity teaches most impressively the *Christian* virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity—faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind. It does not divorce morality and religion, but teaches the most reverential worship of the great I Am. Founded upon such principles, its votaries cannot be classed as men of "one idea." It is not an insurance company for making pecuniary investments with the assurance of remuneration in dollars and cents. Neither is it a temperance society, organized for the simple purpose of inculcating one of the cardinal virtues, however commendable that assuredly is. It is infinitely broader than any association that does not aim at perfecting its members in all that pertains to true manhood.

What other human association can boast of constantly inculcating, in all its ceremonies, a more perfect code of moral and social ethics than that which we have just been describing. Our whole system of moral and religious truth not only demonstrates our faith in God, but in the Bible which is ever open upon our altars, sending forth its sweet incense to permeate the minds and hearts of all who come within our sacred retreat.

Freemasonry does not claim to be the Church nor the State, and yet it is a support of both. It has always embraced among its members many of the ablest divines and some of the most brilliant and distinguished statesmen; in fact, men of every rank and station in life. Its success is due, in a great measure, to the fact that it is non-sectarian and non-political in its organisation. It does not interfere with any duty we owe to God, our country, our neighbour or ourselves, but on the contrary enforces all those duties in the strongest manner. It is a charitable institution, linking its members together "by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection," and seeking to "unite men of every country, sect and opinion."

It may be said by our opponents, "We do not object to your principles, but all Masons do not live up to them." We admit and regret that some Masons do not live up to their principles, and yet all must admit that no society, moral or religious, has ever succeeded in making all of its members pure and upright. We must not forget the parable of our Saviour, in which it is said: "Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in the field? from whence then hast it tares?" The reply was, "An enemy hath done this." An enemy has been sowing tares among the wheat ever since.

Again, it may be said: "We object to secret societies." Why, and on what ground? We admit that a secret society, organised for wicked and selfish purposes, is decidedly objectionable. For example, one whose purpose it is to overthrow the government of a free people, or for violating the laws of the government. Every society must be judged of by its principles and practice, and not because it may or may not have secret tokens and signs of brotherly recognition, or pledges of personal relief in case of danger or distress. If that postulate be true, and we do not see how any one can successfully controvert it, there can be no just grounds for objecting to the Fraternity of Freemasons. Secret tokens and pledges of friendship have been quite common in all ages of the world. In the first persecution of the Christians under Nero, they had their secret tokens and passwords of brotherly recognition for mutual protection.

I will illustrate what I conceive to be a lawful and laudable secret among brethren. Every reader of the Bible will readily recognise this beautiful passage of Scripture: "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." That promise, made to the victor, contains a secret token and pledge of friendship. It is quite probable that St. John here alludes to the custom among the Romans of giving tokens of friendship called the *tesserae*. We will mention two kinds of these tokens or pledges. First, the *tesserae convivales*, which answered to our cards or tickets of admission to public feasts or banquets. Then there were the *tesserae hospitales*, which were given as a badge of friendship and alliance, and on which some device was engraved. A small oblong square piece of wood, stone, or ivory, was taken and divided into two equal parts, on which each of the parties wrote his own name, and then interchanged it with the

other. Each one carefully preserved his part, and by producing it when they travelled gave the bearers a mutual claim to all the hospitality their respective houses could afford. No one could know the meaning of the name or device upon the *tesserae* but the contracting parties that interchanged them; and could at any time verify the contract by comparing them—"which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." It is a beautiful illustration of the value of such tokens and pledges of friendship as will bind virtuous men more closely together in all that pertains to noble deeds of charity and brotherly kindness. And no Mason should ever lose sight of that as one of the grand objects of the Brotherhood of Free and Accepted Masons.

"Ideal fabrics to unrear,
Some men think all our art;
But little think what plans we draw
To form an upright heart.

Our plumb we poise, and clear each clog
That hangs about the string:
And each unruly passion's flight
Within the compass bring."

My conclusion is that Freemasonry, in its plan and purposes, is the best and purest social organization outside of the Church of the living God. Its moral and religious creed is eminently liberal and practical, and is intended to promote the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. That it does not succeed in making all of its members pure, virtuous and benevolent, must be attributed to the corrupting influences of evil times and customs, against which the Church, as well as Freemasonry, has had to contend with varying success. I know of no stronger bond of union in all that relates to a virtuous life than that imposed upon the Masonic Brotherhood.

"Upon this rock we'll stand when worlds,
T' oblivion all shall tend;
Our brethren as ourselves we love;
To all mankind a friend."

—*Freemasons' Repository.*

MASONIC DISTURBERS.

THERE are a few in the Craft who may be called Masonic disturbers; who are never easy without creating dissension, and if more numerous would be classed as Masonic destroyers.

How little do such persons regard the principle that peace and harmony are the strength of all institutions.

We do not allude to those who, having the interest of the Lodge or Chapter at heart, never hesitate to express their opinion when they think the funds are likely to be misapplied, or when some action is to be taken that may interfere with the prosperity of the body with which they are connected. Such members are sometimes wrong in their ideas; but yet they mean well, and speak according to their convictions. They may be looked upon really as the preservers rather than the destroyers.

But there are some who have the desire to rule, either in a station or on the floor, and if unable to accomplish their object, will do their best to ruin. We have met a few of this kind. For a time, charity for their weaknesses may cause the Lodge or Chapter to be indulgent until the infliction becomes painful, and the offender is, as it were, "sat upon."

Then is exhibited the spirit of malignancy, only too well known in some bodies, where one individual can and will prevent the Lodge or Chapter from working. In some cases it is also manifested by attacks made in the public press under a *nom de plume*, on individuals, thereby causing feelings of bitterness which should not exist. In the end, however, this will rectify itself, and the disturber finally find that he is either outside the pale of the Fraternity, or regarded as one who ought never to have belonged to it.

Let Masonic disturbers be warned in time.—*New York Sunday Times.*

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and Influenza the Pills taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When Influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the over-gorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of escaping from suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which the health of so many is seriously and permanently injured in most countries.

A ROYAL COMMISSION.

A DOCUMENT of unusual interest to the Masonic Fraternity of this State was quite unexpectedly received a few days ago by ex-Alderman William E. Pine, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. It is a commission from the Grand Lodge of England, appointing Mr. Pine a representative of that body to the Grand Lodge of this State, and bears the autograph of His Royal Highness, Albert Edward Prince of Wales and Grand Master of England. It is elaborately engrossed on a large skin of parchment, some of the lines being embellished with initial letters in gold, blue and red, and the penmanship of the document is equal to fine copper-plate engraving. This is the first English commission crediting a representative to the New Jersey Grand Lodge, and there are very few, if any, Masons in the United States who have been thus honoured by the head of the English Fraternity.

The following is a transcript of the commission, the signature of the Prince of Wales occupying the upper left-hand corner :

ALBERT EDWARD, G.M.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful and Worshipful Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Jersey, and all others whom these presents may concern.

Health, Peace, Unity !

We, the Grand Master, in our own names and on behalf of the Right Worshipful and Worshipful the Officers and Brethren of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, being most desirous of establishing relations of amity and brotherly love between the United Grand Lodge of England and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and the several Lodges and brethren under their authority and sanction respectively, and in token of the great confidence reposed in, as well as the high consideration entertained for, the Honourable William E. Pine, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint him Grand Representative and the Representative of the Grand Lodge of England in the said Grand Lodge of New Jersey, charging him our said Representative, at all times and upon all occasions, to use his best exertions to promote and maintain the integrity, the honour and the welfare of the Masonic Craft at large, and to testify our good will, high consideration and fraternal regard towards the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his officers and brethren of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey, whereby the bond of union may be strengthened and the interests of the Fraternity promoted. And we do hereby confer upon our said Representative ample powers to do and perform all such Masonic acts as by the laws and usages of the two Grand Lodges the Representative of a sister Grand Lodge may do and perform.

With fraternal greeting we do request the Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Jersey to receive our said Representative, whom we charge to assure the Grand Lodge of our high respect, and of our cordial desire to operate with them in every effort that can be made to preserve the purity and usefulness of Ancient Freemasonry throughout the world.

Given under our hand and seal of our Grand Lodge, at London, this 7th day of November, A.L. 5885, A.D. 1885, by command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c.

(Seal). LATHOM D.G.M.

SHADWELL CLERKE G.S.

The Commission was duly presented at the meeting of the Grand Lodge last week, and Mr. Pine received in accordance with the expressed wish of the Royal Craftsmen.—*Newark (N.J.) Sunday Call, 31st January.*

PALESTINE COMMANDERY, No. 18, K.T., OF NEW YORK CITY.

