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THE ROYAL JUBILEE.

FROM end to end of the "vast domain" over which Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria sways her benign sceptre, and upon which it has ever been our proud boast that "the sun never sets," we hear sounds of preparation to celebrate the jubilee of her glorious reign. Wherever the English language is spoken patriotic hearts are beating high in anticipation of being permitted to take some personal share in the festivities which are to grace the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Coronation of Britain's greatest and most beloved Sovereign. It would be vain to attempt to speculate upon the various forms which this celebration will assume, for the same spirit of loyalty permeates all sorts and conditions of men, both at home and throughout the Dependencies of the British Crown—a spirit of loyal rivalry as to how in the most befitting way to signalise an event so dear to the heart of every Englishman. In the Church, the various Departments of the State, our Universities, the Army and Navy, in every grade of social and political life, schemes are being propounded by which to give dignity and *éclat* to the jubilee year of the world's most illustrious Monarch; and during this year the old refrain which we have loved to sing from our earliest childhood will reverberate with unprecedented strength of meaning throughout Her Majesty's dominions—"God save the Queen." Foremost amongst the grand designs which are under consideration for raising a lasting memento of the glorious event is the inauguration of an "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India," a suggestion worthy of the inception of our Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and which is receiving most earnest and practical support from all classes of the community.

It is, however, with special reference to the Ancient and Honourable Institution to which we belong, which is graced by the immediate patronage of our beloved Queen, and governed by her illustrious son, that the Jubilee preparations come home very near to the hearts of English Freemasons; and it would have been impossible that the occasion could have passed unnoticed by the great and influential body of men ranged under the banner of the Order, whose standing motto has ever been "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft." Thus it is no matter for surprise that English Masons everywhere are asked to "reason together" as to the most suitable and practical manner in which the Jubilee shall be signalised within their own ranks, apart from the modes that may be adopted by other sections of public and private men. Within the last few days a circular has been issued by the Earl of Carnarvon, in his capacity as Pro Grand Master, inviting the attention of the members of the Craft everywhere within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge to a series of proposals in reference to the Jubilee Celebration. Notwithstanding that, for some reason, the document is headed "confidential," it is now the common property of the Masonic body; and, without giving the actual text, we feel justified, as officially representing the journalism of the Craft, in saying a few words on the salient points contained in a communication upon which Masons are requested to express an opinion. Already in many of our Lodges the note of preparation has been sounded, and everywhere within the next few weeks similar appeals to the patriotic sentiments of the Masonic body will be submitted for con-

sideration and report to Grand Lodge. It is scarcely necessary to say that we echo with every feeling of welcome and heartiness the confidence expressed by our noble Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, that whereas the event will be "welcomed most enthusiastically by all classes of Her Majesty's subjects," it will be especially so by those than whom "none are more loyal or devoted to their Sovereign than the Freemasons who owe allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, under our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." It is admitted that certain difficulties surround the question of how a Masonic Commemoration of the event can be most fittingly carried out, for it is obviously impossible that anything like a concentration of all who would desire to take part in it could be arranged at any given centre. The privileged few who were enabled to secure admission to the Royal Albert Hall when His Royal Highness was installed as Grand Master, in the year 1875, will still have vivid recollection of the many disappointments then expressed by those who were less fortunate; and the enormous increase of the Craft since that period will render the task of arranging a similar gathering under the special auspices of the Jubilee year doubly difficult and perplexing. The suggestion at present before us is that "a great representative meeting of English Freemasons in Masonic clothing" shall be held during next summer, in London; and, in the event of the number of applications for admission exceeding the limits of the Albert Hall, then the gathering shall be transferred to the new leviathan building, "Olympia," which is just now the centre of so much popular attraction, at Kensington. At such meeting, of which the Grand Master has approved, and over which he has consented to preside, an address of congratulation to Her Majesty will be agreed to "from her faithful subjects the Freemasons of England." To such a proposal every individual member of our great Fraternity will gladly assent, inasmuch as it will be an embodiment of all those sentiments of fealty and love which we are accustomed to hear on every occasion when members of "ye mystic tie" assemble either for labour or refreshment. The details of the proposed scheme are as yet, of course, unmaturing, and it is requested from the highest authorities that members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, both at home and abroad, should consider the proposal that has been shadowed forth, and communicate the result of their deliberations as early as possible to headquarters.

We repeat we have no desire to treat otherwise than "confidential" the circular issued by our Pro Grand Master, or to prompt the brethren as to any course they should pursue in relation to it. But, inasmuch as the document is now in the hands of Worshipful Masters of Lodges, and has been read to thousands of our brethren everywhere, it is impossible to avoid reference to it in these columns, and we do so in cordial appreciation of the general outlines which have been imparted to the Craft for their serious consideration. There can be little doubt that such a consensus of opinion will be returned by the various sections of our Order as will materially assist the Executive in framing a comprehensive and satisfactory arrangement for carrying their design into execution; and it may be expected that the "Masonic Commemoration" of the Jubilee will form an item in the national programme as strikingly magnificent as it will be distinctive. One portion of the plan submitted is that an admission fee of from one to two

guineas should be charged for entrance to the assembly, the result of which would be to "produce a considerable fund, by which our three Masonic Charities may be substantially benefited, as a suitable memento of the auspicious occasion." Now, any movement which has for its object the benefit of our Charitable Institutions must commend itself to the hearty acceptance of every member of the Order, though when we consider the unwearied efforts that are continuously being made in our Lodges everywhere in that direction, and the substantial sums which are collected, in spite of the serious "depression" experienced in almost every department of commerce and industry, it may be deemed a question as to whether the purses of the charitably-disposed can stand any further strain. We are perfectly aware that whenever any appeal is made for additional aid to any branch of our Benevolent enterprises there is a ready and spontaneous response by every member of the Craft who is in a position to lend a helping hand; and there can be little question that for the honour and pleasure of attending the "Commemoration Festival" there are thousands who will be ready to contribute the fee suggested, more especially as the fund so raised would be applied to some permanent memento of the Jubilee from a purely Masonic standpoint. Whether or not the other proposal—namely, to strike a special Jubilee jewel, "to be worn by all Freemasons who are subscribing members of some Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England on the 20th June 1887, when Her Majesty will complete the 50th year of her accession to the Throne of these Realms"—will meet with such ready and general approval is open to some suspicion of doubt. It has long been a prevailing impression that the number of jewels and decorations worn by members of the Craft has reached its limit, and that any addition to our present collection is undesirable, save under very exceptional circumstances. It will, of course, be argued that this is *par excellence* a case of unusual importance; yet, when it is considered that many of our brethren are so bejewelled that they find it necessary to reduce their ordinary decorations to miniature size, a majority of Masons are inclined to think there is no predisposition to increase the number of personal adornments. As an evidence of this feeling, it is well-known that miniature jewels are to be procured by brethren who find it inconvenient to carry such a weight of bullion about with them; and when men crowd on special distinctive marks for mere trivial services rendered—when we see young Masons who have scarcely been advanced to office sporting half a-dozen jewels on their breasts—the question naturally arises, "Where is all this accumulation of Masonic *bijouterie* to stop?" Anyhow these are the points considered by some of the Lodges at which Lord Carnarvon's Circular has been read; and, without venturing any decided opinion of our own, we would rather leave it to the verdict of our correspondents, whose views on the subject will be most acceptable.

Another important feature in relation to this matter is, that while "devotion to the Craft" is to be exemplified by the raising of a fund for the benefit of our "Charitable Institutions," at the same time "loyalty to the Throne" should be encouraged in connection with the "Jubilee Commemoration." Thus it is pointed out that as it is right that *all* Freemasons should have an opportunity of showing their loyalty to the throne, and their personal affection and respect for His Royal Highness their Grand Master, in a manner which will represent alike the feelings of good citizens and true Masons, the national memorial—which is distinguished from all local memorials—it is proposed to raise in Her Majesty's honour by the people of this country should form part of the programme under review. It is therefore suggested for the consideration of the members of the various Lodges that a voluntary subscription, not to exceed one guinea per head, be raised in each Lodge for the purpose of contributing to the erection of the proposed "Imperial Institute" to which we have already made reference. This Institute, which originated in the proposals of our Grand Master, and has his warm sanction and approval, will record both the national memorial of her Majesty's Jubilee and also the personal interest which his Royal Highness the Grand Master has taken in the work; and Lord Carnarvon does not doubt "that for such an object a sum worthy of the Craft of England, and of the loyal and patriotic feelings of its members, will be contributed." This is another important point which the members of Lodges are asked to consider

and express their views upon; and we need hardly point out how desirable it is that these opinions should be returned to the proper quarter as early as convenient. Every one of us must rejoice that an event of such vast importance in our national history is being so heartily and spontaneously taken up by the various institutions of which the English-speaking community is composed, and we feel assured that the Masonic body will not yield one jot in the genuine feelings of loyalty, patriotism, and love that during the present year will be on every lip and throb in every heart, that our most gracious Sovereign Lady the Queen, "happy and glorious," may yet be spared "Long to reign over us."

MASONIC CREDULITY.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

HEATHEN mythology proves that in olden time even the highly educated and cultured classes were exceedingly credulous, and we, of course, laugh at their credulity. I think, however, that in a future generation our descendents will have as much reason to laugh at us as we now have of laughing at the credulity of our predecessors. Take for instance our Masonic histories; we find that from the earliest time to the present day writers were steeped over head and ears in superstitious credulity. Thus, legends that were invented by pre-1717 writers were not only embodied in later histories, but each successive historian invented new fables, and all these fables were palmed off as Masonic histories. Although strong efforts have been made within the last twenty-five years, by honest historians, to enlighten the Fraternity by exposing the old errors, yet the papers reprinted in this paper from the *Voice of Masonry*, and other American journals, prove conclusively that "the fools are not all dead!" Indeed, if Masons had not been credulous the cock and bull story that Locke found a MS. in the Bodleian Library, containing a dialogue between Henry VI. and some Masons, would never have been reprinted in Masonic books so many times. And although the said story was exploded about forty years ago, yet it is repeated in the January 1887 No. of the *Voice of Masonry* as a fact, and it will probably continue to be repeated as a fact for "the Lord knows how long." And if Masons had not been so credulous so many of them would not have been humbugged by high degree mongers.

