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## THE APPROACHING ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

IF Freemasons remain in ignorance of the laws which govern the Order it cannot be for want of frequent admonition to make themselves conversant with the rules framed for the management of the Craft tendered by their instructors,—the officials of Freemasonry. Throughout the ritual there are frequent references to the need for strict obedience to recognised authority, while one of the first duties enjoined on an initiate is the study of the laws of Freemasonry, both those which teach the duties due to the Craft in general and those which refer to his individual Lodge. Notwithstanding all this it frequently happens that the laws of the Craft, as laid down in the Book of Constitutions, are virtually unknown to members of the Order, and it sometimes occurs that those who should be expected to know the most prove to possess the least knowledge on what we may term popular Masonic questions. By popular we mean such subjects as the annual election of a brother to fill the office of Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England, concerning the duties and acquirement of which it is strange to find that many brethren possess either imperfect or incorrect knowledge. The same might also be said in regard to the Treasurership of Private Lodges, but for the present we shall confine our observations to the office of Grand Treasurer.

Up till within the last few years the Grand Treasurer of England, though annually appointed, was really a permanent Officer of Grand Lodge, as it was the custom to re-elect the same brother year after year, unless death, resignation, or some other exceptional occurrence necessitated a change. Now it is a recognised rule in the Craft that the Grand Treasurer shall hold office for one year only, and that this, the sole Grand Office which is filled by the popular vote, should be given, year after year, to a different brother, recognised by his fellow Masons as worthy of special distinction at their hands. The change in the system was the result of strenuous exertions on the part of a number of brethren who felt the alteration was necessary, and has undoubtedly proved beneficial to the Craft, as well as a source of gratification to those who have received such honours as attach to the appointment; and we trust the system now in vogue may be the one always adopted in the future, rather than there should be a return to the old principle of virtual election for life; further, that those who, in years to come, receive the coveted purple of Grand Office as a consequence of the change may prove themselves as worthy of the confidence reposed in them as those who have already filled it.

Much of what we have said above may appear superfluous to some of our readers, who may regard the annual change of Grand Treasurer as a recognised principle, but we are convinced there are many who do not so regard it. As we have reason to know, there are some who, from the fact of their having a vote, must be advanced in the Craft, who do not know how or when the appointment is made, or by whom the Grand Treasurer is elected. For the information of those who do not know, and for the guidance of those who do, we may state that the next election of a Grand Treasurer will take place at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge to be held on

the 2nd March, and that every member of Grand Lodge then present will be called upon to vote for one or other of the two candidates who were nominated for the appointment in December last, in accordance with the rule of the Craft governing the election. It therefore follows that every Master, Past Master, and Warden subscribing to a Lodge on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England has a voice in this important appointment, important because it is the only one—other than that of the Grand Mastership itself—which is filled by the vote of the Craft, and it is to be hoped that as many as can attend will be present at the meeting and record their vote on behalf of the candidate of their choice.

So long as the office of Grand Treasurer has been looked upon as one to be changed annually, it has been the hope of a section of the Craft that an actual contest for the office might be avoided, and that in lieu thereof it should become the custom to nominate but one brother each year for the appointment—always bearing in mind that such nominee shall not already have filled the office. There are many reasons which might be urged in opposition to this course, as also many which might be brought forward in favour of its adoption, but one thing is certain—this year, as has been the case during the last few years, there will be a contest for the appointment. The principal objection to the proposed system of limiting the nomination to but one brother appears to be that the appointment would not then be an elective one of the whole Craft; it would resolve itself into an office in the gift of a select circle, as some one, or some body of brethren, would have to decide on the brother to be nominated, and the “open” character of the appointment would at once disappear, while in its place we should have one of the worst forms of selection. At the present time any Mason may nominate any other, and it entirely depends on the candidate and his friends to decide what shall be done when once the nomination is effected.

There are now, as we have said above, two eligible candidates before the Craft for the next election; this will take place on the 2nd March; one of them—Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, &c.—has publicly expressed himself as being averse to any canvass of the Craft, either by the candidates themselves or by their friends. He preferred to leave the Masonic claims of such as might be nominated to speak for themselves, without any private or other influence being exerted in favour of the respective aspirants; but as his fellow candidate for the office on this occasion has commenced, and is carrying on an active canvass—both personally and by a Committee—Bro. Godson's friends feel themselves impelled to move on his behalf, and we are thus in a position to make known to our readers points in connection with Bro. Godson's candidature which we have long desired to publish, but in deference to his expressed view of the case, we have hitherto refrained from doing.

The honour of holding the post of Grand Treasurer of England is one of which any Mason might be proud, and although the office has been shorn of much of the responsibility which formerly attached to it, it is still one which requires its holder shall be a Mason of distinction, and at the same time a Brother who has done something to merit especial reward at the hands of his fellows. Such qualifications are conspicuous in Bro. Godson, who has risen to high position in the Craft solely on account of merit displayed therein, and holds appointments outside

Freemasonry which entitle him to the respect and esteem of his fellow countrymen.

Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., M.A., J.P., was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in the year 1865, in the Royal Edward Lodge, No. 892, Leominster; was one of the founders and third Worshipful Master of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1097, Tenbury, and after serving as Provincial Grand Registrar and Provincial Grand Senior Warden, became Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, an office he now holds. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in St. Wulstan's Chapter, No. 280, Worcester, in 1867, and after filling the three chairs therein was, in 1884, appointed to the office of Provincial Grand H. Honourable as are these Craft distinctions it is to another branch or section of Freemasonry we have to look for Bro. Godson's principal achievements, those which should win for him the regard of brethren unacquainted with the Province of Worcestershire—with which he is more intimately connected, and wherein he is justly honoured. We allude to the subject of Charity, in the dispensation of which Bro. Godson shows an especial interest, as is evidenced by the pains he takes to make his position as a member of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys of advantage to that Institution and its supporters. That he practises what he preaches in this respect may be gathered from the fact that he is a Patron of the Boys' School, and has served five Stewardships on its behalf; a Vice President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for which he has acted as Steward on four occasions; and a Vice President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which Charity he has likewise served four Stewardships; moreover, he has endowed several of the offices he has filled in the Craft as Subscribers or Life Governors to one or other of the Institutions. He acted as chairman on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new buildings of the Boys' Institution, by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts in 1885, and last year undertook a similar office on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, in connection with its Annual Festival.

Beyond the strict limits of Craft Masonry Bro. Godson has also achieved honours. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in 1867, and soon became Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 40. He filled the office of Registrar of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire and Staffordshire; was first Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire (in 1883); and became the first Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Degree in the county of Worcestershire the following year. In the A. and A. Rite we find him a member of the St. Wulstan's Chapter of Rose Croix, Worcester, which he joined in 1866. He has risen to the dignity of M.W.S. in the Shakespeare Chapter, Warwick; and the Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter, London; and has been admitted a member of the 18th, 30th, 31st and 32nd degrees. He was installed K.T. in 1870, E. P. Holyrood Preceptory, Warwick, in 1884; Sub Prior of Worcestershire in 1884, and Provincial Prior of the same county in 1886. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Knights of Malta, Ark Mariners, &c., and is D.G.M. of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Outside Freemasonry Brother Godson has eminently distinguished himself, and has done sufficient to entitle him to the highest regard. He is Member for Kidderminster in the present Parliament, and his actions as representative of that town, in time of great distress, have proved him worthy of the confidence reposed in him by its inhabitants. He is a Barrister of the Inner Temple; a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Loriners, as also of the Worshipful Company of Patten Makers.

We think we have now said enough to convince our readers that Bro. Godson is in every way fitted for the Masonic honour to which he aspires, and we can but express the hope that he may receive such support from the members of Grand Lodge as will secure him the position. When we find such men as he come forward as candidates for the post, we almost regret that another brother should be nominated to oppose him; it seems cruel to offer even the semblance of a slight to actions so worthy of recognition as those which have been performed during the Masonic career of Bro. Godson; but, as we have admitted the necessity for a plurality of candidates, and as on this occasion two have been nominated for the one appointment, there is no option but to proceed to an election, and for that election every Master, Past Master, and Warden has

a vote, which vote we trust he will poll as he thinks best at the next Communication of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, the 2nd March. Whatever honour has been done to the office of Grand Treasurer in the past will we are sure be maintained, even if not enhanced, by the election of Bro. Godson to the post, should it prove the pleasure of the Craft to give him a majority of their votes.

### WANTED, FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS.

**F**OLLOWING up the remarks which we ventured to utter a fortnight since, on the subject of the Royal Jubilee, and the opportunity afforded of commemorating the auspicious event by some special and substantial aid to our Masonic Charities, we are encouraged in the belief that the suggestion has met with considerable and unanimous approval in many parts of the country in which the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE circulates. We said at the outset we had no desire to intrude in any way whatever upon the proposals that have been made in reference to the cultivation by English Freemasons of the eventful period which will engross public attention everywhere during the next five months. It was but meet and right that a "feeler" should have been sent out from headquarters in order to ascertain the views of the brethren as to the most befitting manner in which the Jubilee should be commemorated; and, although there is reason to fear that the circular issued by our Pro Grand Master has scarcely met with so cordial or unanimous a reception as could have been hoped for, nevertheless it is quite evident that Masons generally are in favour of some special demonstration of their loyalty to the august Lady whose name is so intimately associated with the Craft, and of affection for the illustrious Prince who rules so ably over the affairs of Grand Lodge of which he is the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Odes will be written and peans sung by every loyal pen and lip, from the Laureate downwards, wherever the English tongue is spoken, and upon no heart-string will the chord of loyal acclaim vibrate more forcibly than on those of the true and faithful body of Masons who are proud to be associated with the Ancient and Honourable Institution.

