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ELECTION DAYS AND ELECTION TACTICS.

FOR some years past discussions have been raised from time to time as to the desirability of altering the days of election for the three Masonic Institutions, and we should not have to go very far back to find that a number of actual propositions for change have been considered at one or other of the regular meetings of subscribers to the Charities. In all these cases—until the present year—nothing has resulted from the proposals which have been submitted, the general opinion having been that it was best to leave matters as they were, rather than to make an alteration which would in all probability prove as inconvenient to some of the subscribers as the existing rules were shown to be. The question may really be considered as one of those on which universal agreement is all but impossible, as the business or leisure of so many has to be considered, and what may suit one section proves inconvenient to another.

So strong, however, has the desire for a change now become that a Committee has been appointed to consider the question, and to report later in the year as to the advisability of making an alteration, or of continuing existing arrangements. What the decision of this Committee will be it is of course impossible to say, but we think that very strong arguments should be forthcoming before any alteration is officially suggested in an arrangement which has worked well for years, and which is as likely to suit the present and the coming generation as well as any other which might be adopted.

No doubt the question will be discussed by the Committee on its merits, but there are already signs that outside it will be fought on much the same lines as have governed more than one Masonic contest of late, when the tendency has been to divide the Order into two great sections—Provincial and Metropolitan—with results which must eventually prove detrimental to the continuance of that kindly feeling which has so long been a characteristic of Freemasonry.

It would perhaps puzzle a casual observer to discover anything in this question which should create jealousy between London and Provincial brethren, and taken alone it would give us some difficulty to explain why it should be regarded as a subject for disagreement, but there is a growing tendency on the part of London brethren to consider that the Provincials already get more than their share of the good things provided by the Institutions, and to those who hold such opinions the mere mention of a change is regarded with suspicion, lest it may be but another move to secure yet greater advantages to the Provincials, as compared with those obtained by Londoners. Briefly the state of affairs is simply this, nearly all of the Provinces have special Committees for securing the greatest amount of benefit possible from the votes held in their districts, while London, being without any such organisation, appears to lose its just share of the prizes periodically competed for. As a consequence some of the London brethren are dissatisfied, and are perhaps desirous of quarrelling with the Provincials, whose only crime is that they are more enthusiastic, or more energetic, than those who find fault with them.

The Provincial brethren argue that the time which has to be devoted to the elections as they are at present

arranged is a considerable item year by year, and that every effort should be used to lessen as far as possible both the time and expense to which business men are put if they desire to attend. This, they urge, would be accomplished by having the several elections on consecutive days, and certainly the proposal appears a just one. Londoners, on the other hand, urge that if the days of election were thus altered the Provincial brethren would make even more of a business of them than they do now. They would be in London for two or three days at a time, with nothing to do but canvass subscribers, and work to secure scholarships or annuities for their own candidates, to the detriment of London cases. It hardly seems necessary for us to argue out these matters, as we are confident that London could do as well as any of the Provinces if the brethren would unite in the Metropolis as they do outside it—that is, if such co-operation were possible in London as is all but general in the country. It is absurd to argue that the country brethren would be any better off than Londoners if the elections were held on consecutive days; on the contrary, they would often be worse off, for in many cases they would have to leave home the day before the first election, and could not start from London until the day following the last of the contests, while London brethren could always devote an hour or more to their business on each of the election days, and yet be present during the time of the meetings.

If we look at the number of votes issued for any particular election and compare it with the total polled, we at once see that there are very few unused, and even if the whole of the unpolled votes belonged to London—and we need hardly say they do not—it would make very little difference in the actual result. It follows then, that the London votes are used, and if they are not given to London cases alone we may assume their owners have very good reasons for sending them into the country. No doubt many of the London votes find their way into the Provinces, in consequence of their owners belonging also to one or other of the Lodges meeting outside the Metropolitan area, while not a few are sent miles away purely as a matter of business. London representatives of the great Provincial firms could no doubt tell us of a number of votes which go out of London every year in this way, not only in connection with the Masonic Institutions, but also of every Charity in which the country as a whole is interested. Not long since a prominent London Mason told us that if ever he wanted to secure a case for either of the Charities he should rely more on the help of his business connections than on that of his Masonic brethren, as with the former he was in the habit of co-operating in connection with the elections of almost all the Charities of the Kingdom; while the latter principally confined their attention to the Masonic Institutions, and did not even work systematically in regard to them. We have since had an opportunity of seeing this brother's opinion put to the test, and the result has been most gratifying to him, his candidate being returned at the head of the poll on a first application. Here we have an illustration of London co-operation which equals anything attempted in the Provinces; still it is not an exceptional case, and no doubt it will be equalled on many occasions in the future, without any alteration in existing arrangements, or any extension of voting associations among the brethren of the Metropolis; still there was a cause which led to this success which is absent in many other cases; the members of the Lodge, which took the candidate in hand, worked as

if they meant to succeed, and success was the consequence. The same might usually be done with London candidates if the Lodges concerned really took an interest in those recommended, but it seldom does anything after the necessary signatures have been attached to a petition.

We think we have said enough to convince our readers that this question has no claim to be regarded as a party one. It will have to be considered from many points of view, and when everything is done which it is possible to do, we shall, in all probability, be as far from securing unanimity as ever. For this reason we again express our opinion that strong reasons should be given before any alteration is sanctioned.

As the desire seems to be to have all the elections together, so as to make one journey to London sufficient, we would suggest that the three days following that set apart for the Annual Festival of Grand Lodge be considered, as, if it is desirable to hold three events on consecutive days, it would appear to be even more beneficial to arrange for four celebrations coming together, especially as many brethren who attend one desire to take part in all. In conclusion we cordially invite our readers to express their opinions on the subject. Our correspondence columns are open for the purpose, and we feel sure that the more the matter is discussed the easier it will be for the Committee to form an opinion likely to meet with general approval.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Grand Festival was held on Wednesday, 27th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, where there was a numerous attendance, under the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, who presided in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Carnarvon. Bros. Sir John Monckton occupied the chair of G.S.W., F. Beilby Ashton G.J.W., W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight as D.G.M., T. W. Tew Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire as Past G. Master. Grand Lodge having been opened, the Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, read the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication, so far as they related to the re-election of the M.W. Grand Master, and Sir Albert Woods (Garter) proclaimed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales duly elected and installed as M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year. The Grand Secretary having read the list of Grand Stewards for the year, the Earl of Lathom announced that the M.W. Grand Master had been pleased to re-appoint the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro Grand Master, and himself (Lord Lathom) as Deputy Grand Master. Prince Albert Victor was appointed Senior Grand Warden, but was unable to be present that day, as he was serving with his regiment at Gibraltar. Bro. General Lord Wolseley was then invested Junior Grand Warden. We give the list of the new Grand Officers on page 282.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, at the Freemasons' Tavern, the most complete arrangements for which were made by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, under the personal superintendence of their manager, Bro. Madell. Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, presided, and in proposing the toast of the Queen made some happy allusions to Her Majesty's Jubilee, with the hope that she might realize to the largest and fullest extent the loyalty, devotion and happiness of a contented people, rejoicing over her glorious and prosperous reign of fifty years. The next toast was The Princess of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family, all of whom had earned the loyalty and devotion of Masons. The health of the M.W. the Grand Master was next drank, in a bumper. Bro. Tew, in proposing the toast reminded the brethren that at a critical moment in the history of the Order His Royal Highness stepped forward and undertook the government of the Craft. This circumstance alone would entitle him to the loyalty and devotion of Freemasons, but their gratitude was intensified by the fact that one of his sons had been appointed Senior Grand Warden. Each one present must pray fervently that the Prince of Wales and his son may be endued with the blessing of health, and may long be spared to adorn our ancient and noble Order. The toast of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master was enthusiastically received, after which Bro. Hugh Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, proposed the health of the President of the evening, speaking of Brother Tew as a well known Mason, and especially so in respect of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Tew briefly

responded, and in the course of his observations expressed the hope that when the great Jubilee demonstration in London took place his Province would not be behind others in loyalty to H.R.H. by the manner in which it supported the Imperial and Colonial Institute. Brother the Rev. Dr. Cartwright responded for the Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers, and in doing so humorously remarked that he had been represented to his Bishop as one who ought to be unfrocked for his share in Freemasonry; he had been abused in Bengal as a man who was immoral and seditious, and everything else that was bad. These charges had, however, been productive of no very alarming result. Grand Officers desired to follow in the wake of their illustrious predecessors, and he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. might continue to bless them so long as they carried out that glorious principle of Charity which should prevail until prophesy had failed and tongues had ceased. Bro. Tew next gave the Masonic Charities. With the toast he associated the name of Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution. Those who were present at the Benevolent Festival in February must have been amazed at the wonderful energy which Bro. Terry displayed in connection with collecting so large and magnificent a sum for that Charity. He could not but believe that the result of the other Festivals would gratify both Bro. Hedges and Bro. Binckes by the enormous sums they would produce. The Charities were very dear to each one of them, and all felt a pleasure in supporting them to the best of their ability, and to the utmost of their means. Bro. Terry took this, the first opportunity since his Festival, to thank Grand Lodge for the £1000 it had voted to the Benevolent Institution. He hoped that the Festivals of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, to be held in May and June, might be as beneficial as the Benevolent. He should now content himself with saying that while acknowledging the success which attended his Festival in February last, he hoped both the Schools might have the same support. Bro. Binckes, who was loudly called for, said their excellent Chairman, in exercise of the discretion which was undoubtedly his prerogative, coupled the toast of Success to their Masonic Institutions with his good friend Bro. Terry, whose Festival was so successfully celebrated in February last. There was not one brother in the room who was not prepared to offer all the congratulations which were due to so successful an event; still he (Bro. Binckes) did offer one suggestion—the past had told its own tale, but there was a future which must be attended to with a certain amount of anxiety. They did not know what the Jubilee celebration might produce; but they, especially in the Boys' School, were exceedingly anxious on account of the very precarious position in which they were placed. He could not help saying that, while congratulating the representatives of the other two Institutions on the extremely sound and successful financial position they occupied, he was depressed and weighed down with a sense of responsibility by the imperfect condition in which their Boys' School was placed. He was prepared to admit that this was not the time, on a festive occasion like this; nor was it an appropriate or fitting opportunity; to weary them with an appeal on behalf of any charitable body. He could speak with an experience of years gone by that, whether the occasion might be a legitimate one or not, there was no Mason who attended any gathering in that hall, or elsewhere, who ever forgot the calls, the responsibilities, and the claims of their glorious Institutions. To the brethren present—who were a fairly representative assembly—be all the glory and the success which had been achieved; but he did hope that they would all bear in mind, especially the younger members of the Order, that they were inheritors of traditions handed down from a long past antiquity, which must be again handed down—the traditions of the example of those who had gone before them—and which must be not only imitated but emulated. For his share in the past, he had nothing but pride and gratification, except one feeling of intense gratitude to those who had supported him for the last 26 years; on these he based his hopes that the future would not be less glorious than the past. Bro. A. T. Layton, J.P., responded for the Grand Stewards, observing that it was perhaps somewhat a pity that their career should end just as they began to gain experience; still they had some hopes that in the coming Festival the Grand Stewards might have an opportunity of showing their appreciation of the position in which they were placed. He concluded by congratulating them on the great success of the present Festival.