Again, about forty years ago Dr. Leeson, an English high degree monger, asserted that in 1772 a book was printed in Brussels containing extracts from the records of the Grand Lodge of England, wherein is mentioned Masonic Knighthood. This story was for many years repeated by high degree writers and lecturers, both in England and in America, as "Gospel truth." The fact, however is, the Grand Lodge of England had no records in 1722, and not a shadow of such a book was printed in Brussels in the above named year.

Still again, owing to Masonic credulity Dr. Oliver's writings became famous both in England and America; whatever he wrote was believed, without question or doubt; he asserted that the Royal Arch was once part of the Master's degree, and the best informed Masonic writers believed it. His "Antiquities of Masonry," his "Johannite Masonry," his "Revelations of a Square," &c., were quoted far and wide by English and American Masonic luminaries. Well, in 1873 I read an extract from Oliver's "Freemason's Treasury," in Bro. Lyon's "History of Freemasonry in Scotland," the purport of which was, that Desaguliers and Anderson got the Hiram legend "from certain idle tales taken out of the Jewish Targums, which were published in London A.D. 1715, from a manuscript in the University Library at Cambridge." I then called Bro. Woodford's attention to the paragraph in question, and urged him to make inquiry whether such a book was printed in London in 1715? and whether such a manuscript was ever in existence in the Cambridge Library? And the answer I got from Bro. Woodford was, that no such book was printed in London in 1715, and no such manuscript existed in Cambridge. Now, Oliver's "Treasury" was printed in 1863, but no one seems to have questioned the truth thereof before 1873.

I will mention another case to show how easily Masons can be imposed upon; thus, a Rev. Bro. Kerr, in Canada,

got hold of a pre-1717 MS., dated 1505. The said MS., together with a lecture thereon, by Bro. Kerr, was printed in Bro. Leon Hyneman's paper, about thirty years ago. In 1874 Bro. Hyneman sent me the said papers, with the question, "What do you think of the antiquity of Masonry now?" and I immediately replied that I was satisfied that 1705 was changed into 1505. Briefly then, at my instigation Bro. Hyneman wrote to Bro. Kerr, and eventually the said MS. was printed in the *Canadian Craftsman*, and the editor confirmed my suspicion. In Bro. Gould's History, Vol. I., p 69, under the heading of "Scarborough," the reader will find a brief account of the above event.

But I must mention another kind of imposition that was palmed off on Masons, viz., the so-called "Inigo Jones MS.," which is dated 1607, and is the only MS. wherein the name of Hiram Abiff is mentioned. I have, however, no doubt that the said MS. was not manufactured before the middle of the eighteenth century.

I might give scores of similar misstatements made by Masonic writers; some of these originated in the brains of well-meaning dreamers, and others were unscrupulous inventions. Some were invented to make Masonry older than it is; others for the purpose of proving that Adam, Moses, Solomon and Co. were Christians; and others, again, in order to enhance the antiquity of the high degrees; and as these impositions cannot be disputed, I am, therefore, justified in demanding unexceptional evidence from Masonic writers, be they who they may, who profess to discover some new proof about Masonic antiquity.

Now, a Lodge with the outlandish name of "Quatuor Coronati" was recently chartered in London, and its membership is confined to Masonic *litterati*, whose respective new discoveries are to be read in the Lodge, and subsequently to be published in its Proceedings. But however praiseworthy the aim of the founders of the said Lodge may be, yet the choice of such a name for the Lodge certainly indicates a clinging veneration for mediæval superstition on the part of our English Masonic enlighteners. However, be that as it may, it seems that one of its members at least is not afraid to combat errors. Briefly, then, a paper was read before the said Lodge on the 8th of November, by Professor Hayter Lewis, designed to prove the antiquity of the Hiramic legend, which paper was reviewed by Bro. Gould in the [Philadelphia] *Keystone* 11th December. It seems that the whole of Bro. Lewis' evidence rests upon a statement he received from Rabbi Dr. Marks, that he saw in the Bodleian Library an Arabic MS. "of about the 14th century, having reference to Masonry (or architecture), in which there was a distinct reference to the Master having been lost and found." Bro. Gould did not question the existence of the said MS., nor its contents, but confined his arguments to show that there is no evidence either in England or Scotland to indicate the existence of the third degree, or a knowledge of the Hiramic legend before 1717, or even somewhat later.

Now, I also know Rabbi Marks, whom I had the pleasure of meeting at the house of my late lamented friend Bro. Henry Fandel, in 1857—(Bro. Fandel was a P.G.D. of the G.L. of England). Well, in the course of conversation that evening, Mr. Marks informed us that he once read something about the Hiramic legend in a preface to the Zohar. Now, if Bro. Lewis derived his information from the same Mr. Marks, then there is a curious discrepancy between the two statements. However, it is possible that a Mason in the last century published an edition of the Zohar, and inserted the Masonic legend into the preface. It is also possible that an Arabic Mason may have written an Arabic MS. in the last century, and palmed it off on the Bodleian Library as an ancient MS., the same as the Scarborough and Inigo Jones MSS. were palmed off on the Rev. Bros. Kerr and Woodford. And as Rev. Doctors have again and again made misstatements, as already shown; some have even appealed to books and manuscripts in certain libraries, which upon inquiry were found utterly baseless; it is, therefore, now no more than right and proper, before we consider Bro. Lewis' statement, to ascertain—

First. Whether there is such an Arabic MS. in the Bodleian Library?

Second. Whether it was written in the 14th century?

And third. The legend therein must be translated into English, so as to enable us to judge of its value.

Should such an investigation confirm Bro. Lewis' theory, he will then be entitled to the thanks of every Mason. Should, however, the statement he received be on a par with

the statements formerly made by Messrs. Oliver, Leeson and Co., or should the MS. in question be of recent date, it would then become the duty of the W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge to caution Bro. Lewis, that if he value a reputation for veracity and common sense he must never again repeat unsupported statements, which were designed to bolster up either Masonic sectarianism, high degedom, or the antiquity of Masonic legends, even if these statements proceed from Medical, Divinical, or Rabbinical Doctors of the highest reputation for scholarship, piety, and what not.

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POPERY OR MASONRY.

THERE is nothing in the Catholic religion which is adverse to Masonry; for the truth is that Masonry embodies "that religion in which all men agree." This is as true as that all veritable religion, wherever found, is in substance the same. Neither is it "in the power of any man or body of men" to make it otherwise. Doctrines and forms of observances conformable to piety, imposed by spiritual overseers, may be as various as the courses of the winds; and like the latter may war with each other upon the face of the whole earth; but they are not religion.

Bigotry and zeal—the assumptions of priestcraft, with all its countless inventions to magnify and impress the world with its own importance and the necessity of its rule over the minds of men, are ever the mainsprings of strife, hatred and revenge, which defame and banish religion and its inseparable virtues; and work unspeakable mischief wherever mankind are found upon the earth.

Popery and priestcraft are so allied that they may be called the same; the truth being that the former is nothing more nor less than a special case of the latter; being a particular form of evolution of the same vicious principle; which itself is but the offspring of the conceit of self-sufficiency and the lust of dominion. Nothing which can be named is more repugnant to the spirit of Masonry—nothing is to be more carefully guarded against; and this has always been well understood by all skilful masters; and it must in truth be said that such is the wisdom of the lessons, and so admirable the order of the Ancient Craft Lodge, that these pernicious influences have hitherto been kept under better subjection throughout all bodies of the institution, than in any other equal to it in antiquity and the multitude of its votaries. Nevertheless Masons must not flatter themselves with the self-delusive notion which has deceived the supporters of all orders and establishments of the world; that they can "take a bond" of human nature to hold them harmless against the delinquency and folly common to the race.

There always glides into every association or community of whatever kind, a lurking disposition to assume and extend more and more oversight and control over individuals and subordinate bodies if any, and to multiply provisions and prescriptions concerning conduct and beliefs, not called for or warranted by the principles of the fundamental law; or involved in the prime object of the institution. This prompts repeated encroachments, and departures from the original design; always commencing with changed modes of procedure, dereliction in observing "the weightier matters of the law;" and making up for the shortcoming by contentious zeal in tithing "mint, anise and cummin." From this proceeds continual legislation and controversies over countless quibbles and prevarications: and these in turn generate new departures, with their trains of litigations; more perplexing and vexatious as they are more and more worthless; until division and dissolution set in. Those which have survived this stage of degeneracy have been hierarchies backed by dependent and servile civil governments, by which their integrity could be forcibly maintained.

All these troubles come in with the increase of members and influence; as can be seen in the history of institutions founded in aid of moral and religious improvement. The whole process is known by the common term "corruption," and the further it proceeds the more incurable

are the evils engendered. All this is the beginning and progress of what is meant by Popery; which flourishes as vigorously under the zealous care of Brahmins, Grand Lamas and Bonzes, as in any of the Christian hierarchies or establishments of untutored barbarians.

It cannot be denied that indications of this universal tendency can be detected in some of the developments taking place in Masonry at this time. It can be seen manifesting itself gradually in various forms—in none perhaps more distinctly than in advanced (?) doctrines in jurisprudence, beginning to grow up: some of them threatening the Craft with serious evil.