PALESTINE Commandery, No. 18, K.T., stationed at New York City, gave its eighth annual reception in the Metropolitan Opera House, on Thursday evening, 14th January. This occasion was one of the most brilliant events of the social season. Palestine Commandery is distinguished for two things, namely, the earnest interest its members take in the maintaining of all things which are for the honour of the Order, and for the large and generous hospitality with which on an occasion like that of the past reception visiting Knights are received and entertained. The preparations for the event had been in the hands of an efficient committee a long time previous, and when the evening arrived everything was completed by the best of good times. The Opera House was in gala array and resplendent with light when the Knights and their ladies and the many guests arrived. The decorations were made under the superintendence of Sir Mitchell Halliday. All nations were represented in the flags which adorned the fronts of the boxes, while the principal features of the display of light and colour were of an emblematic character, appropriate to Templary. The stage had been transformed into a tent, in the rear of which was a platform for the Grand Officers, garlands of flowers and statues being displayed upon and about it. A large passion cross of white flowers, with a smaller Templar cross of red flowers, was a conspicuous object, which was

made by Mrs. Milton Frost, of Detroit, and presented by her to Palestine Commandery. A cross formed in gas jets surmounted the flowers, and these also flamed out, in tongues of fire, the motto, "*In Hoc Signo Vinces*," above the cross, while the name "Palestine, No. 18, K.T." appeared upon the cross itself. The beauseant of the Commandery was in front of the proscenium arch, and on each side were representations of Knights in armour. The guests were received by Em. Sir James W. Bowden, Em. Commander, Chairman of Committee on Invitation, and as the Knights in their rich uniforms, and the ladies in their elegant costumes gathered, the scene was one of great beauty. Cappa's Seventh Regiment band, 110 pieces, discoursed charming music as the throng grew; and as the boxes filled and the more restless ones moved about the aspect was inspiring. After an overture from Verdi's "Sicilian Vespers," and selections from the "Mikado," the band struck up a grand march, "Palestine Commandery," composed by Signor Cappa, during the performance of which Grand Commander R.E. Sir Peter Forrester and his staff were escorted to the platform. Then followed an inspection and review by the Grand Commander, in which appeared delegations from Columbian Commandery, No. 1; Morton, No. 4; Clinton, No. 14; Cœur de Lion, No. 23; De Witt Clinton, No. 27; Manhattan, No. 31; Ivanhoe, No. 36; Constantine, No. 48; Bethlehem, No. 53; York, No. 55; St. Elmo, No. 57; Greenwood, No. 58; and Palestine, No. 18. Following this inspection was an exhibition drill by the Drill Corps of Palestine Commandery, composed of thirty-six Knights, under the command of P. Em. Sir Eugene S. Eanson. The several movements, including various emblematic formations, were admirably executed, in fact almost, if not quite, to perfection, and were observed with marked interest. Dancing followed, with an extended order of dances, which occupied the time till nearly daybreak. Among the guests present were Mayor William R. Grace; Hugh J. Grant, Sheriff of the city; V.E. Gen. Sir Charles Roomo, Acting Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States; R.E. Sir Eli C. Birdsey, P.G.C. of Connecticut; R.E. Sir John W. Simons, Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of the United States; R.E. Sir Peter Forrester, Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of New York; E. Sir Albert G. Goodall, Grand Generalissimo; R. C. Christiance, Grand Treasurer, and Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of New York. From the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, R.E. Sir Thomas W. Tilden, Past Grand Commander; R.E. Sir John H. Ackerman, Grand Commander; E. Sir Edward W. Price, Grand Generalissimo; E. Sir Isaac C. Githens, Grand Captain General; E. Sir Thomas Godson, Grand Prelate; E. Sir Albert D. Winfield, Grand Standard-Bearer, and E. Sir Charles Slee, Grand Junior Warden. There were also present Most Worshipful Brothers Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master; Washington E. Connor, Grand Marshal; Wor. Herman G. Carter, Grand Librarian; George H. Raymond, Grand Lecturer, Col. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of New York, Sir Holland of St. Bernard Commandery, Chicago, E. Sir Robert M. Lawrence, of Westchester Commandery, No. 42, New York, and Sir George W. Latimer, of Detroit Commandery, Michigan, as well as delegations from Washington Commandery, Newport, R.I.; Apollo, No. 1, Chicago, Ill., and St John's, No. 4, of Philadelphia, Pa., who lent their presence on this festive occasion. Noticeable among the throng hailing from Massachusetts were Eminent Sir Charles E. Pierce, Commander of St. Omer Commandery, of South Boston and an honorary member of Palestine. On his suite were E. Sir Charles J. Noyes, P. Com., and Sir Charles H. Porter Junior Warden of St. Omer, and Sirs Frank H. Mudge and George S. Carpenter, of De Molay Commandery, of Boston, and Sir George W. Frye, of Godfrey De Bouillon Commandery, of Fall River—each of whom, with the exception of the two Knights last named, were accompanied by their wives. India was represented by V.E. Sir K. Arthur Saunders, Prior of the Grand Priory of Madras, India, and District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England in India.

Eminent Commander Bowden and the Officers and Knights of Palestine were ubiquitous, and unwearied in their exertions to promote the happiness of all participants, and their efforts for this Eighth Annual Reception were crowned with success. Long live Palestine Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar!—*Keystone.*

AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can any of your readers enlighten me with regard to the general practice in reference to Lodge Benevolent Funds? First, Will Grand Lodge sanction a Bye-law embodied in the General Bye-laws of the Lodge—1. Establishing such a Fund; 2. Fixing the proportion of subscriptions; 3. Setting forth the sources from which the money is to come—collections from members and guests after or during banquets; 4. Constituting the body to administer the Fund? Such a Bye-law I fancy gives the Lodge something of the semblance of a Friendly or Benevolent Society, and I cannot but think that it is better altogether to omit it from the general Bye-laws and to deal with the matter by separate and distinct regulations.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

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THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, held at the Red Lion Tavern, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, E.C. Bros. J. R. Stacey P.M. 1541 W.M., Larchin P.M. 1541 S.W., Gush P.M. 1541 J.W. First lecture—Bros. Tacon, Skelton, Spon, Snelling, Squirrel, Larchin, Gush. Second lecture—Bros. Shipwright, Dury, Kearney, Jenkins, Stubbins. Third lecture—Bros. Beck, Fox, Shaw.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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TEMPLE LODGE, No. 101.

THE installation meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held on Tuesday, 2nd inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, when there was a goodly muster of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. E. J. Altman, who was well supported by his Officers. Amongst the array of Visitors were Bros. Hyde Clarke P.D.G.M. of Columbia, Kempton W.M. Temple Bar Lodge, Capt. Pash W.M. Fitzroy Lodge, Ansell P.G.D. Grand Lodge of Turkey, Capt. Durrant P.M. Lewis Lodge, Gellion P.M. Hyde Park Lodge, Edwards P.M. 917, Snellgrove 907, Butcher 569, Birkett 569, Nelson Reed P.M. 1592, S. Temple 569, Llewellyn 12, Oakshott 1058, Martin P.M. 23, Hellier 1624, Walton 1257, Batt 1579, Stacey 575, and many others. Lodge opened, and after the transaction of routine business, which included the adoption of a satisfactory report from the Auditors, Brother T. A. Bullock, Superintendent of the Eastern Telegraph Company, Old Broad-street was presented for the benefit of installation, the ceremony being most efficiently performed by the outgoing Worshipful Master. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted with the customary honours in the three degrees, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. Altman I.P.M., E. S. Lardner S.W., Round J.W., Reynolds P.M. Sec., J. Bond P.M. Treasurer, Beard S.D., Wilson J.D., Bagley I.G., Hastelow D.C., Williams W.S., Potter Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered with much ability and elocutionary effect by Bro. Altman, his working eliciting expressions of admiration. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Worshipful Master as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the year. At the conclusion of the business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, which was served for the first time in the new and splendid rooms of the Ship and Turtle, under the admirable superintendence of Bro. Ashby, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren gave unqualified satisfaction. After dessert the Worshipful Master gave the Queen and the Craft, the toast being followed by the National Anthem; after which he proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., which was loyally received. He then gave the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, in doing which he spoke of the ability and judgment with which the affairs of Grand Lodge were administered by the rulers of the Craft. Bro. Hyde Clarke P.D.G.M. of Columbia, in responding, eulogised the Temple Lodge both for its traditions in the past, and its sound position and excellent prospects at the present time. He also congratulated the officers and brethren upon the admirable and efficient manner in which the ceremonies of the day had been performed, and concluded by wishing for Bro. Bullock a very happy and prosperous year of office. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, alluded to the creditable manner in which Bro. Bullock had passed through the minor offices of the Lodge, and expressed his firm conviction that he would fulfil the duties of the chair with honour to himself and with satisfaction to the brethren. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said he regarded it as most auspicious for any Master to be so well supported by the Officers and members of the Lodge. His conviction was at least equal to his hope that their distinguished Visitors would leave them that evening with favourable impressions formed by the work they had witnessed in the Temple Lodge. For himself, he regretted exceedingly that his experience as a Mason, in his own opinion, scarcely fitted him for the exalted position to which it had pleased the brethren to elect him; still he could not but be gratified with the unanimity with which that honour had been conferred upon him. Their distinguished Visitor, Bro. Hyde Clarke, was singularly competent, by his experience in many parts of the world, to judge of the merits of any Lodge; he had in his capacity of District Grand Master visited the four quarters of the globe; and the complimentary way in which he had spoken of the working of the Temple Lodge could not fail to be highly gratifying to himself (the speaker) as it must have been to all the Officers and brethren present. He hoped he might realise the wish which had been expressed by the proposer of the toast that he might enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office, and promised to use his utmost efforts for the promotion of the welfare of the Temple Lodge. He then proposed the I.P.M. and Installing Master, and in doing so paid a deserved compliment to Bro. Altman for the ability with which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office, and the splendid manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony that day. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Altman, who thanked the brethren heartily for the tangible recognition they had made of the services he had been able to render to the Lodge. For the Visitors, who received a most cordial greeting, Bros. Ansell P.G.D. Turkey, Capt. Pash P.M., and Capt. Durrant P.M. responded, in suitable terms. The W.M. coupled the toasts of the Past Masters and the Secretary and Treasurer, for which responses were made by P.M.'s J. Bond and Flack. The W.M., in proposing the Officers of the Lodge, made happy allusion to the admirable way in which the whole of the Officers discharged their duties on all occasions, and congratulated the Lodge, in anticipation, upon having, in their Senior Warden, Bro. Lardner, a Master to follow him (the speaker) next year. He could not resist the temptation to specially refer to the working of their Junior Warden, whom he ventured to predict would, in his turn, fill the chair when it became vacant in a manner seldom, if ever, excelled by any Master of the Temple Lodge. Bro. Lardner having replied, the list was appropriately concluded by the Tyler. During the evening there were excellent songs and recitations, amongst those who contributed to the enjoyment of the company being Bros. Frank

Williams, H. J. Reynolds, E. Lardner, A. Beard, S. Temple, Birkett, &c. A most agreeable and harmonious evening was passed.