It is, however, an object of our especial solicitude just now to see developed some kind of scheme such as we ventured to suggest a fortnight since in these columns; and, judging from the correspondence that has reached us from many quarters, the proposal is regarded as not only practicable, but exceedingly easy of achievement. The bare facts relating to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are now before the brethren, and it is almost superfluous to remind them that at the coming Festival—only three weeks from this date—the Committee of Management will be confronted by one hundred and thirty deserving applicants for participation in the benefits of the "Old People's" Institution. To meet these there are only at present two vacancies on the side of the widows, so that the crucial question comes,—How can this great gulf be bridged over? It is impossible, with the existing agencies at work, that more can be done for the Institution which—together with our Boys' and Girls' Schools—is the admiration of the world, both in and outside the pale of our Order. It is therefore palpable that some extraneous and special effort must be made if we would strengthen the hands of the executive so as to enable them to carry out their hearts' desire, and to receive the whole body of deserving poor people whose urgent cases are before them. As we have said, the Anniversary Festival takes place on the 22nd of this month, and in the meantime, if anything is to be done, the watchword must be, "Short, sharp, and decisive." It is an accepted maxim that if anything is to be done well it should be done quickly; and to "strike the iron while it is hot" is invariably the best way of accomplishing any desirable object. The object immediately under consideration, then, is the raising of £15,000—rather a formidable sum in the aggregate, but when spread over the entire ranks of the Craft, as we have already pointed out, the obstacles in the way are reduced to insignificance. There are over two thousand Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and it is a very modest computation indeed to say that each Lodge has an average of forty

members, making a grand total of eighty thousand brethren. Of course, this is very far below the mark, but we take the figures in order to simplify the calculation, and to leave a fair margin on the right side. In addition to the regular Lodges, there are Lodges of Instruction, to many of which we are gratified to know are attached Benevolent Associations doing substantial suit and service to the cause of charity; whilst in connection with the Royal Arch, the Mark, and many other sections of the Craft which may be classified under the heading of "the side degrees," there are agencies at work all tending in the same direction, in the cause of humanity and benevolence. But taking the very lowest estimate of eighty thousand, and we find at once that the trifling sum of five shillings each will more than suffice to produce the amount needed to clear the list of the widows, at any rate, who are appealing to us for sympathy and succour; and we repeat that the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's "happy and glorious" reign is a particularly opportune time for raising such a memento of our loyalty to the Throne, and so splendid a means of conferring a boon and a blessing to the old poor at our gates.

It is by no means imperative, nor is it desirable, as some of our correspondents point out, that a hard and fast line should be drawn to limit the subscriptions to so low a figure as five shillings per member. That sum was suggested as being as near the average as possible to make up the needed fifteen thousand pounds; taking into account that such a trifling call upon the pockets of the brethren for so special an object would not interfere one whit with their personal comfort. We should rejoice, and the great body of the Fraternity would be made glad, were the result of an appeal to bring in such a flood of wealth as would enable the managers of all our three Institutions to rid themselves of all their temporary embarrassments, to relieve all who deserve their help, and to start afresh some new scheme of beneficence and philanthropy. Such a hope, however, is outside and beyond the question now under consideration; and, on the principle of doing one thing at a time, we leave this matter of the Old People's Special Fund in the hands of our readers, as one great and significant means of celebrating the Royal Jubilee year. We are content to run the risk of being considered over-sanguine when we predict that our brethren will be disposed to go very far with us in the direction indicated; and, though the time is now very short, there is ample opportunity for every brother to make up his mind and to decide whether his minimum subscription of five shillings would not be faithfully applied in connection with this scheme. Such a contribution would necessitate no abridgement of personal enjoyment, no curtailment of those amenities which are amongst the distinguishing characteristics of our fraternal gatherings; whereas on the other hand the collective result of such an effort would raise a standing memorial of Masonic love for our Sovereign and of our attachment to the principles of the Craft as has never before been realised. Seldom has the old Scotch proverb "Many a mickle mak' a muckle" been more apposite than on the present occasion. It is a moment which should be seized to show to the world a repeated proof that when the cry of distress is raised, there is no more eager ear to recognise or hand to relieve, the suppliant appeal—no heart more swift to ameliorate the sum of human need, and to send a ray of new life and hope into the breasts of the afflicted ones who, having at one time seen "better days," find it doubly hard to be, in their declining years, compelled to throw themselves upon the bounty of the Craft. We have every confidence that the suggestion to raise this special Jubilee Fund will meet with a ready and general response at the hands of the brethren everywhere under the benign influence of the banner of English Freemasonry, and trust that at the nearly approaching Festival, if Bro. Terry is not able to proclaim the complete realisation of our desire, he will at all events be in a position to state that very decided progress has been made in that direction, and that before the Jubilee day arrives such a result will have been achieved as will redound to the credit of the Craft, and reflect a grand tribute of Masonic loyalty upon the celebration which is to be made in honour of our Queen.

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## ROYAL ARCH.

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### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Comp. R. Gray M.E.Z., who was supported by Comps. T. Fenn as H., J. Glashier as J., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., Earl of Limerick S.N., Rev. M. Heath P.S., Major J. S. Peirce 1st A.S., Baron de Ferrieres 2nd A.S., J. E. Le Feuvre Sword Bearer, D. P. Cama G. Treasurer, and many others. The Earl of Limerick, who was appointed Grand Scribe N. last May, but was then unable to be present, was now invested in that office and took his seat. The report of the Committee of General Purposes, as set forth in our columns last week, was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The petitions from Central Australia and Madras were granted, as also was the memorial from the St. George's Chapter, Greenwich, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel. Several other matters of minor importance were transacted, and Grand Chapter was closed in the customary manner.

### JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, 31st ult., at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, when there were present Comps. Lewis Larazus M.E.Z., Dewsnap H., Myers J., Emanuel S.E., Jacobs S.N., Liebmann P.S., Van Staven 1st A.S., Davis 2nd A.S., Lazarus Treasurer; P.Z.'s Isaac, Littaur, Lazarus, &c. The visitors included Comps. J. E. Sheffield and W. W. Morgan. The minutes of last regular convocation having been read, were confirmed; as also was the revision of the bye-laws previous to their being submitted to the Grand Secretary for approval. The following candidates were then balloted for, accepted, and subsequently exalted, viz.—Bros. Isaac Botibol, Alexander Jonas, Lewis Isaacs, Woolf S. Lyon, Barnet Weigel, Maurice Hyman, J. B. Blaiberg, Lewis Davis, and Edwin E. Elverston. The ceremonies were performed in perfect manner, reflecting the highest credit upon Comp. Lazarus (who now occupies the office of M.E.Z. for the third time), and his brother Principals. Comp. Liebmann, as P.S., did his work excellently well, and it was gratifying to all assembled to observe that, notwithstanding the unusual number of candidates, he was fully equal to the occasion. The addresses and working generally were all admirably done. As a rule, our Jewish brethren are hearty in whatever they undertake, and in the Joppa Chapter are some of the best workers to be found amongst Royal Arch Masons. The Chapter is sincerely to be congratulated upon its sound and prosperous position, and the fact of the almost unprecedented number of ten candidates presenting themselves for exaltation, with several others coming up at the next Convocation, speaks volumes for the healthy condition of the Joppa Chapter. A copy of the Constitutions of Grand Chapter was presented by Comp. Lazarus, the "father" of the Chapter, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was accorded, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The privilege of honorary membership had already been conferred upon Comp. W. Littaur P.Z., and he was now made a full privileged member, in consideration of the eminent services he had rendered to the Chapter. Further, reference was made to the loss which the brethren had sustained through the death of Comp. M. Silver, and it was resolved to forward a letter of condolence to his widow, conveying to her the appreciation in which their late brother was held by the members generally, and their sincere regret at his removal from amongst them. Bro. M. Silver was always a prominent figure at the banquets of the Jewish Lodges, where his geniality and uniform urbanity gained for him the affection and regard of all who knew him. At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to banquet, when the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured. In the course of the evening Companion Weigel, responding as an Exalte, made some interesting allusions to the differences which exist in the working of the ritual in America and France; and a hope was expressed that he would put the results of his observations into some practical form, and deliver a lecture on the subject at no distant date. A very pleasant evening was diversified by some songs.

The weekly convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the new quarters, Brother De Sella's, Northampton House, St. Pauls Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. Edmonds M.E.Z., Dean H., Carter J., Le Grand S.N., Radcliffe P.S., Sheffield S.E. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed.

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## NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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## PRUDENT BRETHREN LODGE, No. 145.