Passing over some which are more conspicuous, let us take notice of a group of propositions in Masonic law or ethics, as you may please to term them; which appear to be finding favour in influential circles among the Fraternity; and which are allied in their principles, and tend to enhance the mischief of each other in cutting under and subverting the benignant rule of friendship, benevolence and justice. It is true that not all of them have attained a magnitude sufficient to occasion immediate and irreparable injury on a large scale; but this is the very reason why now is the proper time to fix attention on their presence and the consequent danger; for if they pass their incipient stage, they cannot be remedied until they have run their course beyond the verge of disaster.

Among these is, first, the proposed doctrine that a newly formed Grand Lodge may rightfully call upon the Craft to coerce by pains and penalties the will of regular and older Lodges found within the territory over which it claims jurisdiction—a subject of heated controversy at this time; and portentous of much evil throughout the Masonic world.

In the wake of this proposition (when established) necessarily follows that of the right of a particular Lodge to force membership in its own body against all Masons, members of other Lodges, who may be found within the metes and bounds of its territorial jurisdiction—this to be done by pains and penalties under Grand Lodge power.

Third, the unnecessary and unjust claim of what is called "perpetual jurisdiction," by which if any person has petitioned a Lodge for the degrees, and some member or members have for any reason voted adversely, so that his petition has been rejected; and he afterwards has removed to another region, and lived there it may be twenty years, "under the tongue of good report," no Lodge there can receive and act on his petition without a "waiver of jurisdiction" by the Lodge which had acted on his former application.

It will be best to mention no other instances here, as the above are fully enough for one short article. It is manifest, on close examination, that these all have a common tap root, and are but branches of the same stem. They all may be said to spring from that form of dominion which attaches itself to the particular society or body corporate, and not so much to mere self. Jesuitism is a familiar and proper example of this spirit in a high state of development. But in its beginning it is not imbued with intent of craft and fraud, as it afterwards comes to be—it is content with acquiring dominion by legal stratagems and adroit management; but the domination it must have in some way; and it finally becomes impatient of any restraints based on the proper rights of others; and ends in being not only despotic but demoralising and base, and so dangerous and destructive. Those who are animated with zeal for the cause, whatever it may be, often slide into zeal for the corporate institution which sustains it, and finally labour for the extension and dominion of the latter, to the hindrance and disparagement of the former, until the cause is lost and the institution remains to work the very evils it was designed to overthrow.

Now, as to the above mentioned propositions or doctrines in Masonic jurisprudence, it is proper to say that they are upheld by Masons who are just and magnanimous—who are devoted to the highest principles of morality, and who would scorn an act infringing on the rights of others, or tending in any way to bring reproach upon Masonry. Some, therefore, will say, What is the harm? good men will not do wrong, and what better is wanted than to let good men have their way? But the answer is that harm is one of the very things which good men have been doing all over the

world at all times. It is undeniable truth that many of the most reprehensible encroachments on liberty and human rights, and especially on the rights of conscience, have grown to the proportions which made them impregnable, by means of the countenance and support of excellent and respected men. For this has been the misfortune of this world in all ages, that rulers, both temporal and spiritual, of the highest moral sentiments, have used their consequent great influence in favour of policies, laws and observances which seemed on too little reflection well grounded; yet which in truth were fraught with the germs of insidious evils. In thousands of instances what were taken for newly perceived and desirable forms or aspects of truth, have turned out to be revivals of ancient fallacies but partly disclosed.

Doubtless there are among worthy and intelligent brethren conflicting opinions concerning each of the three propositions above mentioned; and some who favour one or two hold the other or others in aversion; so that only a limited number agree in support of all of them. What is intended here is not to discredit or attack the intentions or conduct of any, but to invite attention to the departure from the prime law and order of Masonry, which is doubtless involved in each and all of them; for they each contain a germ of false philosophy and of false law, considered in the light of Masonry.

The first is contrary to a vital principle of proper Masonic government, which is, that although every organised body claiming to be a lawful Lodge must be able to show that it is authorised by regular Masonic documents emanating from a recognised Grand Body, capable of conferring proper capacity and authority; yet while its existence as a working Lodge must originate in that manner; when it is once so clothed with the attributes of a regular Lodge, it is and must be of necessity independent of the power of any other body of Masons, grand or subordinate, except its own Grand Lodge; so long as the latter may exist as a recognised body; and it remains in allegiance thereto. In short a Lodge of Masons holding a charter under a living Grand Lodge, cannot be compelled by any other Masonic authority whatever to *change* its allegiance; and any attempt to coerce it by such other Grand Body is an assault, not only on the Masonic liberty of its members, but on their Grand Lodge; which has no right to cast them off, they being an integral part of itself; and such an assault as would at once justify the latter in calling upon all the Grand Lodges of the world to resent it, as an attack upon the common liberty and rights of those bodies, by such measures as in the common judgment would seem meet. And why not? seeing that a Grand Lodge with its subordinate or constituent Lodges, as you please to consider them, is like a tree with its branches and roots, which are all *one*; so that you cannot injure either without injuring the tree; so whether a particular Lodge is a branch (subordinate) or a root (constituent) is no matter; the Grand Lodge (like the tree) can neither lawfully abdicate government, nor abnegate the same over any constituent part without its consent; and certainly nobody else can interfere.

Any Grand Lodge instituted within the territory where any such chartered Lodge may exist, must take its jurisdiction subject to the incumbrance occasioned by the prior rights of the Lodge, which will hold its own jurisdiction half way to the next Lodge, or as may be agreed on; and pursue its ordinary Masonic course as though nothing had happened; although it might be better if the latter would elect to accept the new jurisdiction.

All who claim that the Lodges located in any state or other independent political division, in which no Grand Lodge may exist, can elect to unite and form a Grand Lodge of their own; admit also thereby their right to elect to stay as they are; any other supposition dissipates the right of election. A proposition that a Lodge may elect to leave its Grand Lodge and accept allegiance in another; but that at the same time it cannot elect to decline to do so, is not even good nonsense; and yet some Lodges must elect to go out and form a Grand Lodge before there can be such a body for other Lodges to elect to join. The whole process of forming a Grand Lodge is, therefore, a process of election; and that is all there is of it.

Take the second proposition, which includes forced affiliation of the members of one Lodge by another Lodge which is situated nearer. This being a similar state

case the right and the law must be the same; to wit, the law of Masonic liberty—of election—a law which presents itself as necessarily existing and paramount in every such case, and inseparable from it, in such an institution as Freemasonry.

The right of a Mason to continue his existing affiliation, or unite with a nearer Lodge, is so obvious that it need not have been mentioned here, if the same right in a Lodge of Masons to adhere to its own Grand Lodge had not been put in question, and an attempt actually made, backed up by one or more Grand Lodges, to coerce the "affiliation" of several Lodges—that is to force them to elect to leave their old Grand Lodge and accept allegiance in the new.

When this project shall be accomplished, the Grand Lodges which support the innovation will have already committed themselves, at the expense of unfraternal edicts and wide-spread animosities, to the mischievous doctrine of forced affiliation all round, as well in respect to individual Masons as to Lodges of such—the two cases being in substance the same: for what is the difference to Freemasons between forcing twenty of them separately out of their own Lodges, and forcing twenty of them in a body out of their own Grand Lodge? Hence the firebrand of forced affiliation must, doubtless, soon be added to the one now lighting the fires of discord and division.

The third proposition, that of so-called "perpetual jurisdiction," although it will doubtless engender countless contentions between Lodges, will not so much violate the rights of Masons as either of the others, and may be easier disposed of, because easier understood. It is, nevertheless, subject to two grave objections. First, it will work injustice to many worthy persons who may petition for the degrees and be rejected, perhaps by the vote of a single member, cast without any sufficient reason, as often happens. It is not enough when a man of fair character presents his petition to a Lodge which contains some worse men, and one or two members, out of forty or more, vote against him that he be treated as rejected by the entire Lodge, and let go, to fare better perhaps at some future time if found worthy by the same or some other Lodge? That he should be required to disclose the fact of his rejection to any Lodge he may afterwards petition is a different matter; for that enables such Lodge to inquire into his character.

Too much importance is allowed to the mere fact of rejection. If any one who has been a Mason thirty years will count up all the cases of rejection which he has known he must not be greatly surprised to find that more good men have been rejected than bad ones, or that more bad ones have been admitted than rejected. And this is natural enough, for most men, in the absence of any special cause of mistrust, are reluctant in using a black ball against anybody.

Secondly, the entire pretence of perpetual jurisdiction is manifestly absurd; and this alone ought to be cause enough for any Mason to reject it at once, even if he disregards its injustice. It is much more absurd than that other detestable claim of popery, that if a child has been baptised by a priest even by surreptitious procurement, as in the case of the Jewish child (Mortara's) the hierarchy have a divine right to seize it afterwards, even by kidnapping, and keep it secreted from its parents for ever, by virtue of "perpetual jurisdiction." This Masonic claim is more absurd in this, that the popish hierarchy had in the first place done something towards accepting the child; but in this case the only thing done by the Lodge was to refuse to have anything to do with the petitioner.

When all three of the propositions herein mentioned shall have been placed among the phylacteries of Masonic law, who can deny that Masonic Popery has come to stay? *Voice of Masonry.*

THE BALLOT.—Secret it must be and independent. It is a duty from the exercise of which no brother should be exempt, and every brother should bear in mind that while no one can question his motives, or even know how he may have voted, yet that he is responsible to his own conscience, to his Masonic obligations, and to his Creator. If he be a true Mason he will allow no unworthy or un-Masonic motive to actuate him. No mere personal prejudice or bias, no spirit of revenge, or retaliation for the acts of others will influence him to vote unfavourably upon the application of a good, true, and worthy man, either for the degrees or for advancement. And still, at the same time it is his bounden duty to reject any and all whom he knows to be unworthy, no matter what the views of others may be. —*Masonic Tidings.*

A MASONIC ALPHABET.