ST. GERMAIN'S LODGE, No. 566.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, for the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. the Rev. Henry Greeves P.M. P.P.G.C. North and East Yorkshire (Vicar of Wistow), and the investment of Officers was held in the Lodge room at Selby, on Friday, the 14th instant. The Installing Master was the D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Pearson Bell P.G.D. England. The following is a list of the Officers:—Bros. George Dixon Todd I.P.M., W. N. Cheeseman S.W., T. G. P. Barlow J.W., Rev. Thomas Cheese, B.A., Chaplain, G. W. Hudson Treasurer, W. Rawling P.P.G.O. Secretary, Captain Hawdon S.D., Mark Scott P.M. J.D., Staniland P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., W. Leatham and W. Staniland Stewards, Charles Turner I.G., Pearson Tyler. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Londesborough Arms Hotel.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th instant, in the Masonic Rooms, King-street, Manchester, and more than unusual interest was attached to the proceedings of this meeting from the fact that a gentleman was being proposed as a candidate for initiation who a few weeks since had been refused by the Wolsley Lodge, because of the occupation he was engaged in. As will be seen from the following list of names a large number of visiting brethren attended:—Roger Walker W.M., Seth Wrigley S.W., John Jordrell J.W., Alfred B. Outram I.P.M. and Treasurer, D. Edwards Secretary, Ernest Jones S.D., Charles L. Griffin J.D., Charles J. S. Bennett Organist, B. White D.C., A. Williams I.G., James Sly Tyler; T. Campbell, T. W. K. Stunt, Frank Creane, N. Battersby, W. H. Clayton, D. Langridge P.M., Thomas Fallons P.M., John Smith, W. H. Lofthouse, W. Duncan P.M. Visitors—Bros. Broughton 1345, George Parker 1083, Charles Claber W.M. 467, J. Priestman 1011, John Bell I.P.M. St. John's, W. T. Norton P.M. 1161, John Wilson 1993, Thomas Quick jun., 1993, H. Darbyshire P.M. 1993, E. Nathan P.M. 1798, W. Allcock 322, T. H. Stansfield J.W. 167, John Hatton P.M. 1458, Ridgeway 1993, Erams 1009, A. H. Jeffries W.M. 1161, W. Holyock 1993. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Walker, at 7.15. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edwards P.M. of the Lodge, and first Master of the Wolsley Lodge, proposed the candidate referred to in a well-considered speech, wherein he gave an eminently satisfactory account of the antecedents of the applicant. The proposition was seconded by the Worshipful Master, and at his request a visiting Past Master, who fills the office of D.C. of the Wolsley Lodge, strongly supported the proposition. The ballot was then taken, and it proved unanimous in favour of the candidate. With his usual courtesy the W.M. invited Bro. Edwards to perform the ceremony of initiation, which this distinguished Brother did in an able and eloquent manner. The working tools were afterwards explained by Bro. Jordrell J.W. most efficiently. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. John Smith having answered the necessary questions was entrusted, and he retired. The Lodge was again advanced, and Brother Smith was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees, when Bro. Fallas P.M. proposed a candidate for joining. Heartily good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and Lodge was closed in due form at 9.45. The brethren and visitors, who, before the commencement of business had partaken of a splendid knife and fork tea, provided by Mrs. Edwards, were now invited to the festive board, and were regaled in the heartiest manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been gone through, Brother Edwards was deputed by the Worshipful Master to propose the toast of the newly initiated Brother. This he did in a long and earnest speech, his remarks being frequently applauded by the members and visitors present. Brother Watson replied in graceful terms. The toast of the newly raised brother was then proposed by Brother Jones, and responded to by Bro. Smith in a manner which led all present to suppose that in him they had a promising and enthusiastic Mason. The toast of the Visitors was proposed by Brother Langridge P.M., and responded to by a number of the visiting brethren, who expressed admiration at the excellent working of the W.M. and his Officers, and referred to the liberal catering at the festive board. After a most harmonious and enthusiastic meeting the proceedings were brought to a close at 11 p.m.

ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.

IT is some time since so numerous and representative a gathering of Freemasons has been witnessed in the City as that which took place on Monday evening last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Edward Young Jolliffe P.M. 1400 as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. W. H. From. This Lodge, although comparatively young, has displayed the most gratifying evidences of vitality and progress, and numbers in its ranks many prominent members of the Craft, including the Lord Mayor; the Past Grand Treasurer of England (Bro. J. Derby Allcroft), and representatives both of Grand Lodge and of the Corporation of the City of London. By its steady and consistent support of the Charities attached to the Masonic Fraternity, it has already gained an enviable prestige amongst the metropolitan Lodges, and the assemblage on Monday evening of so many Grand Officers and others holding high rank in the Craft gave the most satisfactory

evidence of the position which has already been gained by the Aldersgate Lodge. The brethren assembled soon after five o'clock, when the Lodge was opened under the presidency of the retiring Master, Bro. W. H. Froom, who was supported by Bros. S. White I.P.M., E. Anderton S.W., J. Renals, C.C. (acting as J.W.), A. Brookman, C.C., P.M. Treasurer, Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette (of Christ's Hospital) P.G. Chaplain Middlesex Secretary, A. B. Hudson, C.C., J.D., J. Larkin D.C., F. Crockford I.G., C. W. Lovett Organist, E. F. Brewster Fuller and M. R. Webb Stewards, G. Rawlinson W.S., Colonel S. H. Clerke P.G.D. Grand Secretary, and the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, F.S.A., I.P.M. 2020 (honorary members); P.M.'s J. D. Allcroft P.M. Past Treasurer, G. Kenning, Dr. S. Benton; Bros. P. E. R. Saillard, T. Benskin, W. S. Chapman, H. Matthews, W. W. Thompson, J. Shorler, H. Thomas Tyler, and others. The minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Finance Committee was submitted and adopted. It was resolved that the sum of 25 guineas should be voted from the funds of the Lodge in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The retiring Worshipful Master then vacated the chair, which was assumed by the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and Bro. Jolliffe was presented as Worshipful Master elect. A Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and the ceremony of installation was performed in a masterly manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honours, after which he invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. W. H. Froom I.P.M., Edward Anderton S.W., George Vickery J.W., Alfred Brookman, C.C., P.M. Treasurer, Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette P.M. Secretary, Joseph Reynolds P.M. S.D., A. B. Hudson, C.C., J.D., Fredk. Crockford I.G., John Larkin D. of C., C. W. Lovett Organist, Edmond F. Brewster Fuller and Matthew R. Webb Stewards, Geo. Rawlinson W.S., H. Thomas Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were effectively delivered by the Installing Master, whose working was much admired. On the arrival of the Lord Mayor, he was greeted with the honours. His Lordship was informed that at the last meeting, on the proposition of Bro. A. Brookman, he had been unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The Lord Mayor briefly acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to him. At the conclusion of some routine business the Lodge was closed, and the members and visitors adjourned to the banquetting room, where a sumptuous repast was provided under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. P. Swayne, the manager of the Albion. The usual prefatory toasts were duly honoured, that of the Grand Officers being responded to by Bro. Colonel Sir F. Burdett Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Froom, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, felt assured they would receive the name of Bro. Jolliffe with enthusiasm, for no member had ever been placed in the chair of that Lodge with more hearty goodwill on the part of the brethren. Bro. Jolliffe was the I.P.M. of the Thames Valley Lodge, and also held high office in the Neptune Lodge; and they must all congratulate him upon the position he had now attained in Aldersgate. He had been asking himself how it was that Bro. Jolliffe had risen to that popularity, and he thought he saw it explained in the motto inscribed upon the banner which hung behind the Master's chair, *Tant que je puis*—"I do as much as I can." Had not Bro. Jolliffe been always doing as much as he could for Freemasonry in general, and this Lodge in particular? He was the most unselfish man they had ever met, working for the benefit of all around him. With such a character he thought he could ask the brethren to join with him in drinking to the health of their Worshipful Master in a bumper, wishing him health and prosperity during his year of office. Bro. Jolliffe, in acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been received, said he had the pleasure of being invited here (on the night this Lodge was consecrated) by an old friend of his, the present Master of St. Botolph. Since then he had received nothing but kindness from the whole of the brethren. He considered it to be a very great honour to be elected to the chair, and he only hoped that during his year of office he should so manage the affairs of the Lodge that when he left it they would speak as favourably of him as they had done that night. He then proposed the health of the Installing Master, to whom he considered the Lodge was under a great obligation for coming amongst them, knowing the many engagements the Grand Secretary had. No one was more welcome at their meetings than was Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and he might come amongst them even more frequently in the future. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke suitably acknowledged the toast. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, said that night they were honoured by the presence of his Lordship, and meeting, as they did, in his own ward—he being one of their honorary members, and several of their members being also connected with that ward—they felt it a great compliment that his Lordship should have come amongst them that evening. When they considered the many onerous duties that were connected with the office of Chief Magistrate of the City of London, they must regard it as a great favour that he should attend their installation meeting. He would only add a wish that Lord Mayor Staples might have the best of health given him to continue the functions of the high position which he had so ably fulfilled up to the present time. The Lord Mayor thanked the brethren very much indeed for the manner in which they had received the toast, and if he might be allowed to make one remark with reference to what the Worshipful Master had said when he spoke of the onerous duties the Lord Mayor had to perform, he hoped Bro. Jolliffe did not think that one of them was to have the pleasure of meeting the brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge that night. He assured them it afforded him the utmost pleasure and satisfaction to have the opportunity of meeting the brethren of this Lodge, because there were so many of them whom he reckoned amongst his personal friends. The Lodge had a resting-place in his own ward, and all the associations, even to the little emblem that was upon the outside of their regalia, showed Aldersgate in all its beauty. He used the term advisedly. They had an illustration of what Alders Gate was when his fellow-citizens in the ward did him the honour of erecting a fac-simile of