MORE REASONING WITH BRO. LANE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

WHEN I first read Bro. Lane's dogmatic statement that a Lodge in Philadelphia, No. 79, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of England, I imagined that he had some evidence outside of the Dublin reprinted Lodge List of 1735. But upon inquiry I find that the only reason for his belief was because the Dublin reprinter of Smith's Pocket Companion of 1735

"Must have had . . . some valid and satisfactory reason for inserting in his reprint 'the Hoop in Water Street, Philadelphia;' the probability being that he found it recorded in an engraved list of 1731, a copy of which is unfortunately now unknown."

Now with all due respect to Bro. Lane, I think that very few well informed Masons will accept his dictum that the Dublin Lodge List reprinter "must have had some valid reason," &c. The fact is, compilers of Lodge lists have repeatedly shown that they were fallible, for proof of which see Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," page 53. And I must further add that in accordance with Bro. Lane's method of reasoning, an Irish Masonic patriot might prove from the same Dublin 1735 Lodge List that Ireland is blessed with the "Premier Grand Lodge" of the British Isles, for in that Lodge list No. 1 of the Irish Lodges stands first of all Lodges, and after giving thirty-seven Irish Lodges in succession, he continues the list. By turning the first English Lodge into No. 38, the second English Lodge into No. 39, &c., from which our Irish patriotic Masons would conclude that the Grand Lodge of Ireland was older than the Grand Lodge of England, and that the English Lodges of 1735 were subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Ireland; and if it should be argued that the English Grand Lodge chartered Lodges several years before the Irish Grand Lodge did, our Irish patriots could reply, in the language of Bro. Lane, that the Dublin printer of 1735, "must have had some valid and satisfactory reason, the probability being that he found it recorded in an engraved Lodge list, a copy of which is now unfortunately unknown."

Now there is not a fable that could not be defended with Bro. Lane's mode of arguing, but no rational man will concede to such arguments. For instance, a thrice illustrious 33° reported, in 1849, that certain Jews in Newport, Rhode Island, conferred the third degree in Masonry in 1658. The Rev. Bro. Petersen inserted that story in his "History of Rhode Island," from which it was reprinted again and again. But in 1870 Bro. Gardner, Grand Master of Massachusetts, requested the Newport luminary to send his evidence; and, to be short, the reply was that the evidence was unfortunately lost, and Bro. Gardner (who by-the-bye is now in Europe) treated the reply with contempt, and denounced the story as humbug. For a full account of Bro. Gardner's reasons I refer the reader to page 357 of the "Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Proceedings of 1870.*"

Again, Bro. Charles E. Meyer's letter, reprinted in this paper, 2nd April, says, "Bro. Norton has written me many times to get the old Bell Letter, and so has Bro. Hughan," &c. Now, I have not only written many times, but have urged him, personally, to do so whenever I met him. Why he has delayed to do so for many years is more than I can tell. However, we have at last his explanation, and the upshot is an admission that he (Bro. Meyer) did never see the original letter; did not know the person who owned it; he is not even very sure what the owner's name was. In short, Bro. Meyer knows nothing about the Bell Letter save and except what Bro. Blackburne told him. It was Bro. Blackburne who copied the fragment of the said letter, and Bro. Blackburne alone knew the owner of the letter. Bro. Meyer ordered Bro. Blackburne to offer the owner of the said letter one hundred dollars for permission to have the MS. photographed; but Bro. Blackburne said that the owner of the letter was a mysterious man, who would neither

part with the letter, nor allow it to be photographed; and, he added, "that the price would have to be very high that would induce him to part with it."

It is very strange, though that mysterious person resided in Philadelphia, that Bro. Meyer should never have made an effort to hunt him up, or endeavoured to ascertain how high the price was for that letter. It is equally strange, that while the mysterious man brought the letter into the Grand Secretary's office of his own accord in 1873, and allowed Bro. Blackburne to copy from it what he pleased, that he should a few months later refuse the sum of £20 for permission to have it photographed. Now, all the evidence Bro. Meyer derived from Bro. Blackburne has been kept strictly secret by Bro. Meyer, until after Brother Blackburne and the mysterious owner of the Bell letter have both died. The evidence of the Bell letter being "then unfortunately lost," we are, therefore, called upon to believe all that Brother Meyer believes about it; briefly then, it is my firm opinion that my good friend Charles Meyer has been duped by Bro. Blackburne.

And now, I will let out what I know about Lodge lists. In the 1738 Constitutions I find, as follows:—

"In the Mastership of Dalkeith (between June 1723 and June 1724) a list of all the Lodges was engraved by Bro. John Pine. . . which is usually reprinted on the commencement of every new Grand Master and dispersed among the brethren."

The 1723 engraved Lodge list was really not engraved by Pine; I was wrong therefore in styling Pine the father of Lodge list engravers, but he certainly engraved several ensuing Lodge lists, and he may therefore be termed the first born son of Lodge list engravers. Now, bear in mind that Anderson said "*usually reprinted*," which means *not always*. In fact, the second engraved list did not appear until two years after the first, hence it is not impossible that between the years 1729 and 1734 no engraved Lodge lists at all were printed; for if such engraved Lodge lists had been regularly issued during those intervening years, surely Dr. Rawlinson would not have taken the trouble to write for his own use a Lodge list, enumerating 116 Lodges, in July 1733. Now, the several Lodge lists in which No. 79 appears are as follow, 1st list No. 11, Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges." That list was taken from a record in Freemasons' Hall. It contains not only the numbers and locations of the Lodges, but also the names of the members of every Lodge, and I have myself seen that record; the record was written between 1730 and 1732, and contains one hundred and four Lodges. No dates however are annexed to the said Lodges I shall just give a specimen of the said list, and afterwards compare it with later lists, thus—

77. Black Lyon, in Jockey Fields.
78. Fountain, in Bury St. Edmunds.
79. Castle, in Highgate.
80. Angel, in Macclesfield.
81. Fleece, in Bury St. Edmunds, Norfolk.

The next Lodge lists that follow the above are Rawlinson's of 1733, Smith's and Pine's lists, both of 1734, and Gould's list No. 12 of 1736-9, and in all these lists the above quoted five Lodges are arranged in the same order and have the same numbers, the only difference being that while in the first-named list No. 79 was located at the Castle in Highgate, in the next three lists No. 79 had no location. Pine improved his 1734 list by adding dates of the origins of the Lodges, from which list I learn that No. 77, at the Black Lyon, in Jockey Fields, was constituted 11th January 1731, and that No. 83 was constituted 17th December 1731, hence we see that seven Lodges were constituted in 1731, and that No. 79 was the third Lodge constituted in that year. No. 79 was probably constituted before the 25th of March 1731, hence it is placed in Pine's list of 1740 among the 1730 Lodges. But be that as it may, No. 79 at the Castle in Highgate was certainly constituted in 1731, for every Lodge list confirms that fact, as I shall show hereafter, and there can be no doubt that No. 79 in every Lodge list I have seen (except the Dublin one) refers to one and the same Lodge that was originally located at the Castle in Highgate.

Bro. Lane, however, argues that whereas the Castle in Highgate Lodge did not pay £2 2s for its charter before the 21st of November 1732, he claims that the said Lodge was not constituted before the last named date,

* In the *Freemason* of 2nd April an American writer undertook to prove the Philadelphia Masonic mother theory, where he not only refers to the Newport Rhode Island claim for Masonic American Motherhood, but he further informs us that, "In the imprint of Boston, 1872, are facsimiles of Price's Commission from Viscount Montague," &c. Now, I herewith promise the writer of the above five dollars if he can show me the facsimile of Price's Commission from Viscount Montague.

and hence he calls it a 1732 Lodge. Now, it is possible that in those days the Grand Secretary did not press for immediate payment for charters, but, whatever the cause of the delay of payment may have been, the combined testimony furnished by all the Lodge lists (as already shown), that our No. 79 was constituted in 1731, cannot be set aside; besides which if the said Lodge had been constituted on the 21st of November 1732 it would have been No. 108 instead of 79.

On further comparing Gould's list No. 11 with Rawlinson's list of 1733 I find not only several variations in the locations of Lodges, that is, the Lodges that removed from their old places since 1732, but I find also that whereas No.'s 42 and 67 were *vacant* in Gould's list, in Rawlinson's list the blanks were filled up, as follows: "42 Salutation, Billingsgate," and "67 Castle, St. Giles," which indicates that the said Lodges were dormant in 1732, but were restored to their original rank in 1733. In a like manner No. 79 was dormant in 1733 and in 1734, but on 24th February 1735 our No. 79 was represented by its Officers in the Grand Lodge, and continued No. 79 till 1740, when its number was changed to 68. It is a curious coincidence that at the very meeting when No. 79 was restored the Grand Lodge passed the following law, viz. :—

"If any Lodge within the Bills of Mortality shall cease to meet regularly during twelve successive months, its name and place shall be erased or blotted out of the Grand Lodge book and engraven list, and if they petition to be again inserted and owned as a regular Lodge it must lose its former place and rank of precedency and submit to a new Constitution."