THIS popular Lodge celebrated its Annual Festival on Tuesday, the 25th January, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. The brethren assembled at five o'clock; they wore the customary insignia of mourning, donned on this occasion through the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. Geo. States P.M., a Past Grand Steward, and a brother who for many years held the position of Secretary in the Prudent Brethren Lodge. Bro. George C. Banks, the W.M., opened the Lodge, when he was supported by the following Past Masters:—Bros. T. Bull (Treasurer), D. Haslett (Secretary), C. Woods, H. Brock, John Reid; the several minor Officers were well represented, and amongst the Visitors were Bros. R. Eve P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, J. Salmon P.M. 2007 Prov. Grand Registrar Essex, A. Lane P.M. 1638 P.G.S.B. Surrey, A. Dausell P.M. 1107, R. E. Goffin P.M. 1572, W. Snodin P.M. 157, E. White P.M. 177, J. Green P.M. 27, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, A. H. Larcome P.M. 3, W. H. Baker W.M. 1446, T. Woodrow W.M. 2077, A. Escott P.M. 1593, W. J. Collens P.M. 766, C. Parsons S.W. 1637, A. J. Martin P.M. 188, R. H. Wimpey J.D. 2012, J. W. Bannell 1637, J. Freeman 2063, E. F. Kempson 1385, W. Robinson 55, J. Montagne J.D. 1638, G. B. Wood 1339, J. R. Duff 1339, R. Howland 1366, C. Piper 2030, W. J. Higgins 1563, C. H. Taylor 2000, Theodore Distin 173, J. M. Klenck P.M. 1339, D. Hall 1637, A. J. Dottridge P.M. 176, &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the auditors, which was of a satisfactory character, was presented and adopted. A request had been preferred to the Worshipful Master for two brethren of the Unity Lodge, No. 1637, to be allowed to receive their second degree, and in conformity with this request Bros. John Bannell and Douglas Hall now presented themselves. They passed a satisfactory examination, and were entrusted. When the Lodge had been opened in the second degree the candidates were re-admitted, and regularly passed. Bro. Thos. Ball now took the chair, and the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. W. F. Masters, the Senior Warden of the past year, but a brother who has already filled the chair, in the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339, was presented to receive the benefits of installation. The usual obligation was taken, and in due course the Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Masters was placed in the chair as Master of the Prudent Brethren Lodge. On the re-admission of those brethren who are not yet privileged to wear the levels, Bro. Masters was saluted and proclaimed in the three degrees. The appointment and investment of Officers then took place, as follows:—Bros. Henry Cox S.W., John Hampton J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, D. Haslett P.M. Secretary, W. Lloyd S.D., Whiteley J.D., E. Coleman I.G., C. Woods P.M. D. of C., Thos. Cooke Assistant Dir. of Cers., Brown Steward, L. J. Reinhardt Tyler. Bro. P.M. Bull delivered the addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren in that perfect manner which characterises the work he undertakes, and resumed his seat amidst the congratulations of all assembled. A Past Master's jewel of an eminently neat and elegant description was presented to Bro. Banks, displaying a monogram with his initials, and bearing the following inscription:—

Presented by the Brethren of the  
LODGE OF PRUDENT BRETHREN, No. 145,  
To Bro. GEORGE C. BANKS P.M.,  
In token of fraternal regard and appreciation of his valuable  
services as Worshipful Master in 1886-7.

The consideration of the Earl of Carnarvon's Circular occupied a considerable amount of time, but it was eventually left over for the next meeting, when the members will be in a position to say to what extent it shall be supported. A general wish, however, seemed to prevail that the brethren should be supplied with copies of the Circular, so that they might be better prepared to deal with its details. Amongst other features for notice was the passing of a vote of condolence to the surviving relatives of Bro. States, and the announcement of the resignation of two members. Lodge closed with the customary formalities. The banquet was served in the Glee Room of the Freemasons' Tavern, and a capital repast, served under the superintendence of Bro. Madell, was done ample justice to. On removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the loyal toasts, with brief but pertinent remarks, and full honour was done them. In speaking to the toast of the Grand Officers, Bro. Masters expressed regret that they had no representative present; they had however three brethren who held positions as Provincial Officers, and consequently he would associate their name with the toast. One of them—Bro. Eve—was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, Bro. Eve was distinguished in the Province which he represented—Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—and possesses qualifications that recommend him as a worthy aspirant for the dignified position he desires to secure. The other two Provincial Officers to whom he referred—Bros. Salmon and Lane—were also held in high esteem in the respective circles in which they moved. These brethren severally acknowledged the compliment, and then the Immediate Past Master took the gavel in hand; the brethren he felt assured would readily respond to the toast he had to present to their notice. Bro. Masters had filled the several offices in the Lodge with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the members. Theirs was a Centenary Lodge; it had always held a position in the Craft, and naturally its well wishers desired it should maintain its prestige. In exercising their right to elect Bro. Masters as their ruler for the ensuing year, the members had shown a wise discretion; he had zealously exerted himself in the past, and all looked forward to his further distinguishing himself during the time he ruled the destinies of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledgment, felt grateful for the cordial reception he had met with; he had

been a member of the Lodge for many years, but hitherto had not been able to devote so much time as was necessary to enable him to take a prominent part in the conduct of the Lodge. He was now, however, in office; he appreciated the honour, and should strive so to acquit himself that when his year expired he might carry with him the best wishes of all with whom he had been associated. In course of replying to the toast given in his honour, Bro. Banks announced he had undertaken a Stewardship on behalf of the Old People, and trusted he might receive help on their behalf from every member of his Lodge. Several of the Visitors present acknowledged the toast given in their honour. Then the Worshipful Master complimented the Treasurer and Secretary, specially referring to the ready way in which Bro. Bull placed his services at the disposal of the Lodge, and making graceful allusion to the manner in which the worthy Treasurer had rendered the installation ceremony. Brother Bull, in the course of his reply, remarked that he looked upon the meetings of the Prudent Brethren Lodge as some of the pleasantest associations of his life. He had been much gratified in having the honour to instal Bro. Masters, who inherently possessed the integrity of the British merchant with the true principles of an honest man and friend. He trusted every happiness would attend his efforts in the chair. Bro. Haslett (Secretary) also acknowledged the compliment. His official work was essentially a labour of love, and he was intensely gratified at seeing his efforts were appreciated. After a toast had been given in honour of the Officers, the Tyler was summoned, and he closed the proceedings. During the evening a selection of vocal music was given under the direction of Bro. Theodore Distin; who was assisted by Miss L. Distin, Miss Bertha Ball, and Bro. Henry Taylor. The following is the programme, and it was carried out in a most satisfactory manner:—Grace, "For these and all Thy Mercies," A.D. 1545; National Anthem, Dr. John Bull, Solo by Miss Distin; Song, "Serenade," Ellis Ingleby, Miss Bertha Ball; Song, "The Maiden and the Weathercock," Austin, Miss L. Distin; Song, "My Queen," Blumenthal, Bro. Henry Taylor; Song, "The Middy," Leigh, Bro. Theodore Distin; Solo Cornet, Donizetti, Master Harold Distin; Duet, "Echoes," F. L. Noir, Misses L. Distin and B. Ball; Ballad, "Mary of Argyle," Nelson, Bro. H. Taylor; Humorous Song, "The World and his Wife," Roeckel, Miss Ball; Song, "Meet Me by Moonlight," Wade, Miss Distin; Glee, "O Hush Thee, My Babie," Sir A. Sullivan.

## PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 304.

THE installation of this, one of the oldest and most flourishing Lodges in the Province of West Yorkshire, was held on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. Additional interest was attached to the gathering because the Provincial Grand Master had signified his intention of being present, and it was expected that as he had just returned from London, he would be able to make some authoritative statement in reference to the proposed Masonic Jubilee celebration. The W.M., Bro. Myers, assumed the gavel for the last time, when he was supported by an exceedingly large number of brethren. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, the arrival of the Provincial Grand Lodge was announced. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Carleton Grange, P.G.D. of England, was accompanied by Bros. H. Smith D.P.G.M., W. B. Alderson P.P.G.D. and Assistant P.G. Secretary. The other members of Provincial Grand Lodge present were Bros. Woodhouse, J.P., P.M. Prov. G.J.W., Dr. Smyth, M.A., D.D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago P.G.C., Townsend P.G. Organist, Oates P.G.D.A. Dir. of Cers., Newsand P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, Richardson P.P.G. Purs., Mason P.P.G. Treas., R. Craig P.P.G.D. The W.M.'s of each of the Leeds Lodges were present, namely Bros. Scarth 280, Councillor Binns 306, Flockton 1042, Youngs 1211, Harris 1221, Hollis 1311, and Mason 2069. Amongst the many Visitors were the following brethren from the neighbouring province of North and East Yorkshire:—Bros. Brown W.M. 1611, Blenkin P.M. 1611. In the body of the Lodge were P.M.'s Bros. Hill, Tomlinson, Yates, Scriven, Trevor, Watson, Bailey, McGill, Scarth, Smith, Gaines, Bingham S.W. 1042, Cheesman S.W. 566, Barlow J.W. 566, Hudson Treas. 566, and many others. The P.G. Master and the members of Provincial Grand Lodge having been saluted, the ceremony of installation was most beautifully and effectively worked by that veteran in the Craft W. Bro. Robert Craig P.M. 304 P.P.G.D. There is no brother in the Province more highly or deservedly respected than Bro. Craig, and on this occasion he surpassed himself in the manner he conducted this beautiful ceremony. He received efficient aid from W. Bro. Geo. Hill P.M., who acted as Dir. of Cers. The newly installed Master having taken his seat in the chair of King Solomon, awarded the collars as follows:—Myers I.P.M., Rickards S.W., Hewson J.W., Rev. Grenburg Chaplain, Mason P.P.G. Tr. Treas. Cockerline Sec., Lawson S.W., Grimshaw J.D., Townsend P.G.O. Org. Hill P.M. Dir. of Cers., Booth I.G., Beaumont and Croysdale Stewards, Barrand Tyler. Bro. Mason was unanimously selected as the Lodge representative on the Provincial Charity Committee, and Bros. Craig and Rickards as the Charity Stewards for the Lodge. The Secretary then read the communication from the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, in reference to the part to be taken by the Freemasons of England in the forthcoming Jubilee of Her Majesty. The W.M. then invited Bro. Tew to address the Lodge on this subject. Bro. Tew P.G.D. of England and P.G.M. West-Yorks then rose, for the purpose of addressing the brethren and received a very cordial reception. He said: Allow me in the first instance to thank your newly installed Master for the very kind letter of invitation which he wrote me on the 3rd of January to be present at your influential meeting this evening. I must say of this letter that it is written in just that charming spirit which only could come from the bottom of the heart of a true-hearted West Yorkshireman, and I mean to place this letter within my archives as the most pleasing souvenir of this class of communica-