that ancient structure at the time he passed through the City as Lord Mayor. He appreciated that compliment very highly indeed, and appreciated it still. It was only a proof, if proof indeed were needed, of the feeling existing between himself and his neighbours in the ward for many years. He felt pleased at their spontaneous offer to elect him an honorary member of this Lodge, an honour which he did not expect, but which he highly valued; and he desired to see the continued prosperity of the Aldersgate Lodge. He was P.M. of another Lodge in the same ward, and he was glad to see the harmony which existed between the two. He trusted that Aldersgate ward, whether represented by the Aldersgate Lodge or the St. Botolph, would always continue to flourish in harmony, peace, and goodwill. He did not know there was any particular reason why the Lord Mayor should be Master of a Lodge, and he did not know that history gave them any precedent on that subject. But of late years they had had a fair number of Lord Mayors who presided over Masonic Lodges, and they had all been well spoken of and treated with respect. He hoped the same fate would be in store for him. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Visitors, and associated with the toast the names of Bros. General Laurie Grand Master of Nova Scotia, F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar, J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., and W. W. Martin W.M. of the Thames Valley Lodge, who responded. The Worshipful Master gave the health of the Immediate Past Master and Past Masters of the Lodge, remarking that they were fortunate in having so many of the veterans present that evening. They spared neither time nor trouble in doing all they could for the benefit of the Lodge, and on this occasion he believed all the Past Masters of the Lodge were in attendance. As to the Immediate Past Master, whose name he would couple with the toast, he could say a great deal, but Bro. Froom said to him, in the proverbial word of *Punch*, "Don't!" Bro. Froom said the Past Masters, one and all, desired to do all they could to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and would render what counsel and assistance they could to the Worshipful Master during his year of office. In his capacity as I.P.M. he had been making some inquiries as to what his duties might be; and the only thing he could learn was that he was to support the Master whenever called upon. He assured Brother Jolliffe that he, as well as the other Past Masters, would be ever ready to support him to the utmost of their power during his year of office. In proposing the Officers of the Lodge the Master said he considered himself fortunate in being surrounded by such an efficient body; they were all thoroughly up to their work, and would discharge their duties well. Bro. E. Anderton S.W., whose name was coupled with the toast, said he had never accepted duty with more pleasure than at the present time, for their Worshipful Master had been associated with him in the work of the Lodge for many years. They had seen with interest and admiration the great amount of zeal and energy he had always thrown into the work, for the benefit of the Lodge and the Craft generally; and therefore it was they offered him their special congratulations upon having attained the position of Master of this Lodge. If anything could add to their satisfaction in this respect it was that Bro. Jolliffe had been installed in the presence of such a distinguished company. Nothing should be wanting on their part to continue to the end of his year of office the success which had so marked its commencement. Bro. J. Renals S.D. also responded. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, referred to the fact that Bro. Brookman was one of the first initiates in this Lodge, and had worked his way so well that now he held the honourable position of their Treasurer. He had discharged his duties with fervency and zeal, and was in all respects a model Officer. The duties of the Secretaryship some time ago became so heavy that he relieved Bro. Brette of them; but when it was the wish of the brethren that he (the speaker) should fill the chair, Bro. Brette came forward and said he would resume his old position. He spoke of the arduous duties both these Officers were called upon to perform, and concluded by eulogising the exertions of each in his respective sphere. Bro. A. Brookman, C.C., responding as a Past Master and Treasurer of the Lodge, said it would be in the recollection of the brethren that when election time was on in connection with the Lodge he was absent. He thought the office was one that might well be conferred upon another brother, as he had had so many honours "thrust upon him." He was the first of the initiates in this Lodge to reach the chair, and after the handsome treatment he then received, the brethren paid him the compliment to elect him as their Treasurer. Last year he thought the honour might be transferred, but in his absence the brethren again kindly re-elected him to the post, and he thanked them very much for the confidence they reposed in him. To be elected Treasurer of a Lodge was the greatest compliment in the power of the brethren to bestow upon one of their Past Masters, and especially in this Lodge, in which the office was at one time filled by that worthy and good philanthropist, Bro. John Derby Allcroft. When elected to succeed that brother, he felt it an especial honour, which he should appreciate as long as he lived. Still he should like that next year the office might pass from him; but, of course, having been re-elected, he was their servant, and as long as he remained in office he should endeavour to do his duty. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette P.M. acknowledged the compliment that had been paid to him as Secretary, and assured the brethren it would be his duty and pleasure to do everything in his power, if spared during the next two years, to support Bro. Jolliffe in the chair, and as I.P.M., and to do all he could to render his year a happy and prosperous one. During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was given, under the direction of Bro. R. Raynham, of St. Paul's Cathedral, assisted by Masters Humm and Lewis, Bros. J. Hodges, A. L. Fryer, R. De Lacy, and W. Winn.—*City Press*.

"ILLUSTRATIONS."—Mr. F. G. Heath's new pictorial threepenny review will, in its second (March) number, include "A scene at Balaclava—1854," by the author of "Lorna Doone;" also engravings from the most recent portraits, of Lord Salisbury and Mr. Gladstone.

A series of Masonic meetings will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd March, at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, under the auspices of the Hope and Charity Lodge 377, and Lechmere Lodge 1874, on which occasion the Collection of Masonic Works, Medals of all countries, Prints, Engravings, China, made by Bro. George Taylor, Provincial Grand Secretary, will be on view, for the purpose of affording the brethren an opportunity of inspection, prior to the Province taking measures for acquiring the same. On Monday, 1st March, at half-past six, the meeting will be under the auspices of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, when the Collection referred to above will in part be explained and described by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.M. 131 P.S.G.D. of England, &c. &c., especially in relation to the Four Grand Lodges and the United Grand Lodge of England. On Tuesday, 2nd March, at seven o'clock prompt, Bro. W. J. Hughan will lecture on the "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry." Towards defraying the cost of these meetings, brethren are requested to purchase tickets, which may be obtained of the W.M. and Secretary of each Lodge, or of the Hon. Secretaries, at one shilling for each meeting. On Wednesday, 3rd March, at eight o'clock, a Masonic Ball will be held at the Town Hall, when brethren and their friends, who so desire, may view the Collection previously. Further particulars may be had of Bro. W. C. Awdry, or Bro. D. Mackay, Hon. Secs., Bank Buildings, Kidderminster.

Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers at the installation meeting of the Aldersgate Lodge, on Monday, the 15th instant, made a happy allusion to the scheme which is in course of being matured for constituting the Isle of Man a separate Province. We are accustomed to look upon the Isle of Man as a stepping-stone between England and Ireland, and although the sister Isle has a separate constitution, it has always worked in consonance with the Grand Lodge of England. The few Lodges, however, in the Isle of Man have now petitioned that they may have a Provincial Grand Master in their own island, and we cannot but congratulate them upon the prospect of their wishes being realised. There can be no question whatever that they will be able to rule their Province in a way that will be satisfactory to themselves, but that they will form an integral part of the Grand Lodge of England. The "House of Keys" as the Isle of Man is frequently called, will undoubtedly justify the confidence which the Grand Lodge is only too ready to repose in it, and we shall "only be too glad," in the words of Sir Francis, "to have the opportunity of receiving the Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man on the dais of the Grand Lodge of England." As "one of us," the Manx brethren will no doubt support the Craft as firmly and as substantially as any other of the Provinces have done since we have become a United Grand Lodge. We can only hope that the wishes expressed by the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex may be realised and that the new Province, when firmly established, as no doubt it will be in a very short time, will be attended with every success.

At the meeting to which we refer, Gen. Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, was very happy in his reply to the toast of the Visitors. Visiting this Lodge, he said, called to mind some of his earliest associations, and carried him back to the time when he heard a great deal of Aldersgate Ward—not of the Aldersgate Lodge, because it was not then in existence—when his uncle was Alderman of that ward, for thirty years. He did not know he had a right to assume that his name should, therefore, be associated with such a toast in the City of London, but after what had fallen from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who had alluded to the interest which the Corporation took in the Craft, and the high position many of its members occupied in it, he did so with much pleasure, inasmuch as his ancestral connection with the Aldermanic bench was an interesting association. He heard it stated by the Lecture Master, at the inauguration of the Grand Master's Chapter, that there were many points of connection between the Corporation and the City of London and the Craft. They could all readily concur in the objects of the great Charities, which afforded assistance to many who were deserving, and some who were not. He reiterated that there was a great resemblance

between the Corporation and the Craft, and concluded a happy speech by expressing the hope that their interests might be buttressed and defended against all assailants.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 17th inst., when Bro. Joshua Nunn, the President, and Bros. J. Brett and C. A. Cottebrune, the two Vice-Presidents, occupied their respective chairs. Grants made at the former meeting having been confirmed, the list of new cases were taken into consideration. There were thirty-eight petitions before the Board, and of these thirty-four were relieved, with a total of £1015. The four remaining cases were deferred. Previous to the conclusion of the business, notice was given of a proposition, in the name of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., that a sum of two hundred guineas be voted towards the fund now being raised at the Mansion House, under the auspices of Bro. the Lord Mayor, towards relieving the distress among the unemployed of London.

We understand that Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., has retired from his candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer, for which he was nominated at the December Communication of Grand Lodge. There are, therefore, only two candidates now before the Craft, Bro. R. B. Martin P.M. and Treas. 1506, and Bro. D. P. Cama W.M. 2105.

We are assured our readers will not feel aggrieved with us for reproducing the following gracefully expressed compliment of our contemporary, the *Keystone* :—

"Our congratulations are fraternally extended to our excellent contemporary, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of London, as it enters upon its twenty-third volume of publication. It is ably conducted, very readable, and always instructive. It knows what to publish, and what to cast into the waste paper basket. Our English Brethren are especially fortunate in both of their Craft weeklies, which keep us and them properly informed concerning current Masonic thought and action in the great Masonic jurisdictions of England, Scotland and Ireland. We wish the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE increased success in dispensing Masonic light and knowledge."