The next Lodge list is Gould's No. 12, where I find the above quoted five Lodges succeed each other in the same order, and all still continued to meet in the same places, save and except No. 79, which then (in 1736) met at the Crown and Angels, in Little St. Martin's Lane. And last, in an imperfect Lodge list in Anderson's Constitution of 1738, which is confined to Lodges "in and about London and Westminster;" after the Lodge constituted 11th January 1731, which still held its meetings at the Black Lyon, in Jockey Fields, we have the Lodge that met at the Two Angels and Crown, in Little St. Martin's Lane, to which is added 1731.

And now, having had my say, should Bro. Lane still persist that a charter No. 79 was sent to Philadelphia in 1731, I respectfully ask him to prove when the Grand Lodge of England ever granted two charters with one and the same number?

Lastly, I respectfully ask Bro. Lane, and all who err with him about the Philadelphia Masonic Mother question, to read Bro. Gould's Masonic History, Vol. 6, chap. 31, which chapter is devoted to "Freemasonry in the United States of America."

BOSTON, U.S., 15th April 1887.

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

An Oration delivered by Bro. O. A. Bassett, Grand Orator, at the Banquet given the members of the Grand Lodge of Kansas by the Masms of Atchison, on Wednesday evening, 16th February 1887.

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MASONRY AS ILLUSTRATED BY SYMBOLS.

Among the Ancients two methods of expression by symbols existed, the hieroglyphic and the enigmatic. The hieroglyphic imitated the thing sought to be represented, while the enigmatic expressed the meaning by imagery. By the hieroglyphic the working tools of the first degree would be represented by the twenty-four-inch gauge and the common gavel, but by the enigmatic the lamb might denote innocence, and the white lamb-skin purity.

Hieroglyphic instruction prevails to so great an extent in the first three degrees in Masonry, that they are called the symbolic degrees. The ancient philosophers took delight in throwing around themselves, and their philosophy as much of mystery as possible, that the uninformed might wonder at their great learning, and so when they sought to convey ideas by means of symbols they generally used the enigmatic.

The symbolism of Masonry is the more instructive, because it is largely enigmatic, and therefore capable of more extended representation of ideas, as well as requiring more diligent study to solve and explain their meaning.

Each degree is said to constitute a symbol, the first degree represents the birth of intelligence; the second degree represents the advancement of knowledge, and the third degree represents the matured mind; taking these as a whole they symbolize the infancy, youth and manhood of the mind.

A celebrated Masonic writer has said the lessons of the first degree symbolize the youth receiving those elementary instructions which are to fit him for entering upon the active duties of life, preparatory to further advancement; the lessons of the second degree symbolise the man engaged in the investigation of his chosen work, labouring diligently in the tasks it prescribes, and so enlarging his mind by the acquisition of new ideas, that he is enabled to extend his usefulness to his fellows; and the lessons of the third degree symbolise the man who has completed his work, and having been faithful to all his trusts, receives the reward of his fidelity.

The moral lessons of Masonry, their description by allegory, and their symbolical representations are well described in the words of that venerable Mason before referred to; he had symbolised in his career youth, manhood, and old age; he had symbolized in his life the first, and the second and the third degrees in Masonry, with the exception only that he was awaiting his final reward. When surrounded by his friends and asked, "What is life?" it was thus he spake:

"O, young inquirers, ye who would obtain knowledge, why hath it been willed that thy steps hath been led to me? Know ye not that recollections from a worn memory come like the drops of a niggardly libation from a damaged urn?"

"When Morning took me by the hand I had no aims and no ambitions. She led me in the green valleys, where the flowers bloomed, and filled the air with fragrance, and my heart with poetry. She led me in the shady groves, where birds carolled, and filled the air with melody, and my heart with music. I saw in the sunbeams bright spirits fluttering over me, like young nightingales trying their new wings, and I thought this is life, and all these things are created for my pleasure.

"When Noon stood beside me, I felt a force which constrained me to remain no longer idle. He directed me to the temples of learning, and taught me art, science and literature, and filled my heart with information. He directed me over vast plains and trackless oceans, and taught me agriculture, commerce and the science of government, and filled my heart with selfishness. I beheld in the sunlight bright visions hovering over me, like mystic divinities awaiting to crown the victor, and I thought this is life, and all these things were created to serve my ambition.

"When Night approached me, I drew my mantle closer, for an influence of unquiet seemed stealing over me. She guided me to the scenes of youthhood's pleasures, and the fields of manhood's ambitions, but ruin and desolation filled the whole earth, and my soul with sadness. She guided me to the summit of a lofty mountain and showed me the vast expanse of the universe, and there taught me the lesson of immortality, to place my feet in the true way, and filled my soul with an immortal longing. I beheld in the eternal sunshine the beatific vision, and heard the welcoming songs of the heavenly choir, and I exclaimed this is life and I have been created to prepare for it.

"When the first transports of my joy had subsided, I turned to thank my guide, but she was gone. I was alone, and since then I have never quitted the mountain's summit. Sometimes I wander, and in my musings see some passing nymph, and charm-struck, I wind my arms around the busts of pleasure, and shadows fall across my path. Sometimes I wander further, and in my reveries see some eagle traversing the sky, and watching it, I wind my arms around the bodies of ambitious heroes, and darkness falls upon me. Then, hastening to return to the true way, I wind my arms again around the trunks of the aged oaks of immortality, and the darkness is dispelled, the shadows vanish, and I behold once more the broad sunlight of the universe gilding every mountain top. This is the story of my life, and I now await the last summons, which will soon call me home, to the home of my immortal longing."

MY BROTHERS: Sacred history informs us that it was determined in the Councils of Infinite Wisdom that a temple should be founded in Jerusalem which should be erected to God, and dedicated to His holy name. The high

honour and distinguished privilege of performing this sacred service was denied to David, King of Israel, because he was a man of blood, and during almost the whole period of his reign he was agitated and disturbed by the tumultuous confusions of war.

We learn also that the God of Israel promised David that out of his loins He would raise up seed to serve Him. This divine and ever memorable promise was afterwards fulfilled in the person of Solomon, and in the splendid and unrivalled career of his prosperity.

When David had been gathered to the land of his fathers, and the last honours paid to his memory, Solomon wielded the sceptre of Israel, peace reigned within her borders, and the Children of Israel looked forward with peculiar satisfaction for the display of that wisdom which was destined to amaze and astonish the world.

In the second month of the fourth year of his reign Solomon commenced the building of the Temple, the curious workmanship of which was calculated to excite the wonder and admiration of all succeeding ages. It was located on Mount Moriah, thrice hallowed by the power of Deity made manifest to man, being the place where Abraham was about to offer up his son Isaac, where Enoch was translated, and where David met and appeased the destroying angel who was visible over the threshing floor of Ornan, the Jebusite.

This historical account, viewed as an allegory, is used to illustrate the lessons taught in Masonry.

In the conclusions arrived at by the Councils of Infinite Wisdom, we learn that it was determined that man should be created in the image of God, and that this creature, man, should devote his life and service to his maker. In the denial to David to build an house unto the Lord, we are reminded that he who would undertake any great work must enter thereon with clean hands, with good intent, and with conscious probity, if he hopes to gain therefor the approval of just men, and therein to serve Him for whose service all were created.

In the promise of David we see the sublime conception in the creation of man, the creation of a being endowed with the faculty of acquiring knowledge, of transmitting it to posterity, whereby each succeeding generation may acquire a higher degree of intelligence. This divine promise, fulfilled in the person of Solomon, is an exemplification of advancement in art, science and literature, and the unrivalled course of Solomon's prosperity illustrates the changed condition of man from his rude and barbarous state to a cultivated and enlightened condition, and is further illustrative of a higher order of civilisation.

In the death of David and the succession of Solomon, we note the changed condition from turbulence to quietude, from war to peace, from which we learn the important lesson that brotherly love is dependent on harmony, that harmony can exist only by the aid of a spirit of compromise, the spirit of tolerance and forbearance which submits to mediation every difference, which was happily illustrated in a convention between the two great English speaking nations (a convention presided over by an eminent Mason), wherein, by mutual concessions, important matters of difference were harmoniously settled, whereby peace obtained a victory more renowned than victory of war.

In the founding of the temple, the creation of the earth and all things therein contained is represented; in its curious workmanship it illustrates the symmetry of Nature's handiwork, and the precision and infallibility of Nature's laws, and in its location, being erected on hallowed ground, thrice hallowed by the special manifestations of Deity, we are reminded that the protecting care of Divine Providence is over us and around us on every side. Who could have stood within the temple's porch without feeling the influence of these hallowed associations? From this also the Mason may draw an instructive lesson, that he should surround his work with the best influences, and when he opens the portals of his Lodge to strangers, and introduces them to the workmen, he should take care that they, too, after serving their apprenticeship and becoming master workmen, shall not only faithfully perform their duties, but by the maintenance of their own good standing add something to the aggregate character of Masonry for good.

This magnificent edifice was seven years in building, yet during this entire period it rained not in the day, that the workmen might not be impeded in their labours.

It was supported by 1453 columns, and 2906 pilasters, all

hewn from the finest Parian marble; its roof was of olive wood, overlaid with pure gold, so that when the sun shone thereon it dazzled the eyes of all who beheld it.

Its interior was embellished with carved work, representing cherubims, palm leaves and flowers; its doors, beams, posts and floors were covered with plates of gold, beautifully engraved and ornamented with precious stones of various colours.

This magnificent structure is the grandest enigmatic symbol used to illustrate the lessons taught in Masonry. In it we behold the exemplification of man's life; in its years of erection we see that the time is required for the acquirement of knowledge and the formation of character, and in the unobstructed labour we are taught the importance of diligence in the work of self improvement.

In its columns and pilasters we recognize the supports and aids furnished by the united efforts of good men, for the accomplishment of a given purpose; in the material from which they were wrought we perceive that pure morality, which is so necessary to every important undertaking, and its roof of gold appears the approving conscience and the full fruition of the builders' hopes.

Its embellished interior represents the mind endowed with the graces of intelligence, culture and wisdom; its ornaments represent the mind adorned with the higher attributes, which ensure the reward promised to all who faithfully perform their tasks.