tion it has been my pleasure to receive. Let me also say how glad I am to see our dear Bro. Craig here. Let me offer my warmest wishes of a happy new year to him. We are all delighted to see that the years set so lightly upon him, and that he still retains his memory and the facile diction which has enabled him to go through the ceremony so admirably. I only hope that when I arrive at his years I shall be able to do as well in this capacity as he now is. I thank Bro. Woodhouse P.G.J.W. and the present members of the Provincial Grand Lodge for so kindly receiving me, and you, brethren for your kind salutation given to the office which I have the honour to occupy this evening. Although I have very often been in this beautiful room, and had the honour of visiting this Lodge, yet may I hope that it is not an impossible wish that the G.A.O.T.U. may permit us to see the jubilee of No. 304, which will take place in nine years. I was glad to see on the Charity lists the names of Bros. Bedford P.P.G.D., and Bro. Craig P.P.G.D., and in addition Bros. Bedford and Oates P.G.A. Dir. of Cers., contributors to the Boys' School. In the list of the current year I see that Bros. Craig and Bedford have placed their names on the list of the Benevolent, and will act as Stewards at the Festival on the 22nd of February. I doubt not that in due course the Lodge will take into consideration the scheme initiated at the Charity meeting at Dewsbury, on the 15th instant. It was hoped at the meeting that we should be enabled to support the Widows' Fund in a jubilee manner worthy both of the Institution and of the Province of West Yorks. The Queen is a widow, and I think nothing could have been more proper than the proposal of the Chairman of the Charity Committee of this Province (Bro. Smithson P.P.G.D.) that we should support the Widows' Fund. At the same time you have heard the letter from Lord Carnarvon read. Having just returned from London, where I had several communications with the Grand Officers of England, I am able to tell you what their mind is on the subject. I think this is a very convenient time for me to say what I have to say on this subject, as I see the W.M.'s of all the Leeds Lodges and several brethren from the adjoining province of North and East Yorkshire. The Grand Lodge is putting great pressure upon Prov. G.M.'s, and I in turn must also press upon the W.M.'s of Leeds and of the Province to take up that letter and deal with it in a worthy and patriotic manner, and shew there will be no difficulty in sending up to Grand Lodge in a short time a satisfactory answer on this important subject. It was the desire of the M.W.G.M. that the question should be taken up so as to demonstrate our attachment to himself and our beloved Queen. The idea rather favoured by Grand Lodge is this: I am informed that there are something like 70,000 subscribing members on the roll of Grand Lodge in England, and throughout the various Provinces into which this country is for the purposes of Masonry divided. Besides that, there are about 100,000 Masons unattached to any Lodge, and who are therefore not subscribing members to the Grand Lodge. To them as well as to ourselves the privilege is offered of some loyal demonstration to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It must also be distinctly understood that whatever demonstration does take place, whether at the Albert Hall or Olympia, that it cannot be in one sense a Grand Lodge opening, such as you see at the quarterly meetings of that body, because by their constitution Grand Lodge cannot make a charge for admission of any brother. The demonstration will be simply one of loyalty to the Prince of Wales and devotion to the Queen. An address will be presented to H.R.H., which will be given to the Queen, expressive of our sentiments of loyalty and devotion to our Grand Master and to our Queen. This will somewhat clear the ground, and enable us to come to a decision on Lord Carnarvon's letter. I have visited, in company with Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the Palace of Olympia, which we calculate will accommodate 9000 Masons, and if such a number signified their intention of being present the admission fee would be reduced to one guinea. The Grand Lodge too is at the present moment making arrangements with all the railways in this country to take Freemasons to London and back at one fare, no matter what class they choose to travel by. This being the case, with the admission at one guinea instead of two guineas, will reduce the cost of taking part in such a demonstration to a minimum. Then again I think H.R.H. has fixed the maximum subscription for the National Institute at one guinea, but neither does H.R.H. nor the Grand Lodge expect every brother on the roll to give that amount; as low as 2s 6d would be gladly accepted, or even 1s from those who cannot afford more. I do hope that this information, given in the presence of so many brethren of my Province, will go through the length and breadth of the West Riding, and I hope all will take into consideration what I have said. I hope that I and the past and present members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will have the honour of sending to London the names of a very large number of subscribers to this idea of the Royal Grand Master. His Highness hopes that every subscribing brother will give something, and that each subscribing brother's name may appear in a book which the M.W.G.M. intends to have bound and presented to her Majesty, as a palpable testimony of our affection for our Royal G.M., and loyalty to her person. I appeal to you to allow me to put pressure upon you to act promptly in this matter. When I put down my guinea do not let me go with a beggarly following at my back. It would be painful to me if this thing were taken up in small numbers, because so long as I hold my position amongst you from the Prince of Wales, it would be a painful reflection if I did not carry up to London the majority of the names of the 3,300 subscribing Masons of this Province. This matter is to be taken up as a test of affection and loyalty, and I think it will be a grand thing if we in this Province of West Yorkshire show in unmistakable terms our loyalty to the Prince of Wales and our undying affection to our most gracious Queen. Under these circumstances you will not ask me to go to Grand Lodge as a feeble representative of the patriotism of West Yorkshire. A Committee was formed to take the circular of Grand Lodge into consideration, and present a report to the next meeting of the Lodge. Bro. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer was unanimously re-elected to

represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and Bros. Craig and Richardson on the Local Relief Committee. Heartly good wishes having been given, Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given. The toast of the Worshipful Master was proposed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Tew. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, greatly enhanced by the songs and recitations given by several of the brethren and visitors.

#### WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 633.

ON Friday, the 21st ult., the annual meeting of the above Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Devizes. After the preliminary proceedings, and when he had opened the Lodge in the third degree, the outgoing Worshipful Master, Bro. F. S. Hancock P.G.S.D. Wilts vacated the chair, which at his request was taken by Bro. William Nott P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Wilts, who duly installed, according to ancient custom, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas Carnal Hopkins S.W. for the past year. The newly-installed Master in investing the various Officers for the ensuing year, addressed them as to their several duties, and the usual addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Master. The following were the Officers invested:—Tucker S.W., Johnson J.W., Rev. W. Humphrys P.G. Ch. Salop Chaplain, Nott P.M. Treas., Ward P.M. Secretary, Sloper S.D., Baldwin J.D., Burt P.M. Dir. of Cers., Bush P.M. Organist, Cooper I.G., House P.M., Crees and Ingpen Stewards, Barnes Tyler. There was a good attendance of members and Visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. Fitcher P.M. 586 P.P.G.S.D. Wilts, Chandler P.M. 355 P.P.G.S.W. and P.D.C. Wilts, Bambridge I.P.M. 1533 P.P.G.O. Wilts, Hill P.M. 632, P.P.G.S.B. Wilts, Foley I.P.M. 632, Farrington P.M. 1271, &c. After Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the customary banquet at the Crown Hotel, towards which Brother Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, contributed, as usual, a supply of venison and game.

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

THE regular meeting was held on the 12th January, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, when there were present Bros. W. Ravenscroft W.M., R. Dowsett P.M. acting as I.P.M., E. Margratt P.M. as S.W., W. Hickie J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, J. Greenaway Secretary, C. Slaughter S.D., B. W. Bennett as J.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., T. P. Stewart as I.G., H. G. Sherwin Organist, E. W. Ridley Stewd., W. Ferguson P.M., W. W. Ridley P.M., R. E. Hodder, and E. P. Silver. Visitors:—Bros. Martin J.W., Parry Secretary, Tibbitt P.G. Organist, Livings, Ruddock 414; Tubbs J.W. 2043, and Hayward Organist 414, who on this occasion kindly undertook the musical arrangements. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hodder was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Messrs. W. C. Long and W. M. Colebrook were duly admitted and initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the Wor. Master, assisted by Bro. R. Dowsett P.M. A candidate having been proposed for initiation, and other business transacted, the labours of the evening ended, and Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

#### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1542.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 27th ultimo, when a large number of brethren assembled to witness the installation of Bro. Rudolf Polak as Worshipful Master, he having been unanimously elected to that important office at the preceding meeting. The brethren present included Arthur Ferrar W.M., R. Polak S.W. W.M. elect, G. Ferrar J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treas., W. H. Lee P.M. Prov. Assist. G. Sec. Middx. Secretary, A. R. Olley S.D., W. Beasley J.D., J. H. Rich I.G., W. Wright Dir. of Cers., E. Frisby Organist, W. Simpson and John Robinson Stewards; P.M.'s Brasted, C. Lorin, J. L. Payne, E. Dignam; also Bros. A. Brown, J. Rhodes, A. Langman, J. C. Davies, H. J. Allardyce, A. Leoffeler, R. Dallas, E. J. Turnbull, E. Warden, P. W. Rogers, J. Varney, J. Yannister, J. A. Caperoe, S. A. East, H. J. Brookes, J. Goddard, J. Duncan, W. T. Oakley, E. Winch, W. Parsons, A. M. Archer, A. H. Smith, A. Pottier, E. A. Harling, H. Pearse, W. Tomson, J. H. Ellis, J. T. Larter, S. Stokes. Visitors—Bros. J. Archer 1685, C. J. Grove J.W. 742, S. Studd P.M. 1375, J. McLaren 1805, W. W. Lee 1897, G. Baugh 548, F. Wooton 1986, J. R. Morford 569, W. Darnell P.M. 1679, C. Levett 1507, H. Neville 1320, J. Ardenne 1184, R. Pasco 27, D. Moss P.M. 1275, J. Doyle 1926. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was then dealt with; it showed the funds of the Lodge to be in a healthy condition. The Benevolent Fund also proved prosperous, for notwithstanding a heavy demand had recently been made upon it, a substantial balance remained at the bankers. Brother Ellis was then passed to the second degree. Before the installation ceremony was commenced Brother W. H. Lee P.M. Sec. drew the attention of the brethren to the serious loss the Lodge had sustained since its last meeting by the death of their much lamented Bro. Past Master Charles W. Smyth. His sudden death was sincerely regretted by every member of the Lodge, for Bro. Smyth was highly respected and esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Kind and genial in his nature, he was happy in the possession of those good qualities which make alike the good man and the good Mason, his social good qualities causing him to be beloved by a large circle of friends. But while expressing the regret of the Lodge at his decease the thoughts of the brethren must naturally revert to those he had