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 20th February 1886 :—

Monday—Philanthropic Ball, Grand Master's Lodge, British Lodge. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge, Enoch Chapter, Salisbury Lodge, Industry Chapter, Ebury Chapter. Wednesday—Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Oak Lodge, Noviomagus, Hackney Carriage Proprietors. Thursday—Universal Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, Globe Lodge, Holborn C.C. Ball. Friday—Jordan Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge. Saturday—Tottenham House Ball.

An interesting window has been erected in memory of Mrs. Houlbrook, who, it will be remembered, lost her life last year in the collision in the Irish Channel with her Majesty's ship *Hecla*. The window has been executed by Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, for Christ Church, Hendon, where Mrs. Houlbrook resided, the subjects, "Faith and Charity," typically representing the virtues by which she had endeared herself in the neighbourhood.

Obituary.

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RIGHT HON. LORD WAVENEY, P.G.M. SUFFOLK.

It is with extreme regret we have to record another death among the Provincial Grand Masters of England—Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, Masonic ruler of the county of Suffolk, died a few days since. By his decease Masonry loses one of its most popular chiefs; a brother who was honoured and revered throughout his district, and in every part of the country where he was known. He was truly "a fine old English gentleman, one of the olden time," a brother who thoroughly appreciated the teachings of Freemasonry, and who loved to see its lessons acted up to in the fullest sense. His connection with the Order dated back a considerable period; indeed, only at the last meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Lowestoft, in July, he said, in response to the toast of his health, "he believed he was one of the oldest Masons in the county, having been initiated in the year 1828." He took a personal interest in the Masonic work of his district, and was never behind in his support of any worthy act proposed for the benefit of the brethren under his rule.

CHARITY—ITS MASONIC IMPORT.

CHARITY is a word that requires several forms of definition to express its full meaning. In one of its proper uses it points to that active beneficence which is exercised by those who seek to give help and relief to distressed humanity. It implies a practical ministry to the wants of the unfortunate; a willing service of benevolence performed as opportunity may offer; a giving and doing for the good of others according to whatever are the resources available. Charity, as thus defined, is a virtue specially commended in the teachings of Freemasonry, and its practice is enjoined upon every Craftsman.

The word may be used in another sense, however, and given a meaning which signifies vastly more of noble character and true service than is implied by the former rendering. Charity denotes a fundamental principle of generous thought and feeling—a disposition that disposes a man to be kind and forbearing to his associates, to regard their conduct in the best light possible, and to refrain from attributing to them base motives. It is a potential grace of character, always prompting the heart in which it bears rule “quietly to hear, kindly to judge.” Such an one will put the best construction on the acts and motives of others, being moved to take an optimistic rather than a pessimistic view of man and the world.

A Brother who has become imbued with the true spirit of Freemasonry will manifest charity in this form of its expression. He will not exhibit that severity and haste of judgment which so often cuts to the heart, and accomplishes but little of good. He will remember how limited we are in the knowledge of men—that we cannot read their hearts—that we are unable to understand the motives, purposes and circumstances which may have influenced them, and hence will conclude that much of charitable judgment is demanded. Even where human conduct is clearly wrong—where there are just grounds of criticism and censure—a Brother in whom charity has come to be a ruling force ought to be generous, forbearing, forgiving. He who is hard and un pitying, severe and relentless, in his treatment of those who may have been at fault in some things, is no true representative of Freemasonry. The Craftsman who is under the control of enmity and resentment, so that he is pitiless in his judgment, never disposed to palliate offences or forgive the transgressor, and who despises those who fail to meet all the tests of his requirements, partakes more of the spirit of the world than of the spirit of that Fraternity in which he has taken membership. Most certainly he lacks that queenly grace of charity—to possess which is a better endowment of life than the understanding of all mysteries, for Charity is of God and the greatest of Heaven's gifts to man.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

REVIEWS.

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The Modern Kitchen Oracle. A culinary magazine. By Samuel Hobbs, formerly *Chef de Cuisine* to Messrs. Gunter and Co., of Berkeley Square. London: Dean and Son, 160a Fleet-street, E.C.

We have so many books on culinary subjects, under the comprehensive title of “cookery books,” that one might almost imagine that our stock of information on the science of gastronomy was complete. But when such an experienced man as the *chef de cuisine* to “Gunter's” turns his attention to the subject we naturally expect a practical addition to the knowledge which has been imparted to us by compilers whose chief merit lies in theory. The great point aimed at by Mr. Hobbs is to tell his readers how to cook the most *récherché* dinners, and meals which shall be as little expensive as possible—the great fault of most of our cookery books being that the instructions given for manipulating the most ordinary dishes are too lavish for economical households. In this magazine, which is to be published in twelve sixpenny monthly parts, there will be given a *menu* for each month, with its requisition list, and also a list of dishes suitable for breakfast, luncheon, supper, and other collations. Clear directions are also given how to prepare each dish and its belongings, how to serve a dinner, large or small, and when to commence its preparation. It is pointed out that so many changes have taken place in the gastronomic tastes and habits of all classes of society that one-half the works on cookery hitherto attempted have become almost obsolete and out of date, many of them being written by foreigners, who did not know our tastes and proclivities in the way of food, and what is now promised and needed is a plain direction in culinary

operation, divested of superfluous and expensive ornamentation. Forty years' experience in the best kitchens in the metropolis will be brought to bear to ensure the success of this work of information to those wishing to become accomplished cooks; and we predict for it an extensive circulation amongst those families to whom a properly-cooked and well-served dinner is an object of primary consideration in the daily routine.

Bow Bells Almanac for 1886. London: John Dicks, 313 Strand.

It seems rather late in the year to be in receipt of “annals,” but this production by Mr. Dicks is worthy of mention, if only for the artistic style in which it is got up, and the vast amount of information it contains. One reason, probably, for its apparently tardy issue is that it is made to include the official list of all the members elected to the new Parliament, also revised Peerage, and members of the Privy Council revised to date. This compendious almanac, which is profusely embellished with engravings, contains a great variety of useful and interesting information, and it is only on a par with the other marvellously cheap productions by this well-known publisher that so enormous and valuable a budget is presented to the public at the ridiculously low price of sixpence.

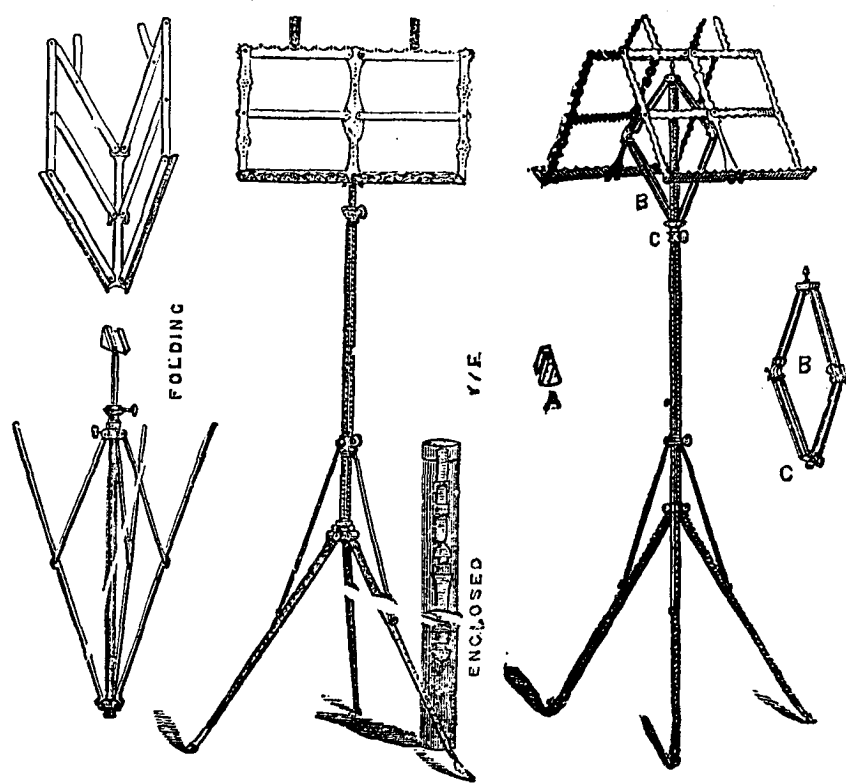
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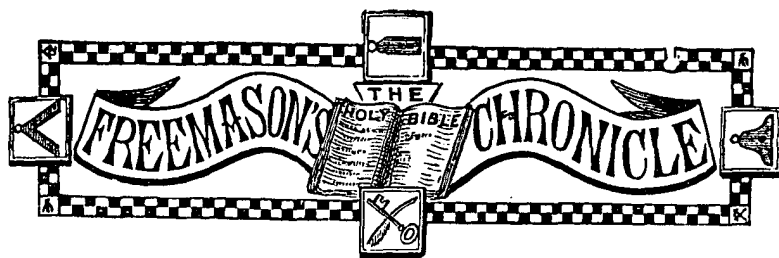
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CENTENARY OF THE DOMATIC LODGE,
No. 177.