XI.—KINDNESS.

When Forest and Plain,
Need the nourishing rain;
When the Rivers have ceased to run,
When the soils are all dried,
And the herbage had died,
'Neath the rays of the fiery sun.
When the cattle and sheep,
In their agony creep,
To the place where the water has been,
Comes the life-giving rain,
And rejoicing, again
Fills the objects and lives of the scene,
And often in life
Distress may be rife;
Till the heart grows both harsh and severe,
May decline to disclose
Its trials and woes,
Yet long for some brotherly cheer.
Oh! then let the showers
Of the kindest powers
Fall soothing and sweet o'er its pain;
Its pulses will thrive,
Its hopes will revive
And strengthen'd 'twill rally again.

XII.—LOYALTY.

Historic pages richly teem,
With deeds of Knight and Squire;
Who held 'mid angry weapon's gleam
Their Loyalty entire.
Gold could not buy their noble love—
Nor break their plighted word:
Despair and danger failed to move
Their fealty to their Lord.
Through good and ill his cause was theirs,
With him their lives were cast;
Through battles fierce or peaceful cares
Were loyal to the last.
The sterling Mason, too, must show
His Loyalty sincere,
By fostering its Sacred glow,
And keeping actions clear.
Be loyal to an impulse good,
And shun the voice of ill,—
Be loyal to the gen'rons mood
And all its terms fulfil.
Be loyal to the laws which guide,
On Home or Foreign sod;
Be Loyal to his Order wide,
His Sovereign and his God.

WM. H. ORE, W.M. 10, Grand Bard.

GLEANINGS.

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Masonry is in the heart rather than in ceremony and ritual.

There are twelve thousand Royal Arch Masons in Illinois.

Last year the eight Grand Lodges in Germany spent 59,000 marks in charity.

The candidate for Freemasonry must come of his own free will and accord. It is very wrong to persuade or induce any one to come and yet we fear it is done every day. Masonry only wants volunteers in the strictest sense of the word.

It is a great mistake, a most reprehensible error among Masons in using and passing their Masonic word on business transactions. It should never be done.

Dr. Mackey defines Masonry to be a science engaged in the search after Divine Truth, and which employs symbolism as its method of instruction.

As Masons we seek not that which is new or sensational; we seek to know the truth and follow after it.

The requisites for membership in the Masonic Veterans' Association, of Pennsylvania, are: (1) Twenty-one years' service as a Master Mason; (2) A petition, recommended by one Veteran brother, setting forth the Masonic history of the applicant, with a fee of six dollars, covering expense of medal worn by each Veteran.

The Supreme Council (Scottish Rite) for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States has a permanent fund of more than 50,000 dollars.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland will celebrate its centennial in May next. Among the other ceremonies there will be a procession of the Craft.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.—Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, of Philadelphia, at its last stated meeting, donated fifty dollars to provide a Christmas dinner for the aged brethren, inmates of the Masonic Home, Broad Street, Philadelphia. This is the second donation made for this laudable purpose by Girard Mark Lodge.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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Masonic Calendar for the Province of Hertfordshire. 1887. London: Gilbert and Rivington Limited, St. John's Square, E.C.

It is a marked feature in the progress of the Craft that the number of these useful little companion works, which are so essential to the information of members of Provincial Lodges, is on the increase, whilst the style in which they are arranged, elaborated, and got up is alike creditable to the compilers and handy to those who are placed in possession of such books of reference. The Calendar which has just been published by authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire is an admirable specimen of this class of Masonic work, and there is evidence throughout its pages of skill and attention having been bestowed upon its compilation by the editor, Bro. Geo. E. Lake Prov. Grand Secretary, Edenlea, Watford. In addition to the Calendar proper, in which notices are given of the dates of installation and other meetings in connection with the Province, spaces are left on the opposite pages for entering "engagements;" and then follow lists of the Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England for the current year; of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire; lists of Lodges in the Province, with times and places of meeting; dates of consecration; the investiture of Officers at last installations; subscribing Past Masters; and indeed all the information that can be deemed requisite concerning each individual Lodge. The same remarks apply to the Royal Arch Chapters, Knights Templar, and Mark Lodges and Lodges of Instruction; whilst in an Appendix we find an "In Memoriam" of brethren deceased during the past year; a list of the Masonic Charities, and local Stewardships and subscribers thereto; special reference being given to the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association, of which the Prov. G. Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., is the President. The little compendium is neatly stitched into a cover of blue boards, with gold title and border; and is of a convenient size for the waistcoat pocket. The letterpress is in every respect perfect, whilst the amount of information contained in the book renders it indispensable to every member of the Craft in the Province.

Calendar and Directory for the Province of Middlesex, 1887. London: 26 Budge-row, E.C.

HERE we have another valuable compilation, from the pen of a well-known Brother, Henry Lovegrove, A.R.I.B.A., whose name is as a "household word" amongst every section of Masonry in Middlesex, and far beyond. It is published under the authority of the R.W. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.S.W., Provincial Grand Master, of whom an excellent portrait is given as a frontispiece. It necessarily follows that these Calendars are very similar in the manner in which their contents are arranged, and many of the remarks given with respect to the above-named work are applicable to this. Every information is here afforded that can be useful to, or desired by, the members of Middlesex Lodges, Chapters, &c.; and the details are so arranged that any point upon which brethren are desirous of being instructed is placed readily at the finger end. A portrait is included in the book, of Bro. Henry Lovegrove himself, as Prov. Grand Treasurer R.A.C., and the Calendar is well printed, on good paper, of handy size, and is in every respect suited to the purposes for which it has been designed.

MESSRS. CASSELL & CO.'S PUBLICATIONS.

British Ballads; Popular Educator, &c. London: La Belle Sauvage-yard, Ludgate-hill, E.C.

AMONGST the many admirable standard works that have emanated during recent years from this eminent firm of publishers, "British Ballads" must be accorded a foremost rank. It is almost unnecessary to allude to Messrs. Cassell as the pioneers of pure and wholesome literature, for their efforts in supplying an antidote to the pernicious effusions of the "cheap press" have achieved a world-wide reputation. The series under notice, and to which we have had the pleasure of calling frequent attention in these columns, is rapidly approaching completion, and next month will witness the concluding number of one of the best and most appreciated issues from the Belle Sauvage establishment. We opine there are few libraries in which may be found anything like so perfect and *recherché* a collection of the old ballad literature of our country, and the volume will prove not only a valuable addition to the store of useful information and reference on the drawing-room table, but a solid addition to the reading material of a household or public library. The work is exquisitely got up, from a typographical point of view, whilst the illustrations, which have been contributed to by most of the leading of our modern artists, are profuse, and of a most delicate and superior description. Many and excellent as have been the serial volumes published by Messrs. Cassell and Co., we regard "British Ballads" decidedly as one of the most elaborate, comprehensive and useful, affording as it does the means of coming into contact with all the best—though unhappily little-known—of our own ballad writers. We say advisedly that these composers are comparatively little known by the majority of modern English readers, for it is a lamentable truth that most of the rising generation may be on quotation terms with the latest music-hall ditty or "penny dreadful" atrocity, and yet be entirely in ignorance of the beauty and sublimity of the best of our old ballads. To rescue the reading public from such a condition, or at any rate to place within their reach a feast of richer things, has been the aim of the publishers in their years of literary

enterprise; and we sincerely congratulate them upon the near completion of a new addition to the splendid collection of standard works they have placed upon our library shelves.

"The Popular Educator" is so familiar to every class of English reader who lay any claim to intellectual study whatever, that the mere mention of the title is sufficient in announcing that another series is almost complete, the twenty-sixth number being issued this month. It would be difficult to enumerate how many editions this wonderful mass of education has been through since our schooldays: and it would tax the ingenuity and patience of the most astute philosopher to try and gauge the tremendous amount of benefit that has been conferred upon our youth and manhood by the production of these successive volumes. Not a subject in the whole range of study and useful information but has been thoroughly thrashed out in the pages of the "Educator," and the practical lessons have been supplied by such easy and gradual stages that even the youngest students has been assisted most pleasantly and thoroughly along the paths of educational research and knowledge.

Another marvel of literary enterprise has very recently been despatched from the Belle Sauvage press, and what would have been an impossible feat a few years ago has become now an accomplished fact. We refer to the publication, at the ridiculously low price of threepence, of Charles Dickens's *Christmas Carol* and *The Chimes*, stitched together in neat and handy form, and which is finding its way rapidly into the hands of myriads of readers. The publication in cheap form of this immortal author's undying works may be in a measure attributed to the expiration of the copyright; but when we remember that originally five shillings was the price charged for the *Carol* alone, it is truly as marvellous as it is gratifying that these grand works are now placed within the reach of the most humble classes of readers, amongst whom they are being taken up with an avidity that is as commendable to them as it is congratulatory to every well-wisher to the spread of pure and wholesome literature.

"ILLUSTRATIONS."—The Queen has graciously accepted, from Mr. Francis George Heath, a copy of the first volume, just published by Messrs. W. Kent and Co., of his pictorial threepenny magazine—"Illustrations"—which contains as its frontispiece a large cabinet portrait of Her Majesty, privately taken, and for the publication of which, in "Illustrations," the Queen's special sanction was given to Mr. Heath.