These few illustrations serve to show that an allegory has no bounds and a symbol has no compass. The illustrations drawn from each are so numerous and diversified that volumes and years could furnish neither space nor time for all which might be said. Even the youngest of us could hardly enter upon the work, ere he would arrive at that stage of life represented by my venerable brother when the last summons came to call him home "to the home of his immortal longing," when he said, "I feel my body perishing and it will quickly pass away like a snow wreath floating on the stream and be mingled with the waters that flow in the vast bosom of earth. Then will my soul be borne on the wings of a genuine sacred transport to Paradise." Therefore your orator may here pause, leaving to you and to each of you the further consideration of these subjects.—*Texas Masonic Journal*.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE installation meeting was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, 14th April. There was a large attendance of Craftsmen to do honour to the occasion, and Bro. Tongue, whose services have been well appreciated by the Lodge, could but be gratified by the influential attendance of those present in his honour. Bro. Oliver Bryant, the retiring W.M., opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. John Garrett Tongue W.M.-elect, and J. D. Bieling I.P.M.; P.M.'s Dr. Jagielski, W. Paas, Dr. Jackson, F. Rath, Ebner, E. T. Smith, J. Nowakowski (Treasurer), and J. Lancaster (Secretary), all of whom have passed the chair of the Polish National. After Lodge had been duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the Secretary's report of the Audit Committee Meeting was read and unanimously pronounced by the brethren most satisfactory. Bro. Bryant then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bieling, when Bro. Tongue was presented by Dr. Corrie Jackson. A Board of Installed Masters, numbering 28, was then formed, and the impressive ceremony was performed in a most eloquent and painstaking manner by Bro. Bieling. At its conclusion the newly-installed W.M. was saluted and proclaimed with full Masonic honours. The following Officers were then invested: Bros. Apsey S.W., Turner J.W., J. Nowakowski S.D., Renner J.D., Lincoln I.G., Fauser D.C., and Rev. A. Whitaker, M.A. Oxford, Chaplain. The addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered in an eloquent and impressive style by the Installing Officer. The W.M. next presented to his immediate predecessor the P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted him by the members of the Lodge. He said it was a most agreeable duty to ask Bro. Bryant's acceptance of that token of esteem; he hoped he would long live to wear it. To this Bro. Bryant briefly responded. All other business being ended, the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. When grace had been said and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts honoured, Bro. Bryant I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Tongue had evidently made up his mind to make the brethren as happy as possible during his year of office, and trusted to the good feeling of the brethren to support him in his endeavours. To this the W.M. suitably replied, saying that he should do all in his power to promote the welfare and happiness of the Lodge, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many visitors present; he ventured to propose their health, calling on Bro. Terry to respond. This was done in the well-known amusing and interesting manner of this able brother, who alluded to the way in which the installation ceremony had been performed, especially considering the circumstances of the Installing Officer

being a native of a foreign land. He hoped a long line of initiates would be elected and reflect honour on their proposers and seconders. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening passed away somewhat too quickly.

CABELL LODGE, No. 807.

ON Monday, the 18th inst., under the auspices of this Lodge, a large number of brethren assembled in the spacious Lecture and Lodge room of the Masonic Club in St. Giles Street, Norwich, for the purpose of hearing a Lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry," by Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z., of London. In order to meet the convenience of the members of other Lodges the meeting was made special and distinct from the ordinary meetings of the Lodge, which was not on this occasion formally opened. We were consequently unable to ascertain in the customary manner the names of the numerous brethren who attended, amongst whom were several distinguished Officers in the Province. The Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. J. B. Aldis, being unexpectedly detained by a business engagement, the proceedings were opened by Brother George Baxter P.M., who introduced the Lecturer to the meeting and shortly afterwards resigned the chair to Bro. Aldis, who presided during the remainder of the evening.

Bro. Stevens' prefatory remarks were brief, and he promptly entered upon the practical explanations of the ritual and ceremonial with which his address abounds. The attention of his hearers was soon rivetted, and he spared no effort to successfully reach their understanding of the "connection of our whole system, and the relative dependency of its several parts." Besides the amount of information given in respect of points in Masonic work, and many valuable hints for securing a common sense interpretation of much which, though sublimely conceived, is made ridiculous in practice, the lecture is enlivened throughout by passages of humour which greatly enhance its interesting character. Without interruption, save such as was occasioned by earnest tokens of approval, Bro. Stevens continued his address during two and a half hours, and received at its conclusion a well merited acknowledgment of the satisfaction he had given to his numerous audience.

Bro. Aldis (Prov. G. Secretary), in proposing that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded to Bro. Stevens, expressed his high appreciation of the valuable service to the Craft generally which the lecture could not fail to render. He did not hesitate to admit that he had himself received unexpected and valuable information from the address delivered that evening; and the close attention which had been given to it was an unmistakable testimony that it was instructive and interesting in a high degree. He felt assured no brother would leave the meeting without having added to his store of Masonic information, and hoped that other opportunities might offer for farther addresses from Bro. Stevens, who had evidently left unsaid much that he had come prepared to say if time had permitted. Bro. George Baxter endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, and seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation. Bro. Stevens, in the course of his response, referring to the "Three Great Lights" in Freemasonry, gratified the brethren by reciting the well known poem under that title, and the meeting then terminated. It was subsequently arranged that Bro. Stevens should pay another visit to the Norwich brethren in the ensuing October or November.

THE FRIARS' LODGE, No. 1349.

THERE was a goodly attendance of the members of, and visitors to, this Lodge, at the installation meeting, held on Monday evening last, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, City. Lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Robert S. Sadd, who was supported by Bros. H. Marks S.W., E. Shoemith J.W., W. Musto P.M. Treasurer, W. Hogg P.M. Secretary, L. A. Da Costa S.D., J. D. Casseres J.D., R. C. Randall D.C., B. Da Costa I.G., E. J. Friedeberg P.M., H. R. Hallam P.M., and other brethren. The visitors included Bros. J. L. Moloney 1625, E. Bickerton 1623, T. Pettit 1765, T. J. Barnes P.M. 933, S. Jacobs W.M. 205, E. Solomons New York, D. Moss P.M. 1275, S. Wilkinson S.W. 925, B. Stewart W.M. 1278, W. Valentine P.M. 1017, J. Jacobs P.M. 1614, J. Da Silva P.M. 205, G. Gardner I.P.M. 2012, E. Jacobs P.M. 1348, W. W. Lee 1897, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, W. Smith I.G. 933, C. H. Cary I.G. 1625, A. W. Westor J.W. 1273, J. G. Harris 1278, J. Jacobs 205, J. Sagenberg 1668, L. Solomon 1668, J. Richmond 205, W. Jacobs 1437, H. Salte 861, L. Isaacs 1614, B. Toombs 1445, M. Bush 205, J. Levy 205, B. Hyams 1714, B. Franks 212, D. W. Fowler 311, W. E. White 212, J. A. Breton 188, S. Mordecai 614, H. Jones 9, L. Roski 25, D. Oasiki 158, T. M. Coleman 192, and H. Chetham 1317. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been submitted and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the third, when Bro. Mordecai Da Costa was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the impressive ceremony being performed in a manner characteristic of the Worshipful Master's uniformly regular working during his year of office. Resuming in the second, Bro. H. Marks, who had efficiently discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair, was presented as the Worshipful Master-elect, and having assented to undertake the duties of office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony of installation was admirably carried out by the retiring Master, who acquitted himself to the utmost satisfaction of the brethren, Bro. Musto officiating in his usual able way as Director of Ceremonies. The newly-installed W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted in the customary way, invested his Officers for the year, as follow: Bros. R. S. Sadd I.P.M., E. Shoemith S.W., L. A. Da Costa J.W., W. Musto P.M. Treasurer, Friedeberg P.M. Secretary, J. D. Casseres S.D., B. Da Costa J.D., Randall I.G., Nash Fox D.C., A. Jacobs Steward, A. Rosenthal Assistant Steward, and Young

Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were eloquently and impressively delivered by the Installing Master, who performed the whole of the ceremony in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner. There was, fortunately, work in immediate store for the new Master, for the ballot was at once opened for three candidates, namely, Mr. Abraham Jacobs, proposed by Bro. B. Da Costa I.G., seconded by Bro. Isaac Levy, Mr. E. Cox and Mr. E. Barnett, whose sponsors were the W.M.-elect and Bro. J. A. Marks. All were accepted, and the manner in which the new Master worked the ceremony of initiation gave promise of a satisfactory discharge of the functions of the chair during the coming year. On the motion of Bro. L. A. Da Costa, seconded by Bro. E. S. Friedeberg P.M., it was resolved that the visitors' fee on all banquets be one guinea, with half that amount for country and seafaring members. This is obviously a wise decision, as it will prove an incentive to the latter to attend more frequently than they might otherwise feel it convenient to do. The Auditors' report, which was a satisfactory one, was adopted, and the W.M. then on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel as a token of respect and esteem, and in recognition of the zeal and assiduity with which he had discharged his duties during the past year. He thanked Bro. Sadd for the able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and expressed a hope that he might live long to wear the jewel as a memento of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the Lodge, and of the pleasant hours he had spent amongst them. The I.P.M. and Installing Master suitably acknowledged the gift, observing that he was deeply sensible of the compliments that had been paid him, and expressing his sincere interest in the welfare of the Friars' Lodge, which he assured them would continue in the future, now that he had passed into the ranks of the veterans, equally as it had been in the past. He was proud to see the prosperity which had attended the Lodge, and which he hoped would continue to increase as the years roll on. The circular from the Pro Grand Master relating to the Masonic commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee was then read; but, in consequence of the lateness of the hour, caused by the amount of work that had occupied the attention of the brethren, it was deemed expedient to postpone the full consideration of that matter until a Lodge of Emergency, which the Secretary was requested to call at the earliest convenience. It was unanimously resolved that, in recognition of his services as Secretary during the last twelve years, Bro. W. Hogg P.M. should be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. This was a compliment which we consider eminently due to Bro. Hogg, who was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and has rendered good suit and service to it during the whole period of its existence. After disposing of some minor matters of business, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bros. Painter in a style which might only reasonably be expected at that famous old City house The Ship and Turtle. The tables were elaborately laid out, the dishes being interspersed with vases and epergnes of exquisite cut flowers and ornamental foliage plants, which gave to the saloon a most picturesque appearance. Indeed, many of the brethren who now first visited the Ship and Turtle since the vast alterations and improvements made in the establishment, expressed themselves delighted and surprised at the palatial character of the interior, and more especially with the accommodation provided for the brethren of "ye mystic tie" in the handsomely appointed Masonic Temple, which is a decided feature of the re-constructed building. The banquet was admirably served, and the arrangements, carried out under the supervision of Bro. E. Ashby, the genial manager of the hotel, elicited unbounded expressions of appreciation. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, considered himself privileged in occupying that position during the year of Her Majesty's Jubilee, and he felt sure that amongst none of her subjects would there be manifested a greater spirit of loyalty than by the body of men who were ranged under the banner of Freemasonry. The succeeding toasts were given with commendable brevity, the Worshipful Master referring to the Prince of Wales as an active, and not merely an ornamental ruler of the Craft, and one whose heart and soul were in the work of promoting the best interests of Freemasonry. Tribute was paid to the excellent manner in which the affairs of Grand Lodge are administered by the Grand Officers, all of whom laboured earnestly and unitedly in advancing the general good of the Masonic community. Bro. Sadd I.P.M., in taking the gavel in hand to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, said he did so with exceptional pride and pleasure, having worked together with Bro. Marks many years in the Lodge with the utmost harmony and goodwill. He felt perfectly certain that Bro. Marks would make a good Master, and would discharge the duties of his office in such a manner as would reflect credit on himself and give every satisfaction to the brethren. The Worshipful Master, in the course of his response, thanked his predecessor for the kindly terms in which the toast had been couched; he need hardly say he felt highly flattered at the reception which had been given to him. He had succeeded in reaching the position for which he had striven, and he assured them it would be his constant study, as well as pleasure, to promote the best interests of the Lodge by every means in his power. It was a position which he highly appreciated, and he trusted he might be able to fulfil the duties of the chair satisfactorily, and to promote the harmony and the comfort of the brethren; such, he was happy to say, as now subsisted. In proposing the Past Masters he spoke of their ability and readiness at all times to assist in carrying on the work of the Lodge, and expressed his opinion that it would take a lot to beat them. Bro. Sadd I.P.M. replied, observing that there was not much for the Past Masters to do in the ordinary way, but they were always most earnest in their endeavours to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. The W.M. then gave the Initiates, and in doing so congratulated himself upon having had the opportunity of admitting three gentlemen into the

Lodge whom he hoped and believed would be a credit to it. Bros. A. Jacobs, E. Cox, and E. Barnett severally responded, thanking the brethren for the honour of having been admitted into the Friars' Lodge, and expressing their determination to emulate those who had gone before them in acquiring a thorough knowledge of the Masonic art. The Worshipful Master, in extending a hearty welcome to the Visitors, said this was always a favourite toast in the Friars' Lodge and it afforded him the utmost gratification to see such a goodly array of them present on this occasion. He assured them, on the part of the brethren, that they were most cordially welcome, and he trusted they would go away with a favourable impression of what they had seen in the Lodge room. Bro. Da Silva, in the course of his response, after thanking the W.M. for the heartiness in which he had submitted the toast, said it afforded him much gratification to see the way in which the work of the Lodge had been carried out. He observed that the nervousness naturally evidenced by most Masters on the first night of occupying the chair was not displayed by Bro. Marks, who had given promise of being competent to efficiently discharge the duties he had undertaken. Of course, there was an inherent anxiety on the part of the Master as to the responsibilities attendant on his début in that capacity, and he congratulated the Lodge upon having such an excellent Master. Bro. Moss also complimented Bro. Marks upon the position to which he had attained. As Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction he had watched that Brother's career, and had expected great things of him. He must say he had not been disappointed that day. Bro. Gardner spoke in eulogistic terms of the working in the Lodge room and of the hospitality at the festive board. Other visitors followed in the same felicitous strain. The Officers of the Lodge were eulogised by the W.M. for the admirable way in which they had severally acquitted themselves, and the toast having been duly acknowledged, the list was closed by the Tyler. A pleasant evening was enlivened by some capital songs.

THE EARL OF CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1984.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford, when a large gathering of the members and visitors attended to do honour to the occasion. The Worshipful Master, Bro. W. T. Graves, P.P.G. Steward, was supported by Bros. R. Townsend S.W. and W.M.-elect, and a full complement of the Officers and members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. Delavante P.M. 1319, J. H. Casson P.M. 1635 P.P.G. Organist Derby, E. St. Clair 14, J. Brock P.M. 299, S. Martin I.P.M. 404, J. Whaley W.M. 172, H. Clarke I.G. 1837, W. Green 1604, H. J. Turner P.M. 1608, E. Bacon 1607, A. Boehr P.M. 1515, D. O. Brian 889, H. Cattermole S.W. 1839, W. W. Lee 1897, C. P. Ayres 404, J. H. Jones Organist 1695, W. Wilson 1580, G. F. Marshall P.M. 69, J. R. Mills 2045, A. Stradling J.D. 404, C. E. Bulling 1287, A. B. Archer 1163, J. L. Cooke J.W. 2128, R. Fendick P.M. 1426, J. Llewellyn Jones P.M. 1670 P.P.G.D. Middlesex, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. T. Crawford 766, R. C. Wilson 766, A. Hubbard 813, H. J. Dutton 1706, W. H. Norris J.W. 404, E. Bamford P.M. 1549, H. Parkins 1319, &c. Lodge was opened at half past four o'clock, when the minutes of the last meetings were read and confirmed, and having advanced to the third, Bro. Basil O. Hewitt was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. G. H. Thomas was admitted as a joining member, from Wharton Lodge, No. 2045, after which the ballot was opened for Mr. George Watkins, who had been proposed by Bro. W. C. Brown, seconded by the Worshipful Master. The result was satisfactory, and the candidate will be initiated at the next meeting of the Lodge. Bro. Townsend was then presented as the W.M. elect, and after the customary formalities a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony ably performed by Bro. W. T. Graves, the retiring Master. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted with full honours, and he then invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. W. T. Graves I.P.M., James Rogers S.W., W. T. Boydley J.W., T. C. Grant P.M. Treasurer, G. Goodchild Secretary, George Sturman S.D., H. Honeycombe J.D., F. Fisher I.G., W. Large P.M. D.C., W. T. Whittington Steward, C. Thomas Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were impressively rendered by the Installing Officer, who performed the ceremonies throughout in an eminently satisfactory manner. Two candidates for initiation were proposed, so that the new Master will not find himself empty-handed at the outset of his presidency. A handsome album was presented to the Lodge by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. T. Graves, who received the unanimous thanks of the brethren for his acceptable present. It was arranged that the Worshipful Master, two Past Masters and the two Wardens should represent the Lodge at the forthcoming monster gathering of English Freemasons, to be held in June at the Albert Hall, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, not merely for his services on this occasion, but also in recognition of the zeal and discretion with which he had carried on the work of the Lodge during his year of office. It was resolved that this vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes, and Bro. Graves gracefully acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him. After some minor matters of business, Lodge was closed amidst the interchange of the warmest fraternal greetings. Subsequently the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided in elaborate style. Indeed, all the arrangements of the day, both as regards the Lodge room and the banquet, were absolutely perfect. The dishes were interspersed with vases and epergnes of choice flowers and ornamental plants, whilst the shimmering of over three hundred and forty "fairy" lamps, of various delicate tints—provided by the eminent firm of Child, of "Night-light" fame—between the flowers, and hanging amongst the draperies of the hall, added much to the charm and beauty of the scene. At the conclusion of the repast, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from

the chair and duly honoured. In proposing the Queen and the Craft the Worshipful Master said the office to which he had that day been exalted possessed "many and invaluable privileges," and he was reminded of those well-known words when he rose to propose this toast. One of his privileges was that he held the gavel during the Jubilee year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria. He trusted that the event would be right royally celebrated; at any rate, none would more loyally or enthusiastically join in the demonstrations of affection than would the great body of English Freemasons. He then gave the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, of whom he spoke as a right worthy and able representative of K.S. No man was better fitted to fill the position of Grand Master than our illustrious Prince, who was beloved by all who knew him, or of him; and, as an English gentleman, he was the embodiment of every good and amiable quality. With respect to the Grand Officers Present and Past, it would be a puzzle to say anything new of them, but he ventured to assert that it would be a greater puzzle to say one word in their disparagement. He paid a high tribute to the efficiency with which the Grand Officers fulfilled their duties to the Craft. The next toast he had to propose was one that he felt convinced was amongst the most popular on his list, and would be received with special acclamation by every one present. The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., though his heart and soul were in his political work, at the same time displayed a vast amount of active interest and ability in connection with the duties that devolved upon him as Grand Master of the Province of Hertfordshire. As a proof of this he (the speaker) and the Secretary had received letters from him, and a telegram had at the last moment been sent, regretting his inability to be present on this occasion, in consequence of important parliamentary duties. The next toast was that of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Brother Dawson, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past. In giving it the W.M. remarked that brevity in speech-making was always advocated by Brother Dawson. This toast was cordially proposed from the chair in all the Lodges of the Province, and it was equally well received by the brethren everywhere. This might be taken as an indication that the Prov. Grand Officers had done good suit and service to the Craft, and had admirably fulfilled their duties. On behalf of his brother Officers Bro. Dawson returned thanks for the warmth of the reception given to their names, and added that if the Provincial Grand Master were present he would bear testimony to the ability displayed by each and all of them in the performance of arduous duties. The utmost harmony and good-feeling pervaded the Province, and not a spark of jealousy could be discovered amongst the brethren. He referred to the difficulty attending the selection of fit and proper candidates for the purple. Where there were so many brethren who were eligible it became a somewhat serious matter to decide. However, their names were "on the list," and their claims for office would not be overlooked. Before sitting down, he asked them to drink with him to the health of their excellent Worshipful Master. He rather felt for Bro. Townsend, inasmuch as he had to follow Bro. Graves. It was all very well for a brother to accept the responsibilities of office, but it was by no means an easy task to carry them out. Still the evidence he had already given of his ability and love for Masonry warranted them in the expectation that Bro. Townsend would discharge those duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. It was evident he had the sympathies of all with him, for they had striven might and main in preparing the decorations which embellished the Lodge-room and banquet tables, and which gave to the scene such an air of elegance and brilliancy. The appearance of the Lodge-room, with the beautiful display of softened lights, was absolutely unique. He could confidently say that the Corn Exchange at Watford, which, as was well known, frequently presented a gay and festive appearance, had never been seen to more advantage than it had that night. The Worshipful Master, after duly acknowledging the manner in which the toast had been received, said he fully appreciated their kindness in placing him in the proud position he now occupied. He hoped he should be able to fulfil the anticipations which had been formed by their worthy Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and carry out the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the brethren. He next proposed the Immediate Past Master, and in doing so observed that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master had said well as to the difficulty of following such an excellent Master as Bro. Graves had proved himself to be. However, he would strive to the utmost of his ability to emulate the example of his predecessor. After passing a warm eulogium upon Bro. Graves, for the admirable manner in which he performed the installation ceremony, he presented him with the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge, as a mark of appreciation and esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the brethren during his year of office. He trusted that Bro. Graves might live for many years to wear it, as a reminder of his happy connection with the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, and of the high regard in which he was held by every member of it. Bro. Graves was then made the recipient of a copy of the large picture of the Installation of the Prince of Wales, at the Albert Hall, elegantly framed and glazed. In acknowledging these gifts, Bro. Graves I.P.M. said his heart was too full to admit of his adequately expressing his emotions on the present occasion. He need hardly say he should prize the jewel as long as he should live, and then he hoped it would be handed down as an heirloom to his family. With respect to the presentation of the picture, the brethren had stolen a march upon him; he did not think that Watford could have kept a secret so closely as they had done this. He trusted he might be spared many years to assist in promoting the welfare of the Lodge and to enjoy the confidence and esteem of the brethren, which had been so cordially and kindly expressed to him on this occasion. Bro. Graves resumed his seat amidst hearty and prolonged applause. The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, proposed the Visitors, of whom he