left behind. Many present had known Bro. Smyth in his happy home, as a kind husband and a fond and loving parent, and the greatest sympathy must be felt for his widow and family in their sad affliction. He therefore moved a resolution expressive of the regret of the Lodge at the decease of their esteemed Brother and of sympathy and condolence with his widow and family in the irreparable loss they had sustained. Bro. Lorkin, in seconding the resolution, said he had known Bro. Smyth for many years as a friend and neighbour, and as one ever ready to exert his influence in the cause of Charity. Bro. Polak was then duly installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Ferrar, the outgoing Worshipful Master, the ceremony being ably rendered. Bro. Polak appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. Ferrar S.W., Olley J.W., Brand P.M. Treasurer, Lee P.M. Secretary, Beasley S.D., Rich J.D., Wright I.G., Simpson Organist, Robinson and Winch Stewards, J. J. Marsh P.M. Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered in a very eloquent and impressive manner by the Installing Master. Bro. Polak W.M. then said he had a pleasing duty to perform in presenting to Bro. Ferrar, the I.P.M., the Past Master's jewel voted to him at the last meeting; he hoped that he might be with them as a Past Master for many years. Bro. Ferrar briefly acknowledged the gift. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet, well served under the personal superintendence of Bro. A. Clemow. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. A. Ferrar I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and said that he was sure this toast would be cordially received by the brethren. Bro. Polak was well acquainted with the Masonic ritual, and was only anxious for an opportunity to prove his efficiency. The Worshipful Master had performed the duties of the various offices he had held from time to time in a most satisfactory manner, and was well qualified for the chair. Bro. Polak W.M. thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. He would do his best faithfully to discharge the duties of his office, relying for support from the Officers and members of the Lodge. In proposing the Visitors, the Worshipful Master remarked that this toast was always received with great cordiality, and that it was by the visits of brethren to various Lodges that feelings of brotherly love and good fellowship were promoted. He gave the visitors a cordial welcome. Bro. S. Studd P.M. 1375 responded, and said it was gratifying to every visitor present to find the Lodge in such a prosperous condition, and with so much cordiality and good feeling existing among the members. He wished to add a word of praise in reference to the installation ceremony, which he had never seen better performed. Bro. J. Doyle 1926 also responded. Bro. A. Ferrar I.P.M. replied for the Past Masters, and thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. He was only a very young Past Master, but would do his best to maintain the position of the Lodge. Bro. Polak W.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, and said they were the most important Officers of the Lodge. They were fortunate in possessing two such brethren as Bros. Brand and Lee to fill these positions, for all present were aware how ably they carried out their important duties. Bros. Brand and Lee responded, after which the Officers were proposed, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Bro. Frisby, the Organist of the Lodge, rendered valuable assistance at the piano-forte, being ably assisted by the vocal abilities of Bros. Turnbull Pasco, Rich, Dignam, and others.

#### NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE installation meeting of this old and prosperous Lodge was held on the evening of Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly attendance of members and visitors. Lodge was opened by Bro. Joseph Corbett W.M. in accordance with ancient form, and the usual routine business having been disposed of, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial condition, was submitted and approved. The statement of accounts displayed a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer, whilst that of the Neptune Lodge Benevolent Fund was even still more satisfactory. Bro. L. V. Walker J.W. was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and having assented to the responsibilities of office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony was performed in impressive manner by the outgoing Worshipful Master. The newly-installed Master having been proclaimed and saluted with full Masonic honours, invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. J. Corbett I.P.M., E. Y. Jelliffe S.W., W. R. Brooks J.W., H. Povey P.M. Treasurer, T. P. Collins P.M. Secretary, H. Savidge S.D., W. J. Charles J.D., Harrington Bailly I.G., W. Cook P.M. D.C., H. H. Knill Organist, R. W. Concher P.M. Steward, J. W. Standerwick Assistant Steward, and J. Parkinson Tyler. The address to the Master was delivered in eloquent manner by Bro. H. Povey P.M., as an intimate friend of Bro. Walker, whom he (Bro. Povey) had introduced into the Neptune Lodge. The addresses to the Wardens and Brethren were given by the Installing Master, with the utmost precision and effect. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Corbett I.P.M., as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office; the gift was suitably acknowledged. The circular from the Pro Grand Master in reference to the proposed celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee was deferred for consideration to the next meeting, and after the transaction of some other business the Lodge was closed amidst the heartiest good wishes, and the brethren adjourned to the Throne room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, in Bros. Ritter and Clifford's well-known excellent style. The arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren were, as usual, under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. Marchant, and gave every satisfaction. The loyal toasts were duly honoured, the Worshipful Master alluding to the admirable manner in which our Most Worshipful Grand Master acquitted him-

self in all the duties he had been called upon to discharge, and expressing the opinion that when the time should arrive for him to occupy a still higher sphere he would display the same qualities that had won for him the loyal admiration and affection of his fellow countrymen. Bro. H. Povey then proposed the toast of the Grand Officers, in doing which he said it had been his privilege to attend the meetings of Grand Lodge, and he could not but admire the way in which the business was carried on by the rulers of the Craft. They were a hard working, consistent body of men, and he felt sure their well-directed efforts were duly appreciated by the members of this Lodge. The Immediate Past Master assumed the gavel, and proposed in felicitous terms the health of their newly-installed Worshipful Master. He approached that task with a certain amount of diffidence, feeling somewhat in the position of a general about to enter on the field of battle, and fearing as to whether he should acquit himself successfully in submitting so important a toast. However, he could conscientiously say of Bro. Walker that he had endeavoured to distinguish himself, and had displayed a laudable spirit of emulation in all the offices he had filled in the Lodge. He was well versed in the Constitutions, and posted in Masonic makers generally; without referring further to his past achievements he felt sure the brethren all wished for him a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast was enthusiastically received, and Bro. Walker, in the course of his response, observed that there was no great achievements to which he could look back to which such flattering allusion had been made by their I.P.M., but he had before him the admirable example that had been set him by his predecessors, which he should strive to emulate, and if possible to excel. The Neptune Lodge was established in the year 1752, and had ever since well sustained its reputation. If he were able to hand over the warrant untarnished to his successor, as he had received it, he should be intensely gratified. He then extended a very cordial welcome to the Visitors, twenty-six in number, expressing the pleasure of seeing those who had been amongst them on previous occasions, and the hope that those who were now present for the first time would go away with favourable impressions of the manner in which the proceedings of the old Neptune Lodge were conducted. Bro. Fitzgerald, in acknowledging the toast, congratulated the W.M. upon the harmonious feeling which pervaded the Lodge, and the ability displayed by the Past Masters, either of whom was fully competent to discharge the duties he might be called upon to undertake. Bro. the Rev. E. C. Britton also replied, and in doing so drew a favourable comparison between the working of this and some other Lodges he had visited. Masonic organisation did not represent cliques or coteries, but a great body of men banded together for the prosecution of such objects as could not fail to conduce to the happiness and welfare of mankind. Bro. Gibb, in his response, said it was gratifying to see father and son occupying the relative positions they did on the present occasion—the son as W.M. of this good old Lodge, and the father a visitor to witness his installation. He was also pleased to note that Miss Lavinia Walker was assisting in the enjoyment of the gathering by her vocal talent. Brother Walker sen., in responding, expressed the gratification it afforded him to note the esteem in which his son was held by the brethren of this important Lodge, into the chair of which he had been that day installed. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Installing Masters, Bros. Corbett and Povey, and the former, in responding, remarked that they all missed that evening the once familiar form and voice of a Past Master who had ever studied the welfare of the Lodge, and the interests of the brethren. He referred, of course, to their lamented friend Bro. E. F. Storr. He always looked upon that brother with grateful appreciation as an adviser and guide, as one who strove to keep the brethren in the correct path. His absence was the only shadow that had clouded his (the speaker's) year of office, upon which, with this exception, he looked back with intense gratification. He had initiated four candidates, and the kind co-operation he had received from the Past Masters had rendered his task an exceedingly happy and comfortable one. If he had given satisfaction by the way in which he had performed his portion of the installation ceremony, he was abundantly content. He advocated thoroughness and heartiness in all the work which the brethren undertook, and exhorted them when they put their hands to the plough never to look back. Following the excellent example set him by his predecessors in office, he had essayed to perform the installation ceremony, the ritual of which was full of kindly sentiments, and should never be slurred over or delivered loosely. All the brethren should strive to carry out the ritual to the best of their ability. He tendered his thanks to Bro. Povey for the assistance he rendered in Lodge, and to the brethren generally for the attention they had paid to the ceremony of the day. Bro. H. Povey modestly disclaimed any merit or desire to be associated with the toast as one of the Installing Masters. He had merely delivered the address to the W.M.; this had afforded him intense gratification, inasmuch as Bro. Walker was introduced by him into the Lodge and held a place in his esteem ever since. He concluded by again returning sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesy he invariably received at the hands of the brethren of the Neptune Lodge. The next toast from the chair was that of the Past Masters, the Worshipful Master paying each and all a deserved compliment for the manner in which they strove to advance the best interests of the Lodge. Bro. Waterall said it was always gratifying to see a full attendance of Past Masters, and he regretted there were not more of them on this occasion. As the senior Past Master present it afforded him great pleasure to witness the continued progress the Lodge was making; he thought it was sure to do so whilst presided over by such skilful workers as were now in the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, speaking of the Masonic Charities, referred again to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of Past Master Bro. E. F. Storr, who, by his zeal in behalf of the Institutions of the Craft, had deservedly won for himself the appellation of "Charity Storr." By his removal each of the Institutions would miss a zealous and hardworking advocate and

supporter. He (the speaker) was going up as a Steward for the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he trusted he should be privileged to take up a substantial list. The Lodge had generously voted him ten guineas towards it, and he hoped this might be supplemented liberally before the day of the Festival. There were not quite forty members in the Lodge, but at the same time they all did what they could for the cause of Charity. He had already received several promises of assistance, and urged those who had not yet given him their names to do so without delay. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, responded in his usually eloquent vein. He also eulogised the services rendered by "Charity Storr" to the various Institutions, and regretted they could not have his appeal to-night. This was to be an eventful year, and doubtless, if the matter were absolutely brought under the notice of Her Majesty, as Patroness of the Craft, she would render some assistance in the special effort which was about to be made during the Jubilee year in aid of the Charities. There were about 2200 Lodges on the roll, and out of them about 800 each year subscribed to the Institutions. If the 1400 non-subscribing Lodges would make an effort, there would be no difficulty in raising the amount now required by the Charities, and thus enable them to take in all the applicants for relief. The Worshipful Master then gave the Treasurer and Secretary, alluding to the ill-health of Bro. Collings, which precluded him from devoting so much time as he could desire to the duties of his office. This had almost constrained him to tender his resignation, but he had been induced to accept office once more, and they all trusted that Bro. Collings' health might be restored sufficiently to enable him to continue in the position which he had so well filled in the past. Bro. Povey responded as Treasurer, and read the following entry which he had copied from the Lodge minutes a century ago:—