The brethren of True Love and Unity Lodge, No. 248, Brixham, will formally dedicate their new Hall on Thursday, the 20th instant. The foundation stone of this building was laid on the 25th February 1886, and the ceremony on the 20th instant will be conducted by Worshipful Bro. W. G. Rogers Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Worshipful Bro. T. W. Lemon Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, and Worshipful Bro. W. J. Hughan Past Grand Deacon (of England). The Lodge will be opened at half-past one, and at three o'clock the brethren will attend a service at All Saints' Church. Brethren of the neighbouring Lodges are fraternally invited to attend this meeting; those wishing to remain to banquet (tickets 4s each) will kindly oblige by signifying their intention to the Secretary, Bro. Charles Atkins P.M. 27, at the Queen's Hotel, Brixham, not later than Monday, the 17th instant.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Olympic.—We are glad to hear that Mr. Edward Terry's season at this theatre is likely to be a prosperous one. "The Churchwarden" increases nightly in popularity, and for the first time for many years boards are frequently seen with the words "House full." This is as it should be; "The Churchwarden," with Mr. Terry in the title rôle, is certainly one of the merriest pieces running at the present time. It is preceded by the one act comedy drama "Home Rule," and Offenbach's burletta "The two Blinds." We trust Mr. Edward Terry has turned the fortunes of this house, and will secure the reward he so justly deserves.

Mohawk Minstrels.—This popular troupe of entertainers is now offering a most interesting programme, with several new songs and ballads for the first part; while in the second, the entertainment is both amusing and varied. Such vocalists as Thos. Campbell, Ernest Gordon, Walter Hawkins, Grantham Yates, C. H. Chivers, and Master Bell are sure to please an audience, while the comic element is equally well sustained. Mezzetti, Onzella, and Mezzetti go through a wonderful performance on the triple horizontal bars. Johnny Morton and Tom Sadler, American comedians, are amusing; while the dancing spider of Pete Dwight is well worth seeing. The entertainment is brought to a conclusion by "The Double Let," supported by several prominent members of the company.

Mr. Edwin Drew announces the second Dickens' Birthday Celebration in the Banqueting Room, St. James' Hall, on 8th February. There will be an entertainment of music, readings, recitations, and scenes connected with the novelist, and afterwards a Costume Ball, in which will appear many characters from the novels. Mrs. Weldon will attend as Sergeant Buzfuz.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, under the presidency of Bro. George Gardner W.M. Among those present at the meeting were:—Bros. Richard Harvey S.W., W. Gomm J.W., Dr. F. Lawrence P.M. Treasurer, George Everett P.M., T. C. Walls P.M., W. R. Dowling S.D., J. Brown J.W., R. H. Wimpey I.G., C. Riechelmann Org., and other members of the Lodge. After the formal opening the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, as also was the auditors' report, which shewed a substantial balance to the credit of the members. Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. W. Thornton was impressively raised to the third degree, Bro. Gardner performing the ceremony in a most gratifying manner. Bro. Richard Harvey, the W.M. elect, was next presented, and having given his allegiance in ancient form, he was regularly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, by Bro. George Everett P.M. Bro. Harvey subsequently appointed the following as Officers for the year:—Gomm S.W., Dowling J.W., Lawrence Treasurer, F. Walden Secretary, Brown S.D., Wimpey J.D., Packer I.G., and Rowe Tyler. The Installation was then completed in due course by the delivery of the various addresses. The first act which the Worshipful Master was called upon to perform, after the Installation, was to present to his predecessor in the chair the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him by the members of the Lodge in recognition of the way in which he had managed the work of his office. The members fully appreciated what Bro. Gardner had done for the Lodge, and wished him long life to continue his support of it. In one particular he had been most assiduous in his attention, having for the past three years worked in the most energetic manner on behalf of the Charities of Freemasonry. The brethren felt that what he had done in that respect was deserving of special recognition, and had accordingly passed a cordial vote of thanks to him, and had ordered that the expression of their goodwill should be engrossed on vellum and presented to Bro. Gardner. This had been done, and Bro. Harvey had much pleasure in now publicly handing to Bro. Gardner his well-earned testimonial. The vellum, which was handsomely framed, was engrossed as follows:—

CHISWICK LODGE OF FREEMASONS,

No. 2012.

At a meeting of the above Lodge, held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Monday, November 8th, 1886, it was proposed by the Worshipful Bro. GEORGE EVERETT P.M., seconded by Bro. RICHARD HARVEY W.M. elect, and carried with acclamation, That the best thanks of the Lodge are due, and are hereby accorded to, Bro. GEORGE GARDNER, Worshipful Master, in appreciation of his valuable services as Steward to the Masonic Charities for three consecutive years, and for having by his indefatigable exertions obtained for those noble Institutions the handsome sum of £175.

That this resolution be engrossed on vellum, and presented to Bro. GARDNER on his retirement from the chair, which he has filled with such marked ability and satisfaction to the Lodge.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

FREDERICK LAWRENCE, Treasurer.
H. FURZE, Secretary.

Bro. Gardner suitably acknowledged the two presentations, after which the sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge Funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the Treasurer, who will act as a Steward for that Institution at its next Festival. Dr. Lawrence then made a presentation of an album to the Lodge, and some matters of formal business having been attended to, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. A banquet followed, after which, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, the usual toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable evening was spent. There was a very large attendance, but the arrangements made by Bro. Brill for the comfort of his guests were such as to reflect the highest credit on him, and to give satisfaction to all concerned. Among the visitors were Bros. B. Lemere P.M. 193, J. Barnett 177, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, R. Feuillade S.W. 1381, G. W. Raffle Dir. of Cers. 1381, H. Salter Dir. of Cers. 780, A. Freeman 1614, St. J. Stollery W.M. 209, K. Montgomery P.G.S.W. Middx., W. Causton P.M. 162, D. Plenderleith 177, C. Ellis S.W. 1014, H. Purdoo P.M. 834, J. H. Lansdown 1541, R. Pringle S.W. 92, G. Wright S.W. 1612, E. Coleman 145, W. H. Hooker Inner Guard 1670, C. Shannaw 857, J. Bieling Immediate Past Master 534, &c.

CANDOUR LODGE, No. 337.

THE Annual Festival of St. John was celebrated by this Lodge on the 6th instant. The brethren were summoned to meet at high twelve. Lodge opened at two p.m. A board of installed Past Masters was formed, and the ceremony of installing the late S.W., Thomas H. Tanner, as W.M. of the Lodge, was very ably performed by Bro. John Hirst P.M. The W.M. then invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. T. Stott S.W., J. W. Tanner J.W., Rev. H. Doig Chaplain, E. Rowbotham Organist, Blackburn P.M. P.P.S.G.D. D.C., W. Mallalieu S.D., J. Bradbury J.D., R. Eastwood I.G., B. B. Bradshaw P.M. Treasurer, J. Lawton P.M. Secretary (for the sixteenth year in succession), F. Fisher Captain of Stewards, James Shaw, Abel Holmes, John Moore, and James Walker assistant Stewards, Bro. A. Hawkyard Tyler. The Worshipful Master called Bro. P.M. Jas. Lawton to the pedestal, and called upon Bro. Blackburn P.M. and John F. Tanner P.M. to make a presentation to Bro. Lawton, which consisted of a gold breast jewel, with cross pens on the five points of fellowship, and P.M.'s jewel and ribbon, also a Past Master's collar and solid P.M.'s pendant, and a purse of sovereigns new from the Mint, as a mark of the esteem of the Brethren for his gratuitous services for 15 years. The following

inscription was on both the jewels—Presented to Bro. Past Master James Lawton, together with a purse of gold, by the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge of Candour, No. 337, as a mark of their esteem, and in appreciation of his services as Secretary of the Lodge for 15 years. January 6th, 1887. Though nearly every member of the Lodge had subscribed, the secret was so well kept that Bro. P.M. Lawton had not the slightest idea as to what he was called to the pedestal by the Worshipful Master for, and the consequence was that he was completely taken aback, and with the greatest difficulty could make a suitable acknowledgment of thanks to the brethren. There were about seventy brethren assembled, and this was increased to eighty at the banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and drunk during the evening, interspersed with glees, songs, &c. The brethren departed about half-past eleven, in peace and good harmony. There were twenty-seven visitors at the Lodge.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No 1693.—Held at Bros. Bakers', the Cook Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday, 10th inst. Bros. Fluck W.M., Stockhall S.W., Collingridge (Secretary) J.W., Fenner J.D., Cooper Treasurer, Forge Preceptor, Ball I.G.; and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Snook candidate. After routine work, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Monday, 17th inst.

PRINTERS' PENSION CORPORATION.

A VERY gratifying return has just been issued in connection with the Second South London Auxiliary of this Society, whose meetings are held on Saturday evenings, during the winter session, at Bro. J. L. Smith's, Skinners' Arms, Camberwell New-road. Smoking Concerts are now a popular institution, and deserve to be encouraged when the sole aim and object is the promotion of objects of benevolence and mutual help; and it is gratifying to learn that during fourteen weeks three reunions have taken place, and no less a sum than £64.0s 8½d has been collected in aid of the Pension Fund. Of this sum no less than £40 was contributed at a recent concert. The funds thus contributed, together with what may be received up to April next, when the session closes, will go towards the formation of another pension. We understand that other districts in London are doing equally well, and it may be hoped that the great body of printers in the metropolis will emulate the example so well set them in Camberwell.