A FESTIVAL in celebration of the completion of one hundred years of continuous working by the Domatic Lodge, now No. 177, took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. It was found necessary to hold the meeting away from the regular home of the Lodge—Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street—in consequence of the capabilities of that establishment being unequal to meet the requirements demanded by this special meeting. This will be readily understood when we say that accommodation had to be made for the comfort of two hundred and fifty guests, and ample as are the capabilities of Brother Clemow's establishment for ordinary occasions, this special gathering was too much for him to undertake, the brethren therefore assembled at the Criterion, and there the company was so numerous as even to tax this popular establishment to its fullest extent. The following is a list of those present:—

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The Lodge having been formally opened and the minutes confirmed, the Worshipful Master proceeded to raise Bro. Webster, after which he initiated Messrs. T. H. Hobbs, R. Williamson, J. Anley jun., and J. J. Elliott, and then passed Bros. T. W. Trodd, R. Hewetson, A. F. Peacock, and E. A. G. Smith (members of the Lodge), together with Brother J. H. Laurie, son of the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who is at present on a visit to this country. Before the Lodge was closed Col. Clerke rose; he had the pleasure of presenting to the W.M. the first centenary jewel of the Domestic Lodge. The Lodges which had attained the hundredth year of their existence were now getting more numerous than was formerly the case. Whatever pride and pleasure he had on the present occasion he thought it must be a still greater pride and pleasure to the W.M. to be the recipient of the first centenary jewel which the Lodge, on the completion of its centenary, voted him. He was instructed to say that this was given as a very slight recognition by the Lodge of the services Bro. H. Nelson Price had during his tenure of office rendered to the Lodge, and to assure him they felt that during the remainder of his term he would give them as much satisfaction as hitherto. The brethren had asked him, in their name, and on their behalf, to present Bro. Price with this first centenary jewel, and it was unnecessary for him to say that he accepted the duty with great pleasure indeed, and he congratulated the W.M. on being President of the Lodge on such an interesting occasion. Bro. Price, in thanking Col. Clerke and the Lodge, said he felt it a very high honour to receive this jewel, and the honour was greatly enhanced by the very happy terms with which the Grand Secretary had accompanied the presentation. He trusted Col. Clerke's remarks would be verified; he should certainly do everything he possibly could worthily to fill the high position in which he was placed, and to sustain the Lodge in the exalted position it now occupied in the Craft; at the same time he should study the harmony and happiness of the brethren. Bro. Spurrell then read the Grand Lodge warrant authorising the members of the Lodge so long as they continued subscribing members of the Lodge to wear the centenary jewel. Shortly afterwards the Lodge was closed, and the brethren assembled in the large dining hall to banquet. When this was disposed of the toasts were proposed. After the Queen and the Craft had been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master said the Prince of Wales was the most popular man in the world. During the eleven years His Royal Highness had occupied the position of Grand Master Freemasonry had made great strides, not only in the number of Lodges and the number of members of the Craft, but also in the amount distributed by its Charitable Institutions. He was sure that while His Royal Highness was able to devote time to Freemasonry it would flourish even more in the future than it had in the past. Bro. Ferguson proposed the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past;—brethren who had taken so much interest in the welfare of the Craft, and brought it to its present state of perfection. They had the respect of every one living, wherever the English language was spoken. Wheresoever Masonry existed the Grand Lodge of England was held in the highest respect. That had arisen, doubtless, from the fact of such distinguished and earnest brethren presiding over it. Both in the past and the present such brethren had given their careful and anxious thoughts to promoting the interests of Freemasonry. Those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge had seen the manner the Earl of Carnarvon presided; he had set an example to every one who might preside over any great assembly. In coupling the name of the Grand Secretary with this toast, he reminded the brethren that Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was universally known. He had endeavoured to assist the Craft in every way, and when he was appealed to on any point of difficulty he solved the matter in the most satisfactory manner. It was clear to the brethren he had Freemasonry at heart. Col. Clerke in reply said, he was not in the least prepared to return thanks for this toast, because their worthy and distinguished brother on his left (Bro. Philbrick) was his senior, and to him should have fallen the duty to answer. But the Grand Registrar was about to speak on another subject. Thanking the brethren for the compliment just paid, he could not but remark that the toast was a most important one, because it comprised such a large number of good and worthy gentlemen, of every social position in life. Not to speak of those distinguished noblemen, Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom, there was a large array of Present and Past Grand Officers, who were only too

grateful for the kind recognition they always received from their brethren in Masonry. They had done their best to promote its interests, and they were fortunate enough to be selected by the M.W.G.M. from time to time to receive distinction at his hands. He could only hope that there were many in the room to whom the distinction would come in the fulness of time. The G. Officers were always happy to receive recognition of their services, and it was a great pleasure to those who were present that night to have visited the Lodge. It was certainly a pleasure to him, and he knew it was to the Grand Registrar. The occasion was exceedingly interesting—it was the centenary year of the Lodge. At the present day there frequently were such celebrations, because Lodges were working up to their one hundredth year. But it was not always that a Lodge which dated back 100 years could prove its centenary, because at headquarters they had not only to be satisfied that a Lodge was founded 100 years ago, but also that it had worked continuously 100 years. Many a Lodge had been refused its centenary warrant because it could not show its centenary existence. The Domestic Lodge, however, was fortunate, as it was seen at a glance that it had worked continuously for a century. It was, therefore, entitled to its centenary warrant, and it had received it without delay. The Grand Officers were present that night to congratulate the Lodge very heartily indeed, and this he did in the name of the absent as well as in the name of those who were present. They also wished the Lodge every success in the future, and hoped the day would come, though none of those present would see it, when the Domestic Lodge would celebrate its second centenary. Bro. Pierpoint I.P.M. rose to exercise the privilege which his position allowed him, the privilege was a most pleasurable one; to propose the health of their worthy and highly esteemed Worshipful Master. The W.M. that evening stood in a position of which he was very proud, he was well known to the brethren of the Domestic Lodge, if not to the Visitors. His genial and cordial manner, both in Lodge and out of it, had gained for him the good will and affection of the brethren. They had in him a Master they were all proud of. He could only wish him a most pleasant year of office. From his Officers he would receive every support, as well as from every member of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said there were some periods in a man's life-time—in the history of it at all events—when he could scarcely be coherent; he did not mean after dinner; but when a man had a certain amount of honour placed upon him it was a very difficult matter for him to find words adequately to express his high appreciation. Now, he had had great honour placed upon him that evening, more especially by the way in which the I.P.M. had proposed this toast. He could only say that if he was half as good as Bro. Pierpoint had represented to them he should consider himself a better man than he thought he was. However, he should endeavour to be so. As far as the Domestic Lodge was concerned, he was quite sure it would be his study to use his best endeavours to keep it in the high position in which it now stood; also to do all in his power to enhance the comfort and happiness of the brethren. While the Lodge remained in the same harmonious condition, while the same unanimity of opinion continued, it would be as prosperous as it was now. It was a great honour to be the Worshipful Master of the Lodge for such an important period. He hoped he should be able to get through the year to the satisfaction of the brethren and reflect a little credit on himself. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar said a great honour had been conferred upon him by the Worshipful Master, an honour of which he felt duly sensible—to propose Prosperity to the Lodge, the centenary of which they were met to celebrate. Possibly the W.M., and if not he, certainly some of the brethren whom he had the privilege of addressing, had either said, or heard said, that the toast of the evening was about to be proposed, and he had heard distinguished orators advance many and great reasons why the toast the company was being asked to honour should be esteemed the toast of the evening. He would advance no reasons, he would utter no word, to commend to the brethren this as the toast of the evening; it recommended itself in that assembly. They who were met after 100 years of the world's history, of the history of Masonry passed by, to celebrate the anniversary of the inauguration of this Lodge, at such a distant period, knew well enough that such a meeting must be of rare occurrence in the annals of the Craft, must be singularly noted in the records of Masonry, and must commend itself to all who were present to take part in it. As the Grand Secretary had remarked, the course of the Domestic Lodge had been plain and clear. It had run in an unbroken channel for a century; it began life before the great disturbance which led to the first French Revolution startled the world; it had seen the kingdoms of Europe shaken and the map of Europe divided and divided again; it had witnessed the struggle for existence which their kingdom waged against the great conqueror of Europe; it had seen how the powers of Europe were allied against this country; it witnessed the overthrow of 1814; it passed the hundred days; and he had no doubt if they could go back seventy years it took its own part in the rejoicings after Waterloo. He hoped he might be pardoned if he appeared to dilate on topics of ancient history; but when they celebrated one hundred years, they meant all that those one hundred years contained. When, after that great conflict, this nation emerged with honour to itself, and at the head of the powers of Europe, and all that depended for inward life and for national vigour upon the maintenance and the continuance of the English nation, it revived and flourished afresh; he made no excuse in an assembly of Englishmen for reminding them of that which was dear to their forefathers, which was an object of solicitude to them; but which had placed us in the position we now so proudly filled. And, turning from the history of the nation to the history of the Lodge, he congratulated the Worshipful Master and the brethren on the position which at the end of this century the Lodge found itself in. It was said by those who understood horticulture that the fruit of an old tree showed all the qualities of the race, and the best qualities in perfection. He congratulated the W.M. and the brethren of the Lodge that the old tree could still bear fresh fruit, and he trusted that the motto of horticulture would be realised in the Lodge,