At a Lodge held 15th January 1787;

Opened the Lodge at 7 o'clock, the Proper Officers attending. Proceeded to Business as Entered Apprentices. Closed the Lodge at 10 o'clock, in good harmony.

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He drew a comparison between that time and the present, and asked what the brethren of a hundred years ago would think of the banquet which they had enjoyed that night, as compared with their own modest repast, costing 4s 5½d. The Officers suitably acknowledged the compliment severally paid to them, and the list was closed by the Tyler in the usual way. The toasts were interspersed by a selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. H. H. Knill Organist of the Lodge, assisted by Miss Lavinia Walker (sister of the W.M.), Madame Florence Winn, and Bros. Lacy and Fryer, of St. Pauls Cathedral. The Visitors present included Bros. Prenton 2099, Fitzgerald P.M. 1364, Green W.M. 715, Gray J.W. 1314, Hamilton 1708, T. Eccleston Gibb 32, Rev. Britton P.M. 797, Camings Sec. 2168, Terry P.M. 228, Vine 173, Cousens P.M. 227, Skinner 188, Knill 414, Edwards 1964, Cook 1580 P.P.G.D.C. Herts, King late 22, Doyle 1962, Cox 1803, Hislop S.W. 1708, Heatt 1563, Cousens 4, Sargent 1765, De Lacy 1706, Fryer 1624, Langford 1708, Walker P.M. 1766.

#### ECONOMY LODGE, No. 76.

THE installation of the W.M. elect of this Lodge (Bro. T. Stopher P.P.G.S. of Works) took place on 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, in the presence of a full Lodge and a Board of twenty-four Installed Masters. The ancient ceremony was excellently rendered by Bro. W. Stopher, the outgoing Master. The Board of Installed Masters included the following:—LeFeuvre D.P.G.M., Goble P.G. Sec., Lashmore 394 P.G.D.C., Pigeon 1869 P.G. Org., Brickwood 1834 P.G.D., Burchett 1883 P.G.A.P., Payne 130 P.P.G.R., Gibson 694 P.G.S. Bearer, Dew 694 P.G.R., Harris 76 P.P.G.S.W., Gamon 76 P.P.J.G.W., Jacob 76 P.P.G. Steward, Marks 76 P.M., Lees 130 W.M., Powell 2153 P.M., Foster 1776 P.M., Loader 487 P.M., Burbage 319 W.M., Stopher 76 P.M., King 1883 W.M., Ward 1883 W.M., Timbrell 2016 W.M., Bell 1461 W.M. Having been duly inducted into the chair the W.M. invested his Officers as under: Stopher I.P.M., Gover S.W., Carter J.W., Jacob P.M. Treas., Gamon P.M. Sec., Harris P.M. and Marks P.M. Dir. of Cers., Sharland S.D., Brockley J.D., Searle Org., Pickstock I.G., Colson, and Matthews Stewards, Sims Tyler. Thanks were voted to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Officers for attending, which Bro. LeFeuvre acknowledged. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the list of Bro. Jacob, Steward for the Aged and Decayed Masons. The usual banquet followed, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Bro. Beach, M.P., arriving in time.

#### GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, when the following Officers were present:—W. K. Hopkin W.M., D. Schmidt S.W., W. Lewis J.W., Hayward Edwards P.M. Treasurer, R. Fisher Young P.M. Secretary, Past Masters C. W. Allen, J. Brittain, F. Venables, C. Gray, J. Enerby, J. E. Cussans; T. S. Carter Hon. P.M., T. H. Martin J.D., J. H. Baxter Steward, G. F. Kempson Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies, B. Gotto I.G., &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Gray P.M. proposed that a sum of money be voted from the funds of the Lodge for a Treasurer's jewel, to be presented to Bro. P.M. Edwards on his retirement from the office of Treasurer, as a token of the great esteem and regard in which he is held by the members of the Lodge. This vote was seconded and agreed to, the brethren expressing in a hearty manner their appreciation of Bro. Edwards's services. Bro. Cussans proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted from the Lodge funds for the Herts

Convalescent Home, and that the same be sent in the name of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Young Secretary proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Brother Schmidt S.W. and W.M. elect. Both of which propositions were agreed to by the members. Bro. Schmidt was then installed as Worshipful Master, and he appointed the following as the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Lewis S.W., Martin J.W., Hopkin P.M. Treasurer, Young P.M. Secretary, Durham S.D., Gotto J.D., Kempson I.G., Gray P.M. D.C., Baxter A.D.C., and Cussans Steward. A representative having been appointed to serve on the Provincial Audit Committee, Trustees and Officers were elected for the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund. A brother was appointed to represent the Lodge on the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association, and after some other matters of business had been transacted, including the presentation of a jewel to the retiring Worshipful Master, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to banquet. Among the Visitors were Bros. Martin W.M. 404, Rumble 733, Tryon 1950, Overed S.D. 1708, Hunt and Watton P.M.'s 194; Danville S.W., Myers J.W., Parrott P.M. 1479; Haskins Organist 1364, Christmas W.M. 194, J. Mason P.M. 309 P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex, G. Mickley P.M. 449 P.P.S.G.W., D. Watson P.P.G.D. Devon, &c. In due course the customary toasts were honoured. The first on the list being those of the Queen and the Craft, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and other Grand Officers. In proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Halsey, the Worshipful Master, said he had frequently witnessed the working of Bro. Halsey in Masonry, and had been astonished that so busy a man as Bro. Halsey could find time to perfect himself in the work as he had done. His ability to perform the ceremonies required of him proved he had the interests of Freemasonry at heart. The health of the Deputy Master, and the other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge was next honoured, and was acknowledged by Bros. Mickley and Brittain. Bro. Mickley said the Provincial Officers were pleased to do anything they could for the Province. They were proud of the Mason at their head, and would do all that lay in their power to support him. Bro. Hopkin I.P.M. proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. He was perfectly sure that no Mason was likely to try more to do his duty than Bro. Schmidt would during his year of office. He had done the best he could for the offices through which he had already passed in the Lodge, and the members had learnt to respect him for the ability he had therein displayed. Bro. Schmidt acknowledged the toast. He felt very much the kind way in which he had been spoken of, and received by the members and Visitors. He should strive to do his best, and felt the Lodge would not be the worse for his association with it. The next toast was that of the Installing Master, Bro. Brittain, whom the W.M. described as a thorough Mason, always anxious to promote the good of the Order. Bro. Brittain felt deeply indebted for the toast. His desire was to promote the welfare of the Gladsmuir Lodge as far as lay in his power. The toast of the Visitors followed, the Worshipful Master according them a hearty welcome. Bros. Martin, Hunt, Christmas and Watson having replied, the Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Immediate Past Master. The members of the Lodge had spent a very happy year under the rule of Bro. Hopkin, who had concluded his term of office by making a very handsome present to the Lodge. Bro. Hopkin replied. It had been his endeavour to make his term of office a happy and enjoyable one for them all, and he hoped he had been successful. The bowl which the brethren had been pleased to accept was, he was assured, a relic which any Lodge might prize. It had been for upwards of seventy years in one family, and was adorned with many curious Masonic marks. The toast of the Charities followed, to which Bro. Mason, Collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied, after which a compliment was paid to the Past Masters of the Lodge, Bro. Venables replying on their behalf. The two Wardens acknowledged the toast of the Officers, after which came that by the Tyler, which concluded the proceedings. The bowl to which Bro. Hopkin alluded is a very handsomely engraved glass one, and was presented by him to the Lodge on the close of his Mastership. On the stand provided for it is a brass plate bearing the following inscription:—

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many acts of kindness displayed towards him by the Brethren.  
28th January 1887.

The Immediate Past Master of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Hull, gave notice on Wednesday of his intention to move a resolution as to the desirability of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, and that a Committee, consisting of the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Past Masters, be appointed to consider the same.