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The Banquet will take place at the Abercorn Hotel, at 5 p.m. Tickets 8s 6d, exclusive of wine.

N.B.—Companions intending to remain for the banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. G.S.E., with a remittance, before Wednesday, the 11th May, as no ticket will be issued after that date.

In order to make arrangements for the conveyance of the Companions and their Visitors, it is necessary that every Companion should inform the P.G. Scribe E. not later than 11th May, whether he intends to be present or not, and the number of Visitors he intends to bring.

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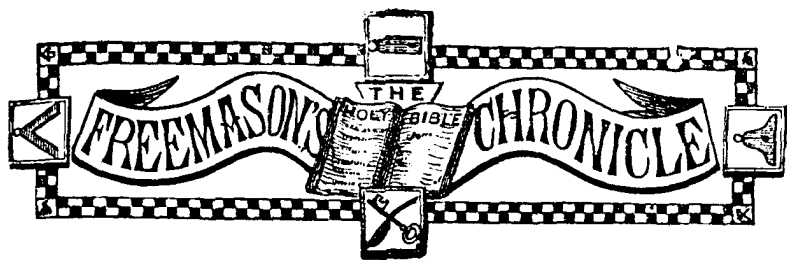
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire was held on the 20th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, under the banner of the Copley Lodge, No. 111. The R.W. Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Provincial Grand Mark Master of West Yorkshire, presided, and there were present—V.W. Bro. Rev. T. C. D. Smyth, D.D., Grand Chaplain as D.P.G.M., Bros. Geo. Althorp Prov. S.W., H. France P.P.G.W. as P.G.J.W., W. F. Tomlinson Prov. G.M.O., G. H. Radcliffe P.P.G.R. as Prov. G.S.O., John Turner Prov. G.J.O., Rev. W. Dunn Prov. G. Chap., W. R. Massie Prov. G. Registrar, W. Cooke P.P.G.O. Prov. G. Secretary, Geo. Hill Prov. G.S.D., James G. Lee Prov. G.J.D., H. A. Styring Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, E. J. Massie Prov. G. Dir. of Cere., Charles Greenwood Prov. G. Sword-Bearer, R. Hodgson as P.G.S.B., G. F. Carr as Prov. G. Organist, Fred. Barber Prov. G.I.G., William Ackroyd, G. H. Locking and James Dewhurst Prov. G. Stewards, S. Barrand as Prov. G. Tyler, J. W. Monckman P.P.G.W., Richard Nelson P.P.G.O., H. S. Holdsworth P.P.G.R., Thos. Robertshaw 58, Henry Oxley 110, Thomas Myers 111, W. Flockton 111, McGill 357, and others. The Provincial Grand Master in acknowledging the salutations of the brethren said:—

It gives me great pleasure to meet the members of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in Leeds. This is the fifth time during the last ten years that we have met here, at the invitation of the Copley Lodge. Since we met at Sheffield we have added another to our list of West Yorkshire Lodges, the St. Chads, No. 374, which is named after the Saint to whom the Church is dedicated, of which its esteemed Master is the Vicar. Assisted by my Provincial Grand Officers and Deputy Provincial Grand Master it was my privilege to consecrate the Lodge in February last, and to instal our V.W. Brother the Rev. Dr. Smyth, Grand Chaplain of England, as its first Master. I am sure it is very gratifying to us as Mark Masons to know that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has appointed our worthy Brother Grand Chaplain of England of the Craft for the ensuing year, thus enabling our honoured Brother to hold at the same time the office of Grand Chaplain of England both in Craft and Mark Masonry. I am sure I am only re-echoing the wishes of all here when I offer him our hearty congratulations, and express the hope that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to grant him health and strength long to enjoy the honours showered upon him. I may say that our Halifax brethren have petitioned for an Ark Mariners' Lodge, to be attached to their Mark Lodge, and that the Grand Master has granted the petition. The Lodge will be consecrated by Brother C. F. Matier, on the 16th May. We are on the eve of celebrating the completion of Her Majesty the Queen's fiftieth year as Sovereign of these realms, and I have thought it well to put upon the agenda for this meeting a resolution of congratulation. As Englishmen and as Masons we have much to be thankful for. During Her Majesty's reign Freemasonry has made wonderful progress; not only have our Lodges multiplied, but also our Charitable Institutions have made rapid strides. We have been free from the opposition that has assailed our Order in other lands—whether it be the anathema of the Pope, whether it be the uprooting of the Landmarks as in France, or the persistent and ever recurring assaults as in America. Let our loyalty to our Sovereign and our Grand Master, to whom we owe so much, be shown by a consistent carrying out of the great principles of the Order. I have recently received a letter from my Registrar, Bro. Redyard Massie P.M., making two valuable suggestions, for which I thank him very sincerely. First he recommends that as we have begun the quarterage system, we should require each Lodge to keep an Official Register, as in the Craft, wherein shall be entered copies of the yearly returns of Master, Past Masters, and Officers; and second, he recommends that when a brother seeks to join from another town where there is a Mark Lodge inquiry should be made of such Lodge before he is admitted. Those of us who have endeavoured to draw up the history, or obtain information about our Lodges in the past, have found how very useful copies of the lists of members have proved. We cannot be too particular as to our records, and I heartily recommend the Provincial Grand Registrar's suggestions for your adoption. May I, before I sit down, say a few words, which appeared very recently in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—words I am sure that ought to have the most careful attention of every earnest Mark Mason. Speaking of Past Masters that Journal says: "A useful Past Master is one who is diligent in his attendance at Lodge, one who did not go through the chairs *pro forma*, but who was in truth as well as in name—Master. His growth as a Mason

continues until the day of his death. He is a teacher who is always a learner. His education as a Mason he feels is never completed The purely ornamental Past Master is one who loses not his interest in the Lodge sufficiently to be absent from it, but who when present is content to sit perfectly quiet He occupies his place but does not fill it. He wears the title, but does not wear himself." Brethren, Freemasonry is an Institution founded upon and growing out of the necessities of men, as social, intellectual and religious beings. It has proved its capacity for adapting itself to these wants in all ages. Amid the rivalries and antagonisms of actual life there is a longing of the soul for union and brotherly love, and for such necessities as will satisfy the longings of our social nature. It is upon this principle that our Order is founded; hence it cannot fail to exist. It must grow and prosper with the development of man's better sentiments. It is not aggressive, it is not obtrusive, it makes no issues, it sets up no rivalries with other Institutions; but gathering up the ages it recognises the inner cravings of the soul and the universal brotherhood of man, forgetting all else in its devotion to his higher and better needs.

The acting D.P.G.M. also very feelingly acknowledged the salutations and warm approval that had been shown in his appointment in the Grand Lodge and the Grand Mark Lodge. On the roll of the Lodges being called the whole of those in the Province were found to be represented. On the motion of the Provincial Grand Master the following address was adopted, with acclamation:—

May it please Your Majesty,—We, the members of the Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, in Grand Lodge assembled, humbly crave permission to approach Your Majesty, and sincerely tender our loyal and dutiful congratulations on the attainment of the 50th year of Your Majesty's happy and prosperous reign. We most earnestly pray that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe long to spare Your Majesty to reign over your vast Empire, and to grant to all the various races of mankind, who gratefully enjoy Your Majesty's beneficent rule, continued happiness, prosperity, and peace.

Leeds, 20th April 1887.

The V.W. Dr. Smyth then delivered the Lecture on Mark Masonry. On the motion of the Provincial Grand Registrar it was agreed that each Lodge in the Province be required to keep an Official Lodge Register, in which should be copied the returns to the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, and also that when a brother seeks to become a member in another town than that in which he resides inquiry should be made of the Mark Lodge in that town. An invitation from the Lodge at Barnsley, to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge in that town, was accepted. The Provincial Grand Master said that at the last Lodge he had had the pleasure of presenting to each Master of a Lodge a copy of the Book of Constitutions to lay upon the pedestal, he now had pleasure in supplementing this gift by a copy of Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-Laws. Cordial thanks having been expressed for this gift, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to high tea.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 4th day of May next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and Appointment and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th January to the 19th April 1887, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter -				Disbursements during			
the quarter -	320	9	0	the quarter -	261	12	0
„ Unappropriated				Balance -	478	11	6
Account -	205	0	1	„ Unappropriated			
Subsequent Receipts -	421	17	0	Account -	207	2	7
	£947	6	1		£947	6	1

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companion Captain Hugh McLellan as Z., Francis

James Smith as H., John Joyce as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 604, Lyttelton, New Zealand, to be called "The Albert Edward Chapter," and to meet at Lyttelton, Canterbury, New Zealand.