and that the initiates of that night would bear out the principles that had been inculcated in them, and which were taught in that Lodge. It had had a long career, and he was pleased to see that a worthy historian had recorded so much of the annals of the Lodge. In the interesting résumé placed in their hands he saw some things which would do honour to the Lodge. Some, however, were different to what he had seen in some Lodge annals. In such he and Col. Shadwell II. Clerke had sometimes seen how brethren had managed to get warrants and contrived to dispose of one of them, which was utterly opposed to anything now considered right; but he had no doubt was perfectly convenient and acceptable to the brethren of the past; he had seen how, in the graphic records of the Lodge—and our Lodge histories were like our English histories—some brethren present, no doubt, had watched or seen what had been done with regard to the Commission which had been looking at the records and manuscripts in our English families. Some might have noticed how the Commission had found among our English annals and in the records of the country which still remained, some of the most interesting details, not merely of political, but of domestic life, which shed a light on the manners and customs of our ancestors, and which, possibly, explained some of those things which we, as Englishmen, had a difficulty to explain unless we saw their origin. Now, he should be utterly puzzled if going from the Lodge that night there was any disturbance. He did not suppose there would be one, or that the riots would have got so far as the sacred precincts of a Lodge, but if a brother was to say to somebody else that he was a “snake against the Lodge,” he did not know that he should attach any particular meaning to it unless he had this book; but here he found, in the interesting and graphic records of nearly a century ago, that a brother who did not belong to the Lodge had disturbed its harmony and told a brother of the Lodge that he was a snake against it: the words as recorded by the Secretary were—“he was a snake against him,”—and the self-contained dignity of the Lodge was sufficient to say that the visitor who had thus committed himself should merely be punished by exclusion from the Lodge for the time being. He thought this showed not only great courage and great fidelity in the Secretary of that period to record that which a century afterwards became an interesting event, but it showed that the Lodge at that time was sufficiently founded, and felt sufficient strength in its own dignity, to be able to deal with an incident of that kind as it so thoroughly deserved. Having seen, by the kindness of the Lodge's present admirable Secretary, a proof of this history in advance, he was enabled to cast his eye through it before he came to the Lodge, and he could say, as it began so it was worthily carried on, and he thought the success it had attained at the present moment was the best guarantee for the usefulness of the Lodge and for the fidelity with which it had adhered to the great traditions. Apologising for detaining them so long, he hoped they would forgive him for having made remarks upon the interesting records he had referred to. It was not every Lodge, nay indeed, there were very few Lodges in the Craft, that presented a perfect record like this one, and he scarcely knew one that had added to a mere record of events in Masonry matters like these he had called attention to what gave a life and a real interest to the dry minutes of ordinary proceedings. And now he would turn to the present. He would venture to offer to the brethren the hearty congratulations of the Grand Officers and Visitors on the position of the Lodge, on the numerous gathering, and the Masonic spirit which animated it. They were met on an occasion which was rare in the annals of Freemasonry. When, with a light heart and an easy voice, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke talked about these incidents getting common—well, for him to celebrate a hundredth birthday might not be a rare occurrence, but for him (Bro. Philbrick) it was, and he felt the honour of the occasion, and that it was worthy of remark; and when he saw the great gathering, and witnessed the interest the brethren took in the proceedings, he felt that it was no common subject of interest that had brought them together. They were met to wish prosperity to the Lodge, and to congratulate it upon the hundredth year of its existence. They hoped also that it would celebrate its bi-centenary which had already been indicated. Long might it continue to cherish the true principles of Freemasonry, and to have worthy Masons belonging to it; long might it recruit its members from men who would do justice to it, and in time rise up to administer its concerns with faithfulness and fidelity; long might its success be great, and long might its prosperity continue. Bro. G. Everett Past Master and Treasurer responded; he said to be the monthpiece of the Lodge was an honour, and he thanked the brethren heartily and cordially for the way they had received the toast. It was a great day in the Lodge's history. On the occasion of the attainment of the 100th year of the Lodge's existence it could not but be gratifying to the feelings of all concerned, especially to those who had been so many years connected with it, as were those on his right, to go into the Lodge history. In December a hundred years ago the Lodge met at a small house—the Ship, in Little Turnstile. Only Operative Masons could belong to it. During the first year of its existence two persons were proposed as joining members who were not Operative Masons. In 1787, the second year of the Lodge's existence, the Lodge was not opened on one night because the landlady was sick. On another occasion, in 1792, one Adams, Esq., applied for relief, and was relieved to the extent of 8s 2d. The Lodge from time to time removed from one house to another, till it got to the Green Dragon, Fleet-street, to the Falcon, in Fetter-lane, where it was held for 20 years, and where he (Bro. Everett) became a member in 1835. It afterwards went to Anderson's Hotel, where it had been for the last twenty-two years, and where it had prospered. But of all this he did not propose to speak. The brethren would be able to read this for themselves. At the present time it had 148 members, and the Lodge paid every year on an average £45 to Grand Lodge. For the last seven years they had voted twenty-five guineas to each of the Charities, and he hoped they would continue to be able to do so. In spite of all that they held themselves well. They had very much to be proud of, for all this was done out of a subscription of

two and a half guineas a year. Bros. R. Williams, T. H. Hobbs, J. Anley, and Elliott responded for the Initiates. Bro. Foulger P.M. proposed the Visitors, and Brother General Lanrie, G.M. of Nova Scotia, in responding, said that thirty-two years ago he was initiated in Lodge No. 176, so that he was not a stranger to this jurisdiction, as that Lodge was under the Grand Lodge of England. He then thanked the Lodge for having given his son the degree. He could have given him a dispensation for taking his three degrees before leaving Nova Scotia; but he thought it would not be right to allow any ties of blood to interfere with the usual course. The W.M. next proposed the Past Masters, 13 of whom were present. They attended numerously, and they always endeavoured to be of service to the Lodge. There were no less than 101 members of the Lodge present, which was an extraordinary coincidence on the 100th year of its existence; 100 members gave one for each year, and there was one over for the ensuing year. Bro. W. F. Smith responded. Bro. E. White P.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, both of whom had worked very hard, and with a great deal of energy, to promote the welfare of the Lodge on all occasions; he referred to the fact that there were one hundred and forty-eight members of the Lodge to show what a vast deal of work there must be for these Officers. Bros. Everett and Morris responded. Brother Herbage P.M. proposed the Officers; he said there had been a succession of good Officers. No brother accepted office who did not feel himself bound to attain proficiency. If this continued the prestige of the Lodge must be maintained. The S.W. and Bro. Spurrell D.C. responded, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. During the evening some excellent singing was given—under the direction of Bro. Riechelmänn—by Madame Riechelmänn, and Bros. W. F. Packer and Franklin Clive. The arrangements for the comfort of the brethren and the success of the festival were unexceptionable, and reflected the greatest credit on Brother J. E. Spurrell D.C. and acting Steward, who left no stone unturned to give satisfaction to the members and visitors to the Lodge.

WHARTON LODGE, No. 2045.

THE anniversary of this popular young Lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, when the first Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Side, installed his successor, Bro. James Jackson Gawith. Lodge was opened at five o'clock at the White Hart Hotel, Willesden, where Bro. Side was supported by Bros. F. Davison P.G.D. (on member), the Officers and members of his Lodge, and the following Visitors: Bros. F. Briggs 25, Lewis Ascott P.M. 733, John Vale 901, J. Stephens 177 W.M. 1425, S. R. Walker P.M. 733, G. Davis P.M. 1632, D. Hughes P.M. 901, James Crook 1637, John Hughes P.M. 901, W. Stanger P.M. 197 P.G.S., A. F. Peacock 177, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, G. A. Duke 1603, W. F. Boydell 1981, F. A. Russell 1996, J. Chivers 901, H. T. Reed 1287, F. C. Fryo P.M. 1612. After the minutes of the Lodge meeting of the 20th of October 1885, and those of Emergency Meeting of February 1886, had been read for confirmation and passed, the Report of the Audit Committee was presented. The period comprised in the first year's (so-called) working covered 18 months, and undoubtedly the first W.M. has made good use of his opportunities. The Lodge now boasts of something like forty members on its roll; it has defrayed all liabilities attaching to its formation, and the second Master inaugurates his reign with a substantial balance to the good. In due course our Rev. Bro. Wharton, after whom the Lodge is named, presented the W.M. elect, and Bro. Side performed the ceremony of installation in an eminently satisfactory way. After the Board of Installed Masters had been closed, the Worshipful Master was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed the following as his Officers: Bros. D. Stroud S.W., W. Thomas J.W., J. C. Wharton P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Mills Secretary, A. R. Brade S.D., W. H. Hargrave J.D., J. Salmon I.G., C. J. Wharton D.C., and G. Thomas Tyler. Brother Side then completed the installation ceremony, giving a scholarly interpretation of the addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren, and was rewarded for the services he had rendered to the Lodge, as Founder and first Worshipful Master, by the presentation of an elegant Past Master's jewel; this he gracefully but briefly acknowledged. Bro. Wharton then announced that he had undertaken a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent, and pointed out the absolute needs of this Institution at the present time. His appeal was rewarded by a vote of ten guineas from the Lodge funds. Hearty good wishes having been tendered, and other routine matters duly disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast Bro. Gawith, on rising to propose the toast of the Queen, intimated that it was his intention to adhere strictly to short speeches during his term of office. The toast having been honoured, it was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. F. Davison P.G.D., who in reply remarked that the capital music he had just listened to had somewhat diverted his attention. He had really not had an opportunity to consider the remarks he should offer in reply; however, it would be conceded on all hands that the Prince of Wales was a thorough Mason at heart. He had many calls on his time, but the readiness with which he on all occasions responded to the exigencies of his public duties was thoroughly appreciated by Englishmen. As Freemasons we could not possibly have a better Master than the Prince of Wales. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked the brethren most heartily for the reception they had given to the toast, and, personally, he was much gratified at the success the brethren had achieved. He was present at the consecration of the Lodge, and trusted it would long continue its career of prosperity. The present Worshipful Master was an old friend, and he augured much happiness for the brethren from Bro. Gawith's Mastership of the Lodge. Bro. Side proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, in brief but happy terms. After a song by Bro. Marshall—the Powder Monkey