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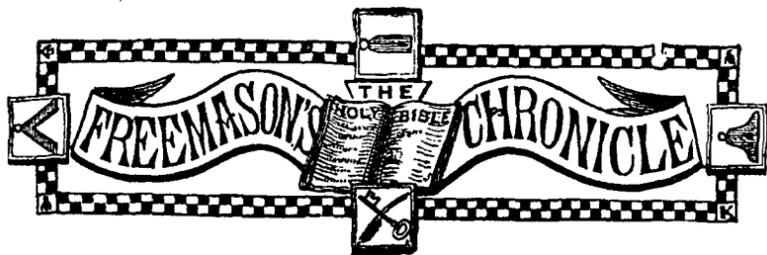
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The "Records," which are dedicated by permission to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, comprise a list of all the Lodges at home and abroad, warranted by the four Grand Lodges and the "United Grand Lodge" of England, with their dates of constitution, places of meeting, alterations in numbers, &c., exhibiting all the Lodges on the English Register for 1886, together with those previously on the roll, specially arranged in tabular form, to allow at one view all the numbers taken by each Lodge during the successive alterations to the present date. In addition, particulars are given of all Lodges having special privileges, centenary

\* "Masonic Records. 1717-1886." By JOHN LANE, F.C.A., P.M. 1402, Torquay. London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen-street, W.C.

jewel warrants, &c. It will be seen, therefore, that the work has an absolutely comprehensive scope, and the manner in which the various subjects have been treated by Brother Lane must commend the entire work to the approval of all into whose hands it may pass. In this preliminary notice of a volume which necessarily involves long and earnest perusal before any definite estimate can be found of its intrinsic value it is not our intention to enlarge upon it critically, even if there is room for criticism of any kind, except from a favourable point of view. We hope to return to the subject in future articles, when we may have had sufficient time to go more thoroughly into the solid mass of matter with which Bro. Lane has favoured us.

In his friendly introduction to the volume, Bro. Hughan rightly describes it as a work of "magnitude and importance," and in order to explain the circumstances which led to the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge, he gives us the chief materials accessible for examination which contain reliable particulars as to Lodge nomenclature, numeration, and location. He reverts to the fact that there were at least four, but probably five or six, Lodges that took part in the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of England in 1716-17. In spite of what has been advanced by contemporary writers, he contends, after a careful scrutiny of the earliest Engraved List, issued in 1723, that there were five "Time Immemorial Lodges" then on the roll. When and by whom these and other old Lodges were constituted cannot now be decided, "but that they, or similar combinations of Freemasons existed centuries before the Grand Lodge era, cannot be doubted." The term "Lodge" is met with so early as the fourteenth century, and actual records of Lodge assemblies in Great Britain are still preserved, dating from the year 1599, the succeeding century being especially rich in minutes descriptive of the initiation of "Geomatic," or non-operative members, many of whom were prominent and distinguished personages of that period. Bro. Hughan points out that "the Grand Lodge, therefore, did not introduce speculative Freemasonry, but simply gave it such an impetus that it rapidly attained the ascendancy which has since been maintained and intensified as the years have rolled on; the operative *régime* being gradually ignored, and ultimately discarded." Information is scanty on the point as to how many independent Lodges were working in England immediately preceding and succeeding the establishment of the Grand Lodge, but it is known that there were several which so existed, the rolls and other MSS. of their transactions being preserved in many instances, notably those of the old Lodge at York from 1712 (earlier documents being entered in the inventory of 1799, but are now lost), of Alnwick from 1701, of Gateshead from 1725, and others, some of which never fraternised with the new Grand Lodge, whilst several eventually petitioned for and obtained warrants. The first "Book of Constitutions," based in part on the "Old Charges," was published in 1723, but contains no list of Lodges of any value; the second edition of 1738, however, has particulars of a number down to the year of issue, chartered for England and abroad; so also the third edition of 1756, but not those of later years.

It would be interesting here to enquire the causes which led to the erasure of the old "Cheshire Cheese" Lodge, which is described in the list of Lodges in 1723, copied from the engraved list in the library of Grand Lodge, London, as meeting on the first Thursday in every month, at a house in Arundel-street, Strand. In Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," we observe the "Cheshire Cheese" Lodge stands fourth on the list of 1723, though numbered 5; but Bro. Lane, giving the old Lodges the same order of precedence, attaches no number whatever to the "Cheshire Cheese" in his 1723 list, whilst the Lodge disappears altogether from the list of 1725, only two years later its place being left "blank." We imagine some information might be supplied as to the vanishing of such a Lodge as the "Cheshire Cheese" is supposed to have been, and how in the earlier list so reputed a Lodge as "The Horn," No. 3, meeting at Westminster, should have allowed the "Cheshire Cheese" to take precedence of it on the list, though numbered 5. In the "Four Old Lodges" we see this Lodge, "The Horn," numbered 4, whilst Brother Lane describes it as No. 3; but that does not alter the case or assign any reason why the Cheshire Cheese, No. 5, should have taken priority of No. 3. The Cheshire Cheese Lodge was undoubtedly in existence when the Four

Old Lodges were constituted, about the time of the Foundation. There can be no question as to that, and the only feeling of disappointment we have yet encountered in Bro. Lane's "Records" arises from the fact that he gives no information whatever of this old Lodge, meeting in Arundel Street, which some Masonic writers ignore altogether. There is every reason to believe that the members of the Horn Lodge were men of prominent position at that time, and would not allow a Lodge such as the Cheshire Cheese to take precedence of them unless under some very exceptional circumstances. In all probability there was some friction which led to the extinction of the former, which Bro. Lane sets down as "blank," and Bro. Gould as "out," in their respective lists for 1723. Anyhow, we have no details respecting that incident; and it is probably not asking too much of the author of the volume now under consideration to supply us with a suggestion as to why, in his opinion, the old Cheshire Cheese Lodge so suddenly dropped out of the Masonic firmament. Reasons are given in the pages of the "Records" for the discontinuance of other Lodges; and why not for this? It is merely a query we put in the most fraternal spirit of inquiry, and no doubt Bro. Lane will be able to afford the brethren some information which will supply a "missing link" in the otherwise complete category.

Space at our command precludes us from entering further into even a brief outline of a work which has so many features to commend it to the perusal of our readers; but, as we have already indicated, it is our intention to return to the subject at no very distant date. Meanwhile, we congratulate Bro. Lane upon the completion of his ponderous task, which is compiled with every evidence of patient skill and intelligent sequence; and the volume, which is printed in the very best style of the typographic art, and embellished with a handsome cover, is an ornament to any Masonic library shelf or drawing-room table.

#### MASONIC PRESENTATION IN LEEDS.

A PRESENTATION took place on Monday night, the 31st ult., in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, of a purse and address to Bro. Charles Lowry P.M., the respected Honorary Secretary of the Leeds Educational and Benevolent Association. The President of the Institution Bro. Major Moore P.M. occupied the chair, and there was a large gathering of Leeds Masons. Bro. W. Warren, 1211, read the address, which was beautifully illuminated, to the following effect:—

##### LEEDS EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

This address and purse of gold were presented to Bro. Lowry, on the 31st January 1887, as an acknowledgment of, but not an adequate return for, services rendered by him as Secretary to the Institution from its commencement in the year 1876 to the present time.

Then followed the names of the President, Vice President, Trustees, Permanent and Elective Committees, Treasurer, and Auditors who had contributed towards the presentation.

Bro. Major Moore, in making the presentation of this address and a purse amounting to £56, referred to the nature of the Institution, and the work it had done since its inauguration in 1876. It was now in a most prosperous condition, this in no small measure due to the assiduous attention paid by Bro. Lowry to its interests. He trusted that the recipient's life might long be spared to assist in the active work on behalf of the best interests of Freemasonry in Leeds, and of the Institution in particular. Other brethren having enlogised the part played by Bro. Lowry in the history of the Institution, and his uniform courtesy and assiduity, the recipient suitably and feelingly acknowledged this spontaneous tribute, which he felt himself unable to respond to in adequate terms. A most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent by all who had the good fortune to be present.

Bro. Jacob Norton sends us the following cutting:—

A Rev. Mr. Stoddard is exhibiting around Niagara the stone which the Masons tied to Morgan to make his drowning a sure job. The evidence that the stone was used is a trifle weak, but it is at least possible that some Mason wanted to use it that way, and it is a substantial thing, and would have done the business if it had been used.

Bro. Alfred Greenham P.M., who was installed on the 27th ult., in the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, as W.M. for a second year, has arranged with Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. for the delivery of his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, 1813-1886," in that Lodge, on Thursday, the 24th inst., when a large gathering of brethren of the Province of Hants is anticipated.

#### THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Court.**—The third successive piece written by Mr. A. W. Pinero for the Court company is as promising as the two preceding ones. "Dandy Dick" is a three act farcical comedy, written in Mr. Pinero's well known humorous vein. Throughout it is full of wit, humour, and pleasant satire; in short, it keeps the audience in the brightest spirits from beginning to end. Mr. Pinero undoubtedly has an advantage in knowing for whom he is writing, and this he has not failed to take advantage of; the characters, with one or two exceptions, are so well fitted that nothing further could be desired. The author's leading idea is a good one, while any improbabilities arising out of the extremely funny action will be readily overlooked. The piece opens at St. Marvell's Deanery, where the Very Rev. Augustus Jedd, D.D., and his two daughters are residing. The Dean is a man of the strictest propriety, but his daughters are somewhat volatile; they long for gaiety. To this end they agree to go to a fancy dress ball, to be held in the neighbourhood; unknown to their father, they order two fancy dresses from London, for which they have not money to pay. Now, when they ask their father for an advance he refuses, he having promised to subscribe £1000 to the restoration of a church spire. However, the Dean's widowed sister, Georgiana Tidman, pays the Dean a visit. This lady, the widow of a horse trainer, is accustomed to attend race meetings under the cognomen of "George Tid." The horsey slang of this lady thoroughly upsets the Dean, especially so when she is discovered to be part owner of a race-horse named "Dandy Dick," which horse is entered for a race about to take place in the village where the Dean resides. When Georgiana Tidman hears of the girls want of money, she strongly urges them to "pat" every thing they possess on "Dandy Dick." It so happens that Sir Tristram Mardon, the joint owner, has put up at a neighbouring inn, with the horse. A fire breaks out at the inn, but the horse is got away without sustaining injury; two pails of water, however, have been thrown over him. Mrs. Tidman insists on the horse being taken to the Dean's stable. The Dean meanwhile is persuaded to put on £50, and after all the others have retired to rest, he mixes a bolus for the horse, but his butler manages to put some strychnine in unobserved. In attempting to administer the bolus, the Dean is discovered by the groom, who, suspecting foul play, is watching the stables. The unfortunate Dean is taken to the lock-up. Here he is recognised by his old cook, who has married the village constable; she gives him a luncheon, intended for her husband. In the end, however, the Dean is rescued by some welshers, incited to the act by "George Tid," on the plea that he has been arrested for performing the three card trick. The butler now confesses, and all is brought to a satisfactory conclusion, Dandy Dick winning his race in a canter. Mr. Pinero's skill has enabled him to write a whimsical piece, every situation being most amusing. Mr. John Clayton, as the Dean, had a part which he knows well how to deal with, and when he gets along a little faster will work it into a success. Mrs. John Wood has quite a new character in Georgiana Tidman, but her well-known humour suits the part. Mr. Arthur Cecil has been cast for a minor character, the Dean's butler, but is most effective. Other small parts fall to the lot of well-known artistes, foremost of whom is Miss Norreys, as the Dean's daughter Sheba. Some of the best lines fall to this young lady, who makes the most of them; her earnestness being of the proper kind. Mr. F. Kerr and Mr. H. Eversfield overdid the two military officers, but Miss Laura Linden and Mr. W. H. Denny were comical in the prison scene. Miss Linden's facial expression and Mr. Denny's quiet humour were decidedly good. Mr. Edmund Maurice gave the necessary colour to the character of Sir Tristram Mardon, and Miss Marie Lewes was pleasing as Salome, the Dean's elder daughter. Altogether "Dandy Dick" is briskly written, capitably acted, and well staged. We therefore predict for it as long a run as either "The Magistrate" or "The Schoolmistress."