2nd. From Companions Joseph Clever as Z., Richard Clowes as H., George Henry Finch as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, Chingford, to be called "The Brooke Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, in the county of Essex.

3rd. From Companions George Cooper as Z., John Payne Hall as H., William Vernon as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Foresters' Lodge, No. 456, Uttroter, to be called "The Dove Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Uttroter, in the county of Stafford.

4th. From Companions James Harman as Z., William David John as H., Francis Pinney Adey as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Windsor Lodge, No. 1754, Penarth, to be called "The Tennant Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Penarth, in the East District of South Wales.

5th. From Companions Hugh Marcus Hobbs as Z., Joseph David Langton as H., James Shepherd Fraser as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon, to be called "The George Price Chapter," and to meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, in the County of Surrey.

6th. From Companions Edwin Turner as Z., Thomas Bynon as H., George Francis de Stadter as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Phoenix Lodge, No. 1860, Simons Town, to be called "The Phoenix Chapter," and to meet at Simons Town, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa.

7th. From Companions Nicholas Belfield Dennys as Z., John Phillips Barbet Beal as H., Frederick Kersey Jennings as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1555, Penang, to be called "The Victoria Jubilee Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Penang, Eastern Archipelago.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received the following Petitions praying for Charters of Confirmation, the originals being lost.

From the Principals and Members of the Chapter of Faith, No. 321, Crewe, Cheshire.

From the Principals and Members of the Tynte Chapter, No. 379, Bath.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of these requests, recommend that Charters of Confirmation for the above named Chapters be granted.

The Committee have likewise received a memorial, with copy of minutes, for permission to remove the Ezra Chapter, No. 1489, from the Ball's Pond-road, to the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Islington.

The Committee recommend that the removal of this Chapter be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY P.A.G. Soj.

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
20th April 1887.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

CONSECRATION OF THE FRANCIS WHITE CHAPTER, No. 1437.

A NEW Royal Arch Chapter—the first since the appointment, in 1883, of M.E. Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as Grand Superintendent—was consecrated at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford, on Wednesday afternoon, the 20th inst., before a large and representative gathering of Royal Arch Masons. The Chapter, which is attached to the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, is named the "Francis White," after its first Z. The Chapter was opened soon after four o'clock, the Grand Superintendent being assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Comps. Vero W. Taylor P.Z. 276 P.G.H. as H., Alfred Welch P.Z. 51 P.G.J. as J., Thos. J. Ralling P.Z. 51 P.G.S.E. as S.E., H. E. Dehane H. 890 as S.N., Albert Lucking P.Z. 1000 P.G.D.C. as D.C. At the call of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Alfred Welch delivered an interesting oration, after which the consecration was proceeded with in ancient form, the musical portions being admirably rendered by a concert party from London. The next business was the installation of the Principals, the following being installed by the Grand Superintendent:—Comps. Francis A. White Z., Henry Mason H., Rev. Thos. Cochrane J. The Officers of the Chapter were then elected and installed as under:—Comps. R. J. Warren S.E., T. Beeson S.N., H. V. Clements Treasurer, T. Humphreys P.S., A. E. Albert 1st A.S., G. Young Janitor. The names of several brethren having been brought forward for exaltation, the M.E.Z. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Grand Superintendent and other Provincial Grand Officers who had assisted him in the ceremony of the day, and asked them to accept the honorary membership of the Chapter. The proposition having been carried by acclamation, the Grand Superintendent, on behalf of himself and the other Provincial Grand Officers, thanked the company for the compliment that had been paid them, which they accepted with gratification. He had been very pleased to be present that day to consecrate this new Chapter. It was now twelve years since a Chapter had been consecrated in Essex; and he trusted that this one would prosper and be a source of strength to the Province of Essex. Chapter was shortly

afterwards closed; and about 40 Companions subsequently dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel, a sumptuous repast being provided by the host, Mr. Reynolds. The usual R.A. toasts were duly honoured; and, in reply to the toast of his health, the Grand Superintendent announced that he proposed to hold his next Provincial Grand Chapter at Chingford, under the banner of the Hope and Unity Chapter, on the 18th of May. Among the Companions present, besides those already mentioned, were Comps. Andrew Durrant P.Z. 276 P.G. Treasurer, E. E. Phillips P.Z. and S.E. 1000 P.P.G.J., W. D. Merritt Z. 1000 P.G. Standard Bearer, G. Cowell P.Z. 214 P.G.S.N., A. J. Manning P.Z. 207, A. C. Veley M.E.Z. 276, F. Whitmore P.Z. 276 P.G.P.S., John J. C. Turner Z. 51 P.P.G.O., &c. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend was received from Colonel Shadwell Clerke G.S.E. Eng., Colonel Burdett Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, and other distinguished Royal Arch Masons.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON CHAPTER, No. 1602.

A REGULAR Convocation of this Chapter was held on the 22nd inst., at the Old Cook Tavern, Highbury. Comps. John Greenfield P.M. 795 and 1602 M.E.Z., E. Woodman P.M. 1950 H., Edwin Payne I.P.M. 1602 J., J. Osborn P.Z. S.E., J. Weston P.Z. Treasurer, W. G. Wigley Principal Soj., Jones, Catbill, Garner, McLaren and others. Visitors—Harling 795, Snook 1602. Thomas Janitor. The chief business of the evening was the exaltation of Bro. R. H. Homan W.M. elect 1602, and the unanimous election of J. Weston P.Z. as Treasurer. An excellent dinner was supplied by Bro. Baker, who by devoting his personal attention to all details never fails to please the brethren. The usual toasts were cordially given and responded to; that of the exalte was particularly well received, this new Companion being, as the M.E.Z. remarked, an admirable worker in the Craft, and a most welcome accession to the Chapter. The proceedings closed at an early hour.

PRESENTATION AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MISS DAVIS, the Head Governess of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was made the recipient of a handsome testimonial on Saturday last, on the occasion of the annual visit of the Grand Stewards to the School, at Battersea Rise. It consisted of a pair of handsome bracelets and a purse of one hundred guineas, and was presented by Bro. Sir John Monckton P.G.W., Vice-Patron of the Institution. In doing so Sir John referred to the able manner in which Miss Davis had performed her arduous duties, and especially, the great rise which had been effected in the standard of the education imparted in the School. As evidence of this, he referred to the large number of pupils who, year by year, had successfully passed the Cambridge Local Examinations, in addition to those who had secured diplomas from the Royal College of Preceptors, and had also passed the examinations by the Science and Art Department at South Kensington. Miss Davis briefly acknowledged the gifts, after which the company witnessed the calisthenic exercises, which the pupils most gracefully performed. The proceedings terminated with music and recitations.

A Committee has been formed to make arrangements for a testimonial, to be presented to Bro. E. Ayling P.M. 975, Preceptor of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, which meets at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Bro. A. Williams is the Secretary.

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We understand that Bro. James Terry has secured the consent of Bro. Sir George Elliot, Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, to announce that he will act as President at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

At a meeting of the Economy Chapter, No. 76, on Wednesday, the 20th instant, after some exaltations, Comp. W. H. Jacob was re-elected first Principal, Comp. Pottle second, and Comp. Marks third. Comp. Stophers P.Z. was re-elected Treasurer, and Comp. Doswell S.E.

Our esteemed brother, Charles Lacey P.M. 174, Past Prov. G.J.D. Herts, &c., was recently re-elected, at the head of the poll, to a seat on the Board of Guardians of Mile End Old Town.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS continued, from p 279.

was pleased and proud to see so large a number present. Bro. Casson, in the course of his response, eulogised the working of the Lodge, which he described as uniformly excellent throughout. Speaking of the Installing Officer he observed that he always considered a good musician could not but make a good Mason, a fact which was abundantly proven in the person of Bro. Graves. Bro. Llewellyn Jones was the next to respond; he remarked that although a prophet was said never to secure honour in his own country, yet he ventured to prophesy that the coming year would be a very successful one, and that at the end of it the W.M. would stand as high in the estimation of the brethren of his Lodge as he did at the present moment. The Senior Warden next proposed the Masonic Charities, with which toast he associated the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan. In responding, Bro. Morgan said it afforded him much gratification to find that his name was connected with this important toast. On behalf of the executive of the Institutions he took the opportunity of thanking the Lodge for the support which it had hitherto accorded to the Charities. At that late hour, when so many brethren from a distance were anxious to catch their train, he would follow the rule—which had been so well observed throughout the evening—of brevity in the remarks he desired to make. The first Festival of the year was that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; this proved an eminent success, and the result announced on that night had since been supplemented by an intimation from the Province of West Yorkshire that the brethren there resolved to provide a round sum of two thousand guineas, to be appropriated to perpetual presentations. This left Bro. Terry in a very happy position, so far as the demands of the present year were concerned. With respect to the Girls' School Festival, the speaker referred to the action of its executive in admitting the whole of the candidates on this quarter's list; the Girls' Institution was unquestionably deserving of support. It was perhaps somewhat unfortunate that the Boys' Festival came last of the three. Taking into consideration there were important matters that required the immediate attention of the brethren of the Lodge, in respect of the coming Meeting at the Albert Hall, in celebration of the Royal Jubilee, they could hardly hope to receive the name of a Steward for the Girls' School; but he (Bro. Morgan) sincerely trusted that, this being an exceptional year, the Worshipful Master of the Clarendon Lodge would consent to act as a Steward at the Boys' Festival, and that he would be backed up strongly and staunchly by the members of the Lodge. Bro. Binckes had not yet succeeded in securing the services of a Chairman for his Festival, but there was not the slightest doubt that this difficulty would speedily be surmounted. The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge acknowledged the complimentary way in which their health had been proposed by the W.M. and soon afterwards the Tyler closed the official programme. The proceedings were of a thoroughly harmonious and enjoyable description throughout, the pleasure of the guests being enhanced by selections of music, under the direction of Bro. W. T. Graves, assisted by Bros. H. J. Dutton, Henry Parkins, Albert Hubbard, Henry Haywood, and George Young, with the Misses Large and Graves.