—the Worshipful Master rose to respond. It gave him great pleasure to reply to the toast so kindly given by the Immediate Past Master. He (the W.M.) was but a young Mason, but he had had some experience, having served as Master in another Lodge. He was consequently a P.M., but he confessed he had not hitherto had much opportunity for working; still he trusted when occasion served he should be found capable of fulfilling his duties. He was one of the founders of the Lodge, had been its Secretary, and now, as its Master, the welfare of the Lodge should receive his best attention. Unfortunately, during the last year he had had the misfortune to break his leg, and he took this opportunity of acknowledging the kind assistance and ready help he had received at all times from Bro. Wharton. After a humorous song, admirably sung by Brother Thomas, Bro. Wharton proposed the health of Brother Side. When the present Worshipful Master presented the jewel to the Immediate Past Master he had referred to his so doing as being a sign of the decline of Bro. Side's reign, however, he had had eighteen months of active service, which had resulted in placing the Lodge, in which he (Bro. Wharton) took so much pride, on a sound and substantial basis. Brother Side had had an arduous time, but he had brought to bear upon his duties sound experience, which in the future would bear good fruit. Bro. Peacock next sang "Jack's Yarn," to the accompaniment of Brother Biggs, and then Bro. Side replied to the toast. He rose with some amount of diffidence, inasmuch as he had entered on a new capacity. It was some time since he had undertaken the duties of Immediate Past Master, but he hoped, with a little brushing up, to do what was required of him. As first Master and founder he was proud to see the position the Wharton Lodge had secured for itself during the time it had been under his government. His humble services would ever be at the command of the Lodge. He thanked the brethren heartily for the reception and support they had given him; this had enabled him to uphold the honour, dignity and reputation of Freemasonry. He trusted he might fully realise the kind aspirations of Brother Wharton, who, he thought, had said far too many kind things of him. For the Visitors Bros. Stephens, Stiles, Davis, and others replied. Bro. Wharton acknowledged the toast of Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas that of the Officers. Shortly afterwards the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. We congratulate our Rev. Bro. Wharton on the bright future which presents itself to the well wishers of the Lodge which bears his name.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Clare, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., when Bro. Thomas Stokoe was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. E. Barnes, presided, and the following brethren were present:—Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Eng. Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, Rev. J. Sedgwick, D.D., P.M. 1823 P.P.G.C. Eng., C. H. Vincent P.M. 1823 P.G.R. Suffolk, S. C. Cooke P.M. 1823 P.G.J.D. Suffolk, Col. Herbert P.M. 178, Jos. Bell P.M. 1280 P.G.J.W. Essex, Rev. J. F. Wilkinson 1224 P.G.C. Suffolk, R. E. Cooper 938, B. H. Hurst 1224, F. W. Donbleday 85, Rev. B. B. Sver, C. S. Goodchild, Rev. J. R. M. Vatcher, W. L. Fenner, F. C. Wayman, W. J. Ward, A. Boa, C. F. Freeman. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Martyn, and the first duty of the newly-installed Master was to present to his predecessor, Bro. J. E. Barnes, a P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the Officers and brethren. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Syer S.W., Goodchild J.W., Vatcher Chap., Tandy P.G.S.W. Essex Treasurer, Vincent Secretary, Fenner S.D., Wayman J.D., Boa D.C., Ward I.G., D. F. Glazin Tyler. The W.M. presented to the Lodge a framed photograph of the mural tablet recently erected in Clare Church to the memory of the late W.M. H.R.H. Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, K.G., of which photograph Brother General Cecil Ives P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk has kindly presented a copy to each subscriber to the memorial fund. Gen. Ives has received the thanks of Her Majesty the Queen and their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Albany for photographs forwarded to them, the Duchess expressing herself as "deeply touched by the mark of respect paid by the brethren to her beloved husband." The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet at the Half Moon Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of the W.M., who was well supported, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being heartily received.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, 17th instant.—Bros. D. Moss W.M., W. Saint S.W., J. Gildersleeve J.W., D. Simmonds S.D., Belchamber Preceptor, Lashbrook I.G., J. K. Pitt Secretary; Bros. King, Fernley, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. King, as candidate for passing, was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was exceedingly well rehearsed by the W.M. The chair was vacated in favour of Bro. Pitt. Bro. King offered himself as candidate for the third degree and answered the questions. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Saint was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on the 15th inst., at 33 St. Peter's Street, Canterbury. Present: Bros. Beckett W.M., Abbs S.W., Tomblings J.W., R. D. Simms Secretary, Pepper S.D., Tomblings J.D., McClintock Steward, Claydon I.G., Blamiers I.P.M. Lodge was opened in the 1st degree. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Tomblings, McClintock, Abbs, Claydon, R. D. Simms, Pepper, and Beckett explained the working tools of an Entered Apprentice. Questions leading from the 1st to the 2nd degree were put by Bro.

Beckett, and were correctly answered. Lodge was opened in the 2nd, when Bros. Pepper, Tomblings, and McClintock explained the working tools. The questions leading from the 2nd to the 3rd degree were put by Bro. Beckett, and correctly answered. Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. Nothing further having been offered for the good of Freemasonry in general or of this Lodge in particular, the same was closed in due and ancient form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, New Bridge. Present:—Bros. Wing W.M., F. Botley S.W., Thomas J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, Hughes S.D., Gillett J.D., Sherrin I.G., Gardner, Bailor, Turner, &c. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge opened in 2nd, and questions leading to 3rd were put, and answered by Bro. Gardner, who was entrusted. Lodge opened in the 3rd, and the ceremony was rehearsed, the Worshipful Master giving the traditional history. Lodge closed in the 3rd and 2nd degrees. Bro. Thomas was elected Worshipful Master for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

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HILDA CHAPTER, No. 23.

A MEETING was held on the 6th inst., at York, when, in the absence of Bro. A. T. B. Turner M.W.S., through illness, and at the unanimous wish and request of the Ex. and Perfect Princes, Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister S.G.I.G. 33°, and I.G. North Eastern District, occupied the throne, and opened the Chapter, assisted by the Officers. The minutes of the last Chapter were read and confirmed. Bro. Donald Grant was unanimously elected, and being present, was perfected into this beautiful Christian Degree by Ill. Bro. Chas. Jas. Banister 33°, in his usual impressive manner, and proclaimed in due form. This being the installation meeting, the M.W.S. elect, Bro. G. Simpson, was presented by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M.W.S. to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, who installed him into the chair in due form. Bro. Simpson then appointed the following Officers:—Bros. M. M. Reynard High Prelate, W. Brown 1st Gen., McGachen 2nd Gen., T. B. Whytehead Treasurer and Recorder, Waddington G. Marshal, Fraser Raphael, and Chadwick C. of G. Letters of apology were read from several brethren for non-attendance. The chapter was visited by Ill. Bro. Voight 30° P.M.W.S. of the Talbot Chapter, Sheffield. The third point was given by the M.W.S. Bro. G. Simpson, and the Chapter was closed. Ill. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett 30° was unable to stay for supper, which was presided over by the M.W.S., and there was a fair attendance. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and duly responded to. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, being an invalid, had to leave very early.

We are pleased to learn that Brother E. H. Rand, who for many years occupied the position of manager at the Cannon-street Hotel, has settled in a new home—the South Western Hotel, Southampton, of which he is now the proprietor. The Hotel has been thoroughly renovated and refurnished; a visitors' lift erected, the scale of charges revised, and many other improvements effected, all of which we feel sure have been conceived and worked out with the zeal and care which Bro. Rand's long experience has enabled him to bring to bear on such an undertaking.

THE PRINCES FANCY DRESS BALL.—As a fitting termination to this year's series of Princess Cinderellas, which are given for the benefit of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, an additional ball, at which all the dancers must appear in strictly fancy dress, has been arranged for Monday, 1st March. So popular have the Princess Cinderellas become, that the Executive Committee have had to decline applications for tickets at every dance, and with a view to limit numbers, and to ensure for the Princess Fancy Dress Ball a very high character, they have drawn up stringent regulations. Each subscriber must be vouched for as being personally known to one of the Patrons or Stewards, of whom there is a goodly list. Add to this that Coote and Tinney will furnish the music, that the Princess Hall in Piccadilly is to be charmingly decorated, and the fine galleries above thrown open for the supper, and we have all the elements of success, and not the least pleasant feature is, that it is all for so good a cause. Further details will doubtless be furnished by Mr. J. S. Wood, at the Hospital, in the Fulham-road.

We regret to hear that Mr. Louis Collins, of Wine Office Court and United Club, London, son of the late Rev. Henry Collins, and cousin of General Welman, C.B., and of General Welman, A.D.C., late commanding E.D., has for some time been ill, in London. This has retarded the bringing out of the *Advertisers' Guardian*, 1886; a copy of the 1885 issue of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales graciously accepted last year, and which certainly did the author much credit. We understand that the post of General Commanding the Eastern District, now so ably held by General White, will not, as was prognosticated by so many of our neighbours, be held by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; but that the occupant of the *Scarletts* will be General Sir Evelyn Wood, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.—*Colchester Chronicle*.

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, 20th FEBRUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gr. y, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 19.—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Pannure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Freelston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Chury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2112—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
46—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
70—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
618—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1426—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 204 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, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1625—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1933—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
143—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Tedmerden
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
66—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Fownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
811—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1348—Ebony, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Laming Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1366—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Butterscotch Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1436—Mount Euginabe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 3 (Inst)
1441—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 3. (Instruction)
1601—Rave isbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Saviy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 3. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Waite Hall, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 18—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Seven Street, Birmingham
R.A. 704—Can den, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby

299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaiton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1843—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Rede, Isle of Wight
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

WEDNESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 5.30, for 6 o'clock.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
74—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Pannure, Ballham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
881—Whittington, Red Lion, Portico-street, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Finsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1510—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Cannon-st., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londeshorough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 12—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domestic, Lion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
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304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
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439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Clockheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
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R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
31—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
63—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
155—Salsbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
597—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, Lion Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn restaurant, 35 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Beigrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsey, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Phoenix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1158—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Barrett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Broad Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1336—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)

- 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 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)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1930—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 807—Cabben, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Granbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts., at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle
 1617—St. Andrews, Cambridge Hotel, Shoburyness
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carsulton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
 R.A. 216—Sacred Unity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
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 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In.)
 730—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)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1344—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
 1612—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke 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 Pav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 680—Selton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In.)
 190—Ferry, 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, Traugie, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Suni Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., N., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Pontefract
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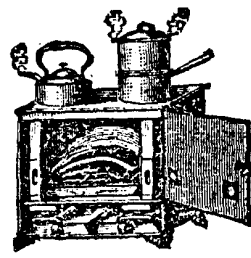
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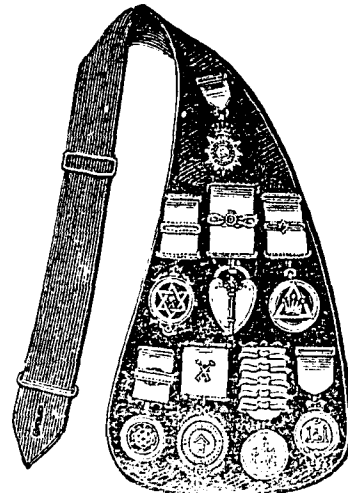
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