**Opera Comique.**—At a matinée given here on Tuesday, Miss Carrie Hope for the first time produced in London a new comedy drama by the late Mr. Conway Edwardes, entitled "Long Odds." This is of slight construction, but containing some well-written lines, while at times it is thoroughly interesting. But on Tuesday a great tendency to drag was prevalent. Still the representation served its purpose, it brought out the abilities of Miss Hope to the fullest extent. The play is based on somewhat familiar lines, and the following is an outline of the plot. Florence Brabazon is engaged to a poor cousin, Captain Eric Forester; the match, however, is not favoured by her mother, Lady Brabazon, and she contrives, with the help of Mr. Ferrars, formerly travelling tutor to the Earl of Clayshire, to break off the engagement. This is brought about with the assistance of an old acquaintance of Forester's—Mrs. Gordon Perceval. Forester goes on a cruise, and Florence is persuaded by her mother to wed the Earl of Clayshire. After two years of unhappy married life we find the principals at Palazzo, where Florence is shamefully ill-treated by the Earl, who is afterwards shot by the husband of a woman he was making love to, Forester returning to see the end of this quarrel; he has been promoted during his cruise, consequently we are left to hope he at last secures Florence. This play, which is in three acts, exhibits nothing out of the common until the quarrel between husband and wife; but this scene was admirably played by Miss Hope and Mr. Bassett Roe. Miss Hope exhibits some good qualities, and when she has had a little more experience will be very effective. She knows how to portray emotion, while her lighter scenes are well conceived. Mr. Bassett Roe, as the Earl of Clayshire, had little to do until the last act, but here he came out well. Taking a thorough grasp of the situation this gentleman sets about his task spiritedly; he never overdoes it, but keeps well within bounds. His was certainly a good portrayal of selfishness, deceit, and, when opposed, hate. Mr. A. M. Denison

gave a good rendering of a county M.P. Mr. Caffery would have been better if he had spoken more distinctly. Miss Helen Mathews was a little too self-conscious as Mrs. Gordon Perceval. Mr. Laurence Cantley was good as Captain Forester, while Mr. W. J. Erskine and Miss Ella Yorke had fairly good parts, but did not make much of them. Miss Pattie Bell as Lady Georgina Brabazon and Mr. John Phipps as Ballard were the other representatives of the caste.

**Olympic.**—We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. Edward Terry's engagement in "The Churchwarden" has been so successful that his stay at this theatre has been extended another eight weeks, or until Easter Monday, when Mr. Henry Herman and the Rev. Freeman Wills' new drama, "The Golden Band," will be produced. We may also mention that Miss Grace Hawthorne's matinées of "Heartsease" will be continued every Wednesday morning until further notice, they having proved remarkably successful in every respect.

**HORSE SHOW AT OLYMPIA, KENSINGTON.**—We are informed that the Earl of Lathom and the Directors of the National Agricultural Hall, Kensington, have determined to organise a grand horse show in May next, upon such a scale as to make it worthy of commemoration as one of the national events of the Jubilee year. A large number of letters have been received by the management from leading horse owners and breeders throughout the country, suggesting such a jubilee show. Several reforms will be introduced in the conditions, and such special facilities will be offered to exhibitors as they will at once appreciate, not the least of which is the size and healthiness of the new hall and the magnificent and permanent stabling outside the building. Horses may be sent from any town in the kingdom direct to the doors of the hall. A very influential committee is in process of formation, and included in the programme will be some novel features hitherto unknown at horse shows.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. will deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, 1813-1886" in The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday, the 17th instant, at 6.30 p.m. This Lodge of Instruction, of which Brother Stevens is the Preceptor, meets weekly, on Thursdays, at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, E.C. The Fifteen Sections are to be worked on the 24th instant, and the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on the 3rd proximo.

### GLEANINGS.

**A WOMAN'S FAITH IN MASONRY.**—The following incident, illustrating a woman's faith in Masonry, was told us by J. D. U— of Harrodsburg, Indiana. We will give it as near as possible in our brother's own words: "In the year 1861 my mother came from Terre Haute to Greencastle Junction, on the Vandalla Line. In paying her fare the conductor gave her in change a two dollar bill, which the proprietor of the Junction Hotel refused to take, saying it was below par. Mother asked him if he was a Mason. He said he was. She asked him if the conductor was a Mason, and he said he was. She then asked him if he was acquainted with me, and he replied that he was. Mother then told him to take the bill, and get a good one in place of it, and send it to me. When mother arrived home she told me what she had done. I laughed, and told her that was the last of her two dollar bill. 'Oh no!' says she, 'that man was a Mason, and it will be all right; and so it proved to be. A good bill came in place of it in a few days. The true Mason is always an honest man.—*Masonic Advocate.*

**THE THREE VERSES.**—The *Hebrew Leader* publishes the following three verses from Isaac Leeser's translation of the Bible:—

1. And he set up the pillars for the porch of the Temple, and he set up the right pillar, and he called its name Yachins; and he set up the left pillar and called its name Boaz.—1 Kings vii. 12.

2. Then they said unto him, Do say Shibboleth; but when he said Sibboleth, and was not able to pronounce it correctly, they laid hold of him and slew him on the passages of the Jordan, and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.—Judges xii. 6.

3. And Zillah, she also bore Tubal Cain, an artificer in every article of copper and iron; and the sister of Tubal Cain was Naamah.—Gen. iv. 22.

**THE WAYS OF MASONRY.**—Masonry depends not on excitement or agitation. It has ways peculiar to itself. It never has or will change its landmarks, amid turmoil and change it abides ever the same. It has a history fragrant with deeds of love. It has performed its work amid the storm and calm of the various epochs through which it has passed. All that is required is a rigid adherence to the teachings of its ritual. There is no glamour about Craft Masonry. Simplicity is its corner stone. There is no society so free from fustian as Blue Lodge Masonry. There is a quiet dignity to be found there that has no rival.—*Masonic Journal.*

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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, 5th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 1375—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 1466—Hoya Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## MONDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street  
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields  
 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 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.)  
 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.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road  
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton  
 2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.  
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven  
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
 164—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 166—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple  
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge  
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
 382—Loyal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
 409—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea  
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge  
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
 478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester  
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield  
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster  
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry  
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax  
 1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castletford  
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea  
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.  
 R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth  
 R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby  
 R.A. 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon  
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull  
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)

65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street  
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
 167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).  
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City  
 235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.  
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel  
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
 1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.  
 R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)  
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 33—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley  
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon  
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)  
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield  
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead  
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton  
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich  
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wodnesbury  
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup  
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster  
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport  
 986—Heske's, Grapes Inn, Croston  
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon  
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge  
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington  
 1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon  
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex  
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey  
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex  
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc  
 1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow  
 1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon  
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge  
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool  
 1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze  
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk  
 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beach Street, Herne Bay, Kent  
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth  
 R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington  
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter  
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3  
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brough, at 8. (Inst.)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street E.C.  
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.  
 892—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, Haggerston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 3. (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.  
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood

1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea  
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct  
 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchward, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 M.M.—1istle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester  
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster  
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 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.  
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith  
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
 686—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton  
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford  
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth  
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham  
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford  
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes  
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwaite  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh  
 1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex  
 2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent  
 R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester  
 R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale  
 R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston  
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford  
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1159—Southern Star, Pheasant, stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Betanul Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 1602—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)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1625—Freedgar, 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)  
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creston, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1791—Creston, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)  
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly  
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.  
 K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland  
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter  
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Narewora  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Lington, Stafford  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park Street, Deal  
 786—Croxtheth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks  
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tradeagar, Mon.  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington  
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle  
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester  
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill  
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable  
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester  
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry  
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill  
 R.A. 464—Hwlfordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest  
 R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot  
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

## FRIDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)  
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Barmoissey, 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)  
 1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne 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)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 2000—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's  
 R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)  
 R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff  
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme  
 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield  
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland  
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8  
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge  
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon  
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

103—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea  
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

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