MASONIC HALL AT LA HARPE.—The Masonic Fraternity of La Harpe, Illinois, are enterprising and prosperous. They now possess a hall which is twenty-eight feet by sixty-six feet eight inches, and which was Masonically dedicated on the 11th November 1886, by Right Worshipful Owen Scott, acting as Deputy of the Grand Master. The hall has high arches, and is well lighted, well ventilated, and finely furnished and ornamented. Its dedication services were attended by large delegations from Lodges in towns adjoining, and were thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Dr. Butler, on behalf of ladies of the Eastern Star, presented the Lodge a large and costly Bible. Her remarks were very appropriate, and aptly responded to by W. W. Gillon W.M. The Lodge was formed 29th March 1856, with Bro. C. C. Sympton as its Master, under dispensation. It was chartered 6th October 1853, as La Harpe Lodge, No. 195, with the same brother as Master, and he was present at the dedication. In the mean time he has filled numerous civil positions, among which is that of Clerk of the Senate of the United States, he having received that appointment 1st December 1861, and having been retained until this time.

INHERENT RIGHT.—Bro. Drammond holds "that the Grand Lodge of Quebec acquire its sovereign authority from the inherent right of a majority of the Lodges in that Province to form a Grand Lodge with exclusive jurisdiction, without the permission of any man or body of men." Inherent right? Bosh! When and where did any Lodge acquire the "inherent right" to dimit all the members of another Lodge and force them into allegiance to itself? When and where did a majority of Lodges acquire the "inherent right" to non-affiliate all the members of a minority of Lodges in the same Province and coerce them into a new allegiance? Such talk means that the minority of Lodges have no rights which the majority shall respect. More: it means the basest assumption and usurpation, and the vilest despotism, and is as un-Masonic as Hades. It is high time that Masonry freed itself from such hideous shackles. Verily, it seems some of the Craft have forgotten that ours is "the land of the free, and home of the brave," and that the quintessence of fraternity is unity by free will and accord.—Voice.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday last, when there were present, Comps. Hallows M.E.Z., Dean H., Barnet J., Sheffield S.E., Liebmann S.N., Radcliffe P.S. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a fair attendance. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a perfect manner.

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information required, and supply them with all necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of
applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain
donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed
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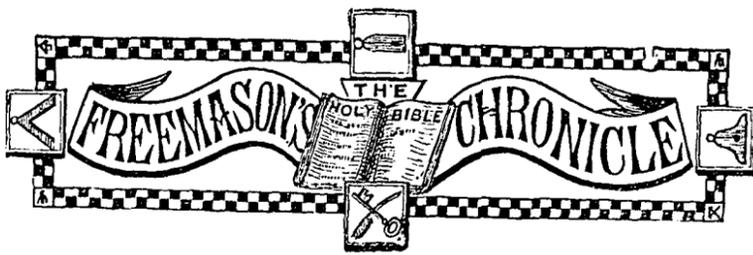
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OUR INSTITUTIONS.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers
of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held
at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 8th instant, Brother
Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treasurer, in the chair.
Amongst others present were Bros. J. L. Mather, J. H.
Matthews, Peter de Lande Long, C. F. Matier, W. Dodd,
Neville Green, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, G. Coop, George
Prestige, F. R. W. Hodges Secretary, &c. After the
minutes of last Quarterly Communication had been read
and confirmed, a letter from Mrs. Joshua Nunn, in answer
to one from the Secretary of this Institution, conveying the
resolution of condolence with her and her family in their
bereavement, was read as follows:—

Mrs. Joshua Nunn and members of her family wish to thank the
Brethren and all connected with the Institution most sincerely for
the very kind feeling they evinced for her late dear husband at their
meeting on Saturday last, also for the remembrance and sympathy
for her in her heavy bereavement.

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It was agreed that this reply be entered on the minutes.

Bro. J. H. Matthews then moved the following recommendation of the General Committee:—

"That in consequence of three of the Girls Elected in October last being below the age for admission in January, the three highest unsuccessful candidates on the poll at the above Election be admitted by the Quarterly General Court, in accordance with the recent addition to Law 60."

It was agreed that the three highest unsuccessful girls at the October election—Clark, Steng, and Goodchild—be admitted to the benefits of the Institution. Twenty-nine candidates were declared eligible for the election in April, for which there will be twenty-four vacancies. 244 girls now receive the benefits of the Institution, as compared with 100 in December 1872. Bro. Hedges read a letter from Bro. H. W. Hemsworth P.M. 190, in which that brother, after some preliminary observations, said, with reference to the meeting,

In case any reference should be made to the Jubilee year. As Her Majesty the Queen is Grand Patroness of the Institution, I think something ought to be done. I should not object to subscribe any sum not exceeding 100 guineas. I leave you to propose to the General Committee what you may deem suitable for the occasion, and if you prefer any active member of the Committee to bring it forward, I would suggest the name of Bro. Raynham Stewart.

Bro. J. H. Matthews said the question of the Jubilee had been taken into consideration by Grand Lodge, and a circular was to be issued by the Grand Secretary on the subject. He thought until that circular had been sent out, and the propositions in it were known, any suggestions had better stand over. Bro. Horace B. Marshall suggested that Bro. Hemsworth's letter should be acknowledged by the Secretary, and then referred to the General Committee for consideration, and he moved a resolution to this effect. This was seconded by Bro. J. H. Matthews; it was put, and carried unanimously. The customary vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Those of "Our Girls" who are staying at the School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls during the winter holidays enjoyed the annual Twelfth Night Entertainment on Monday, at the School at Battersea Rise. There were about fifty of the pupils present, and a fair number of visitors. Shortly after the arrival of the latter at the Institution, tea was partaken of, and later in the evening a successful and interesting exhibition of jugglery was witnessed by those present. This was succeeded by dancing, and then followed some well executed performances with marionettes, which, together with some humorous selections by Bro. G. S. Graham, including his celebrated whistling performance, brought the programme to a conclusion.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Boys' School was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck Grand Sword Bearer in the chair. He was supported by Bros. G. J. Dunkley, C. F. Hogard, W. H. Saunders, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Raynham W. Stewart, Wm. Masters, G. King, C. H. Webb, W. Purnell, A. E. Gladwell, T. Cubitt, R. Eve, F. Binckes (Secretary), &c. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D. proposed, and Bro. C. F. Hogard seconded, a motion to amend Law 29, so as to read—

"Quarterly General Courts shall be held on the Monday immediately following the second Saturday in January, April,—except when in the latter month, that day shall fall on Easter Monday, then on the next following Monday," &c.

This motion was agreed to. Brother R. W. Stewart, P.G.D., moved, on behalf of Brother Moon, Vice-Patron:

"That Law 37 be amended so as to read in future—That the Meeting of the House Committee be held on the 'third Friday' in lieu of the 'last Friday but one' in every month."

Brother A. E. Gladwell P.M. 172 seconded the motion, which was carried. Bro. C. F. Hogard, Vice-President, moved—

"To add to Law 29 the following clause:—Voting papers duly issued for all Elections of Boys, after being properly signed, shall continue valid for the current Election, notwithstanding that the voter may have died between the time of signing the proxy and the day of Election."

Bro. Hogard stated that in the Girls' School the voting papers were available for the whole year. Brother A. E. Gladwell P.M. 172 seconded the motion; he thought the change would be in harmony with that of the Girls' School. After other brethren had expressed their opinions, the motion was carried. Brother R. W. Stewart P.G.D.

moved the adoption of a recommendation from the General Committee that—

"Twenty-five boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, 18th April 1887, from an approved list of 45 candidates, thus increasing the number of boys educated, clothed, and maintained to 258."

Brother C. F. Hogard seconded the motion. Brother Webb moved that the number be 27 instead of 25, so as to make the total 260. Bro. Binckes said he should like it to be 27; but he could not get this agreed to at the Committee, though he tried. The Quarterly Court had no power to increase, although they could reduce the number recommended. The original motion was carried. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. Frederick Davidson P.G.D., T. Cubitt P.G.P., James Brett P.G.P., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Samuel Brooks, John Bulmer, C. H. Driver, W. B. Daniell, W. Belchamber, Hugh Cotter, Alex. Forsyth, J. Freeman, Albert Fish, W. Hilton, Charles Lacey, Charles Belton, Louis Stean, A. H. Tattershall, W. Vaughan Morgan, W. M. Bywater, H. J. Strong, Charles J. Perceval, J. A. Farnfield, W. J. Murlis, C. G. Hill, Charles F. Hogard, John E. Dawson, John L. Mather, S. B. Wilson, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of four annuitants (two male and two female), and of a male candidate. The Warden's report having been read and accepted, and that of the Finance Committee adopted, both were ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application by the widow of a deceased annuitant for the half of her husband's annuity was granted. A female candidate's name was withdrawn from the list. The petitions of 25 candidates (14 men and 11 widows) were then considered, and with one exception were accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the lists for the May election. The customary vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, No. 574.

FRIDAY, the 7th instant, was a red letter day in the history of Freemasonry in this town, a numerous assemblage of the Officers and Brethren of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, together with a number of Visitors, taking place on the occasion of the installation of the Senior Warden (Bro. Harman S. Hannington) as Worshipful Master. The Lodge was opened at the Temperance Hall, at four o'clock, and after an initiation ceremony, Past Master Stephen Knight installed, in an able manner, Bro. Hannington as Worshipful Master. A handsome Past Master's jewel was subsequently presented to the Immediate Past Master Bro. Montagu Palmer, the presentation being made by the newly installed W.M. The Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested by the W.M., as follows:—Bros. Montagu Palmer I.P.M., Nundy S.W., Hawkins J.W., the Rev. J. Atkins Chaplain, W. H. Belcher Treasurer, S. Knight Secretary, Newbery S.D., Maples J.D., W. Knight D.C., Harold I.G. Canning and Neate Stewards, Legg Tylor. At close of the business on the agenda the brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber, where a banquet was served by Bro. Hamlen. Through the kindness of Mr. Stephen Knight jun., the Council Chamber had been decorated with festoons of evergreens and flowers, Masonic emblems, &c. The decorations were exceptionally good, and conspicuous amongst them was a representation of the Prince of Wales' plume, arranged above the stone mantelpiece at the rear of the head table. The Worshipful Master presided, and the company, which numbered about 50, included Bro. W. G. Mount, M.P., and Bro. C. T. Murdoch, M.P., each of whom met with an enthusiastic reception. The customary Masonic toasts were honoured, and the health of the Worshipful Master, proposed by Bro. Mount, M.P., was drunk with great cordiality, as were also the toasts of the Immediate Past Master, the Treasurer and Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge. The toast of the Masonic Charities was eloquently proposed by Bro. Murdoch, M.P. The Visitors returned by the 9:50 train, but the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge continued their sitting until about 11 o'clock, when a very enjoyable and successful Masonic Festival came to an end.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, London, E.C., on Saturday, the 8th inst., when there were present: Bros. F. W. Potter W.M., Robt. Fendick I.P.M., H. J. Bertram S.W., Robert Greening J.W., N. B. Headon P.M.