Obituary.

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BRO. JOHN BOND, P.M. 889.

With much regret we announce the death of Brother John Bond, a Mason well known in the Province of Surrey, and to lovers of the Thames as one of the proprietors of the Sun Hotel, Kingston. The sad event occurred on Thursday, the 21st instant, our brother succumbing after but a few days' illness, at the early age of 43. Bro. Bond was initiated in the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, of which he was a P.M.; he was for some years subscribing member of the Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656; later on he joined the Brownrigg, No. 1638, and was a member at the time of his death. He was P.P.G.P. Surrey, and P.Z. Chapter 889. He was likewise President of the Junior Kingston Rowing Club; Past Chairman of the Kingston Licensed Victuallers' Protection Association; and Immediate Past Trustee of the Licensed Victuallers' School. The interment took place at Kingston Cemetery, on Tuesday, the 26th instant, the Vicar of Kingston, the Rev. A. S. W. Young, officiating. The body was met at the gates of the Cemetery by a very large gathering of friends, amongst whom were members of the Corporation, and of the Board of Guardians of Kingston. The drive from the gates to the chapel was lined by members of the Junior Kingston Rowing Club, the Licensed Victuallers' Protection Association, and brethren of the Brownrigg, Dobie, Wolsey and Arnold Lodges, amongst whom were several Provincial Grand Officers of Surrey:—Bros. W. Lane P.M. 1638 P.G.S.B., J. W. Moorman P.G.A.D.C., Abel Laurence P.M. and Secretary 638 P.P.G.S.D., George Porter P.P.G.S.B., &c., &c. The coffin was covered with magnificent wreaths; one from the Brownrigg Lodge, composed of white lilies, white azaleas, maiden hair fern and acacia; the Middlesex Yeomanry, the Rowing Club, and most of the Institutions of the town also sent wreaths. After dropping their sprigs of acacia, the brethren separated at the Cemetery gates.

The following is the list of the Grand Officers appointed at the Grand Festival on Wednesday:—

Bro. Prince Albert Victor	-	-	Senior Warden
General Viscount Wolsley	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Dr. Thomas Cartwright Smyth	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. G. W. Weldon	-	-	
Richard Eve	-	-	Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	-	-	Registrar
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	-	-	Secretary
Dr. E. E. Wendt, D.C.L.	-	-	Sec. German Cor.
Burdett-Contts	-	-	Senior Deacons
George Cooper	-	-	
F. S. Kuyvett	-	-	Junior Deacons
V. P. Freeman	-	-	
Sir Horace Jones	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
E. A. Baylis	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
J. L. Mather	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
W. M. Bywater	-	-	Sword Bearer
Charles Fendelow	-	-	Standard Bearers
George Beach	-	-	
Sir Arthur Sullivan	-	-	Organist
W. H. Perryman	-	-	Pursuivant
W. Hopekirk	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Henry Sadler	-	-	Tyler

The following were appointed Grand Stewards:—Bros. Henry Hacker, George Weldon, Edwin Farley, Frederick Gordon Brown, W. H. Rylands, Major Thomas P. Powell, C. Critchett, S. G. Glanville, S. R. V. Robinson, Arthur Hill, R. Clowser, D. B. Ledsam, John A. Wilson, G. D. G. Tanbman, W. J. Parker, A. J. Lauzence, G. L. Eyles, and Sir Lionel Edward Darell, Bart.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Lyceum.—The successful run that attended "Faust" having come to an end, Mr. Irving last Saturday evening started his revivals with Leopold Lewis's adaptation from "The Polish Jew,"—"The Bells," this being supplemented by "Jingle." The contrast between the characters of Mathias and Alfred Jingle is great, and it was almost impossible to believe that the latter was represented by the individual we had just seen as Mathias. Mr. Irving had his audience with him from start to finish, and after the confession and death, they broke out into thunders of applause. Fresh business and by-play has been introduced, adding to the effect, while the whole manifested the care that is bestowed on Mr. Irving's productions. As Alfred Jingle, Mr. Irving was in his happiest vein, and peals of laughter re-echoed through the house. Able support was given by the other members of the Lyceum company. The present revival will run till 14th May; on the 16th "The Merchant of Venice" will be played.

Olympic.—Another change in the programme at this house having to be resorted to, Miss Grace Hawthorne decided to place Mr. James Mortimer's adaptation of Alex. Dumas' "La Dame Aux Camelias," "Heartsease," in the evening bill. It is only a few weeks since we had opportunity to notice Miss Hawthorne's representation of Marguerite Gautier, consequently we need only add she has made the present representation even more effective; her strong emotional powers are well brought out, and she secures the sympathies of her audience. Miss Hawthorne is supported by almost the same company as assisted on the previous occasion, the only important change being that of M. Maurice Gally, in place of Mr. Laurence Cantley. The abilities of M. Gally are well known, through his association with Madame Sarah Bernhardt. His performance denotes the great care he takes to make the character of Armand Duval vie with the others, and when he rids himself of a habit of quaint gesticulation he will be still more effective. Mr. Leonard Outram is an excellent Count de Varville; while Messrs. W. E. Blatchley, Wallace Erskine, Rothery Evans, Hubert Byron, Misses Lizzie Fletcher, Alice Chandos, Emelie Calhaem, and Dolores Drummond all render good service.

Alhambra.—Among the present attractions at this house is a lively and graceful gymnast—Geraldine. This lady goes through some daring acts with the greatest ease; her performance throughout is characteristic of the daring of an expert. Another feature of the programme is the performance of the Brothers Griffiths, with their Blondin donkey; this is as funny a piece of fooling as one might wish to see. Miss Lydia Yeamans, fresh from the Avenue, renders "Sally in our Alley" in her well-known style. The other artistes engaged are fully up to the Alhambra standard, while the two charming ballets, "Dresdina" and "The Seasons," prove as attractive as ever.

In consequence of the severe indisposition of Messrs. George Stone and W. Guise, the performance of "Blue Ribbons" has been postponed to Wednesday, 11th May. The services of Mr. Lionel Rignold and Mr. W. Shine have been secured.

Mr. Charles Harris will take his first Benefit, at the Gaiety Theatre, on Saturday morning, 28th May, when an unusually attractive programme will be presented.

The following Festivals took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 30th April 1887:—

Monday—Old Acquaintance Musical (Smoking Concert) Society, Old King's Arms Lodge, Royal Somerset House, Mess Dinner 21st Middlesex. Tuesday—Royal York Chapter, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, Royal Savoy Lodge, Baptist Mission Society (Tea). Wednesday—Grand Lodge Festival, Smeatonian Society, Jordan Lodge. Thursday—Grenadiers' Lodge. Polish National Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Gavel Club.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 30th APRIL.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 2nd MAY.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 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)
 1446—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.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
 1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 2098—Harlesden, National School, Harlesden
 M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 61—Probity, Freemasons' 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
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 408—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, Potty Curry, Cambridge
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrexham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 697—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 723—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 750—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—Gundolph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 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
 R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

TUESDAY, 3rd MAY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 50—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bluffs., Holford, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.

- 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 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 Horos, Kenning on. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W

- 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.

- 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1322—Waveley, Cal. Ionian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey

- R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
 R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
 R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Royal Hotel, Barnsley, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mire, Chaucery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Bury, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 533—La Tolérance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 3. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Piccadilly, S.W.
 1611—Ravensburne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berceley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cornerwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 17—Domestic, Un on Tavern, Air Street, Regent street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M. 1—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 258—Amidships, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Roundale
 326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Arcticle, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 678—Earl Eblesmere, Church Hotel, Kestley, Farnworth, near Bolton
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 755—St. Tado, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107—Corwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea

1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Tulbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1519—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
 R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
 R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 5th MAY.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 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)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1165—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
 1168—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 155—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 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—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1791—Creation, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rl., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrials, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
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 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
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 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.

1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Tonsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Dartington
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Wilkes
 1473—Footle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Palsgrave, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Burnley
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
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 2050—St. Trinians, Masoric Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 R.A. 496—Mount Edgecumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
 R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
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 M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
 M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowray
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th MAY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.3
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Lamberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 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)
 1293—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)
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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 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.)
 K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Barking, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Fellingfield.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-on-Medley
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1523—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Silegh, Bedford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
 R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 7th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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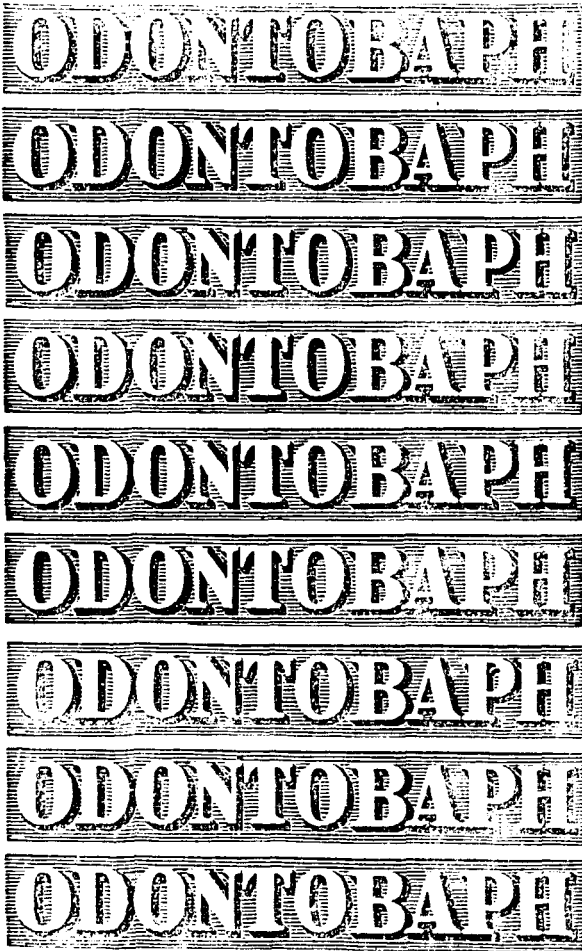
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