Treasurer, W. Baber P.M. Secretary, W. Cook P.M. S.D., W. F. Bert-ram Dir. of Cers., E. Wesley Organist, H. J. Frost I.G., W. B. Moz-ley and T. Keene Stewards, Robert Potter P.M. Tyler; Past Masters F. T. C. Keeble, James Stevens, G. W. Blackie, W. F. Kibble, Jno. Seex; Bros. G. M. Fraser, J. K. Gwyn, A. J. Coleman, R. Brookman, J. Cooper, F. Bailey, G. Jenkins, Julian Hartley, J. K. Hooper, G. W. Robson, Henry Dottridge, J. Greebe, J. R. Hartley, O. Bowen, B. C. W. Petersen, G. W. Hatcher, F. J. Biggs, J. W. Colmer; and the following Visitors:—Bro. C. N. McSutrie North 1559, J. C. Main Secretary 1531, T. W. Wilcox 1314, E. Wendover P.M. 171, E. J. Goodale P.M. 1531, C. Grassi S.W. 1559, W. Wilkinson P.M. 167. The Lodge was opened punctually at 3.15 p.m., and the minutes of the last regular meeting having been approved and confirmed, Bro. Jacques Greebe was raised to the degree of M.M. Ballots were taken for Messrs. George William Hatcher, architect, and B. C. W. Petersen, merchant, which proving unanimous in their favour they were severally introduced and initiated into the Order. The whole of the ceremonial work of the degree was performed with that care and perfection which has characterised the Officers of this Lodge since its institution, and which always finds much encouragement from those members of other Lodges who have the opportunity for visiting The Great City. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren dined together in the Pillar Hall. The customary toasts were duly honoured, and the responses were brief and earnest. The Worshipful Master having expressed his intention of attending the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in June next, as Steward, received many subscriptions to his list from members of the Lodge, and there is no doubt that his efforts on behalf of that Charity will result in a substantial addition to its funds. An appeal on behalf of a candidate for admission to the School at the next election—a son of the late lamented Bro. Gwyn Parker—was made by Bro. N. B. Headon P.M., and many promises of assistance were given. A very pleasant evening was spent in harmony—Bro. E. Wesley, the Organist of the Lodge, presiding at the pianoforte—and amongst the several brethren whose instrumental and vocal efforts greatly added to the general enjoyment, may be mentioned Bros. Jacques Greebe (Musical Director of the Brighton Aquarium), W. F. Bertram, H. J. Frost, W. B. Mozley, James Stevens P.M., W. F. Kibble P.M., and C. Grassi (a visitor). The party broke up about half-past ten, much pleased with the entire evening's proceedings, and with interchange of seasonable compliments.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE January meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Martin W.M., who was supported by the following Past Masters:—Usher Back, T. H. Peirce, W. W. Morgan, J. Linsdell, and F. J. Hentsch. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Horace Henry Hunt, Arthur Henry Hancock, and Edmund Thomas Bagloy, each of whom was proposed by Bro. Challen, and seconded by the Worshipful Master; these gentlemen were accepted, and will be initiated at the next meeting. Bros. Henry Percy Harrison, Orton Cooper, and George Cockrell were raised, and then the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months was elected; the choice of the brethren falling on Bro. F. T. Bennett, while Bro. Alfred Green P.M. was elected to the office of Treasurer, and Bro. Banks as Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. H. Martin), as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren of the way in which he had discharged his duties during the year. The circular from the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon was read, but its consideration was deferred until the next meeting. The resignation of one member was received, and accepted with regret. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the visitors were Bros. L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex, W. S. Dunkley P.G.A.P. Middlesex and F. J. Bonham S.D. 1305. Bro. W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary was at his usual post.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge took place at the Red Lion Hotel, Farnham, on 6th inst., when Bro. W. A. Hill S.W. was duly installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. There was an unusually large attendance, including the following Installed Masters:—Bros. Edgar Goble Prov. Grand Secretary, J. B. Goldsmith P.P.G.W., Rev. A. A. Headley P.P.G. Chaplain, H. Cawte P.P.G.W., J. Mason (London) P.P.G.D., Asher Barfield P.P.G.D., A. R. Holbrook, J. W. Gieve, D. G. Gilmour P.G.S.D., T. H. Williams, R. W. Houghton, E. Pratt, G. L. Stobbs, G. Darby, W. G. Gilbert, W. Smoker, I. S. Gardner, J. Godding, J. Brickwood P.P.G.D., G. Whitchall, F. Sanders P.G.S., S. Smith, G. Bond P.P.G.S.B., and T. P. Hall. There were also present Bros. H. Cooke, Dr. E. T. Crouch, Dr. B. H. Mumby, G. Harry, H. E. Bate, T. W. Haydon, F. Whiteman, W. Lee, H. Andrew, A. W. Leaver, J. H. Lyon, E. H. Cooper, Harry Love, C. O. Smith, W. Robins, C. Reader, E. H. Buck, J. Cotterell, R. Fraser, J. Wickens, J. Bryant, G. Aylward, W. A. Rowe, and J. S. Bechervaise. The ceremony of installing the new Worshipful Master was performed in a most impressive manner by Brother D. G. Gilmour, the outgoing W.M., to whom a special vote of thanks was passed and a handsome jewel was presented in recognition of his services during the past year. The Worshipful Master appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. D. G. Gilmour I.P.M., H. Cooke S.W., Dr. E. T. Crouch J.W., Rev. A. C. Hervey Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith Treasurer, Rev. A. A. Headley Secretary, G. Harry S.D., Harry Love J.D., C. O. Smith I.G., W. Lee Organist, T. W. Haydon Dir. of Cers., W. H. Bolitho and E. H. Cooper Stewards, R. James Tyler. After the ceremony a banquet was served in the large hall adjoining the Red Lion Hotel, by George Bond, whose catering gave general satisfaction. Bro. W.

A. Hill W.M. presided, and efficiently conducted the proceedings. A capital musical programme was arranged to intersperse the toasts, Bro. E. H. Cooper undertaking the duties of accompanist.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at York. Bro. W. Brown Worshipful Master in the chair, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Simpson P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., J. T. Sellar P.M., John Blenkin P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer, W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., Jas. Kay Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., George Lamb J.D., J. H. Shonksmith Steward, Wm. Storey I.G.; also Bros. P. Pearson, W. Blenkin, E. Wilkinson, F. W. Halliwell, W. H. A. Coates, R. Ware, W. Ream, J. Mennell, J. Smith, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Allison 1001, W. A. Todd Naylor 1168, M. Bryson 236, Major McGachen 236, and others. The business consisted of a passing to the second degree, after which the W.M. presented, on behalf of Bro. Goldthorpe, to the Lodge library, a copy of that brother's history of the St. George's Lodge. Bro. Whytehead presented a framed symbolical engraving of 1790, and Bro. Halliwell gave a set of electro-plated sugar crushers. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren spent a pleasant evening in love and harmony.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Saturday afternoon, the 8th instant, in the Leeds Masonic Hall, George Street, Leeds. The W.M. (Bro. Chas. Letch Mason P.M. and P.P.G. Treasurer) was supported by Dr. Smyth P.G. Chaplain I.P.M., Bros. Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., W. Watson P.M. J.W., C. Middleton Secretary, R. Abbott Treasurer, S. Scott Young S.D., J. T. Fretwell J.D., M. W. Jameson I.G., Howarth Organist, J. Atkinson and Walter Storey D. of Ceremonies, Butterworth and Milling Stewards, and S. Barrand Tyler. Following the laudable custom initiated by him, the W.M. had sent out official invitations to the W.M., P.M.'s, officers and brethren of his mother Lodge (Philanthropic, No. 304), and there was a satisfactory response, the invitations having been accepted by the W.M. Bro. T. Meyers, the W.M. elect Bro. J. Brownfoot, Bro. José Rickards J.W., Bro. W. H. Hewson Secretary, Bro. Cockerline S.D., and the following Past Masters:—R. Craig P.P.G.D., W. F. Tomlinson, and Hill. Among the general body of Visitors, of whom there was a good muster, were Bro. H. France P.P.G.D.C. (1019), A. Hess (1019), Chas. Normanton, E. Barber (Love and Honour), J. W. Bailey, &c. Rev. Bro. Henry Evans, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Dewsbury Road, was balloted for as a joining member and accepted. Mr. Chas. Cryer and Mr. Edward Bentley were balloted for, and being approved were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremonies being worked in that efficient and impressive manner for which this Lodge is celebrated. The Provincial Grand Chaplain next gave his admirable exposition of the Tracing Board in this degree. Worshipful Brother Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W. then delivered his instructive and admirable lecture upon the two great pillars of the Temple. He said that some agreed with Josephus that they were placed outside, or at the entrance, whilst others placed them inside the porch, on each side of the gate. Whatever their exact situation, these pillars stood on the right and left, and were admired as well for their marvellous beauty and workmanship as for their symbolical meaning. They were cast in brass, B.C. 1005, in the clayey ground between Succoth and Zeredatha, by Hiram of Tyre, who was filled with wisdom and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. The height of each pillar was 18 cubits or 27 feet, and their circumference 12 cubits or 18 feet. Including the chapter, which was 7½ feet, the total height was 33 feet 9 inches, but as the porch was 240 feet in height their loftiness need not surprise us. On each pillar was set a chapter, the precise form of which has caused much discussion, some describing it as a crown, and some as two crowns joined together, others as a globe or spherical body. The probable shape of the chapter was an oval. Besides the pillars being very beautiful ornaments to the Temple, they were most probably erected by King Solomon as memorials to the Israelites of God's protecting providence. Such memorial pillars have existed not only from the earliest times, as seen in the Egyptian obelisks, but we read of Jacob commemorating by a pillar at Bethel his vision of the angelic host ascending and descending from earth to Heaven on a ladder, then another at Gilead in memory of his alliance to Laban. Joshua, Samuel, Absalom and others erected memorial pillars; so no doubt in these two pillars King Solomon desired to perpetuate in the minds of the children of Israel God's providence over them in the wilderness, and to remind them as they daily passed into the Temple of His abundant and repeated promises of support. The support of the Temple virtually depended, it would appear, on these two magnificent columns, and as their erection was typical of the wealth and splendour of King Solomon, so their destruction was typical of the ruin and annihilation of the Jewish nation. Typically, to us, those pillars had great and important lessons, of loyalty, of charity. No Freemason could be an intemperate sopher, or a slanderer, if he lived up to his great pillar and its obligations. As the Temple was divided into three parts—the Porch, the Sanctuary, and the Holy of Holies—so Freemasonry is divided into three degrees, and as in the Temple each step brought the worshipper nearer the Holy of Holies, so in the Temple of Freemasonry we were led step by step nearer the object of our researches, and we were reminded of the impartial justice of the Most High, who had defined for our instruction the limits of good and evil, and that He would hereafter

reward or punish as we had obeyed or disregarded His divine commands. Pray we and act we, brethren, that we may each so live in this earthly temple that when we shall be summoned hence we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above where the world's great Architect lives and rules for evermore. A cordial vote of thanks was enthusiastically passed to the Senior Warden for his paper, the visiting brethren being especially hearty in their expression of thanks. W. Bro. Watson P.M. J.W. moved, that 10 guineas be voted out of the Lodge funds towards endowing the W.M.'s chair for Old Men's and Women's Benevolent Funds. He said at the present moment there were something like 130 old men and women waiting to get on the Fund, there being only 2 or 3 vacancies. We can hardly picture to ourselves the distress and suffering which this means. In many cases, unless the Craft subscribe liberally, a number of these poor people would be thrown upon the parish. It was a most deplorable state of things, and he felt sure the brethren of their Lodge would do their share towards finding a remedy. As the Festival came on in February he had somewhat hurried his motion, but its extreme urgency must be his excuse. W. Bro. Trevor S.W. seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. W. Bro. Trevor S.W. gave notice of a resolution appropriating three guineas from the funds of the Lodge towards the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Fund. That noble and deserving Charity was urgently in need of funds, and whilst they did what they could for the great London Charities, they must not forget their duty nearer home. Bro. Myers (W.M. Philanthropic) expressed his sincere acknowledgments to W. Bro. C. L. Mason for the invitation he had sent to the Philanthropic Lodge. He was sure that he and all the members of his Lodge who had accepted that invitation had enjoyed a great treat in listening to the lecture of Bro. Trevor, and seeing the manner in which the business of Lodge Prudence was carried on. It must be a great encouragement to the brethren when they had the opportunity of listening to such lectures, and he wished the example were followed by other Lodges. W. Bro. Tomlinson P.M. 304 also thanked the W.M. for his invitation, and said that he had initiated in that direction a practice which commended itself to all, and one which he trusted the other Leeds Lodges would follow. Bro. Robert Abbott Treas. having announced that his son was a candidate for initiation in the Lodge, hearty good wishes were reciprocated, and a hymn and a passage of scripture closed the proceedings. An adjournment was made to the Banqueting Hall, where an ample and seasonable repast was partaken of by a large company. Under the direction of Bro. Howarth, an effective programme of music, songs and recitations was gone through, and alike to the members and visitors the evening was a most happy one.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No 3.—At the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, the 5th instant, Bro. Fraser took the chair, with Bros. Boyden and Surridge as Wardens, and there were a number of other members present. Lodge having been duly opened, and minutes confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ament acting as candidate. Then followed the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Gregory as candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed to first, when Bro. Boyden was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The brethren adjourned to the first meeting of the "Fidelity Charity Society," an association formed to enable brethren and others to become Life Governors and Subscribers to the Masonic Institutions by the payment of one shilling weekly.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction at Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 6th instant, the ceremony of installation of W.M., with ceremonial of constituting a Board of Installed Masters, was rehearsed by the Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, in the presence of a numerous gathering of members and visitors from other Lodges, a fair proportion of whom were acting or Past Masters in the Craft. Among those present were:—Bros. J. Leach Barrett S.D., Geo. Moss P.M., A. Foreman J.W., W. W. Munday S.W. and W.M. elect, James Amsden W.M., of 1201; F. C. Rush S.W. and W.M. elect, and W. Parder P.M. 1851, W. Berry, A. Milwells, J. F. Smith, A. Jardine 2029, B. Williams, J. R. Pitt, C. Daniel 65, F. Warden, J. S. Lavington P.M. 857, J. W. Johnson P.M. 1320, A. C. Anstacher W.M. 73, W. Klingenstein P.M., A. Poore W.M. 1949, W. H. Paddle P.M. P.Z. P.G.D.C. Surrey. The respective openings and closings of the Lodge in the several degrees were performed in accordance with the Preceptor's views, with regard to the original working in the early part of the present century, and afforded opportunity for noting several of the more important innovations and divergencies which have affected the ritual as at present elsewhere rendered. Whether or not a perfect agreement with the endeavour this Lodge of Instruction is making to restore the purity of ritual and ceremonial can be accorded generally, it cannot fail to be of great interest to all studious and earnest members of the Craft desirous of instruction and information on doubtful or debatable points. On the above occasion a ready acknowledgment of services rendered was accorded to the Preceptor, who undertook to repeat the same ceremony in February next. The Lodge meets as above every Thursday, at half-past six p.m.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 15th JANUARY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
 2012—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. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 17th JANUARY.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—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)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2000—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 931—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
 R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 K.T. 39—Fearuley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 18th JANUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 39—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1419—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1369—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1120—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 571—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)

- 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 9. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dalwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 2031—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scourier, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
 R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M. 206—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 19th JANUARY.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barabury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 3. (Inst)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 3. (Inst.)
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 538—Ja Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst.)
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 892—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1014—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
 152.—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lowisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (Inst)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cannon-street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
 R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shorehithe
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Cannon-street, London
 423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutterland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 738—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Ramona, Cheshire
 816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Wandle, near Richdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Waltham
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1036—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkstall, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

- 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1671—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
 1938—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
 R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
 R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
 R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
 R.A. 417—Truth and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
 R.A. 58C—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
 R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
 R.A. 1350—Ternor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 20th JANUARY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Col'ge-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 187—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)

- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 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.)
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
 R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
 R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyno Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1612—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1672—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
 R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Pearth
 R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgaan Tavern, Plumstead
 R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
 M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 21st JANUARY.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (I)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (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)

- 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyno Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pinlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Loutho Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
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 M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
 K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
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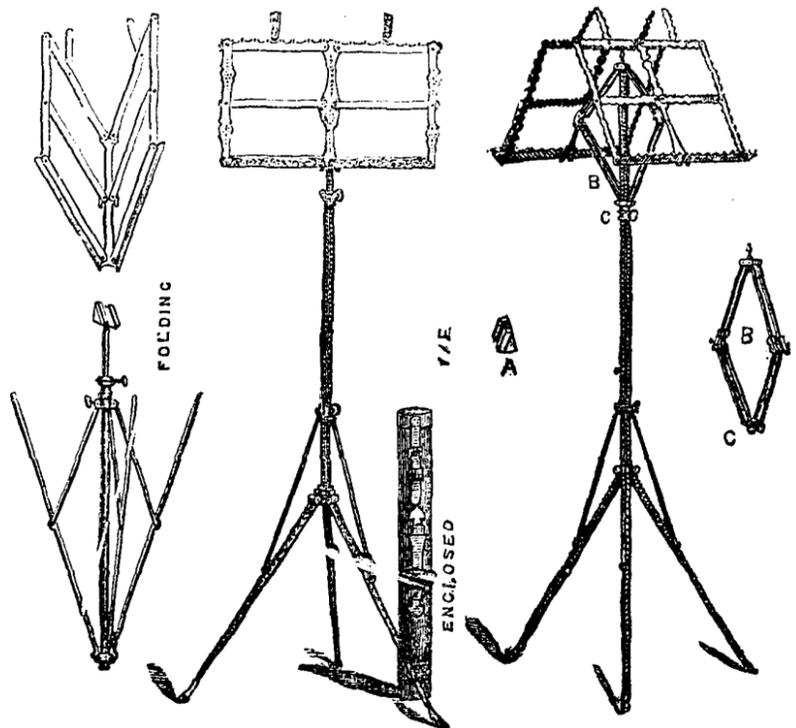
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 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
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 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
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