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CONSECRATION AND DESECRATION.

MUCH has been said from time to time as to the un-Masonic use of Masonic signs and symbols, and no doubt a considerable portion of the bad odour which is associated with Freemasonry in the minds of its opponents could be traced to a departure from the strict teachings of the Order; some irregularity on the part of an actual member, or one who pretended to be, in the improper use of the outward and visible signs of Freemasonry. It would be a very difficult matter to define the limits within which Freemasons are justified in associating Freemasonry, and making use of its signs and symbols, with matters of general public interest; and no doubt opinions vary, to a considerable extent, in regard to the subject. There are some who maintain that no Masonic signs or symbols should be exposed to public gaze, and that Freemasonry should only show itself to the eye within the portals of a tyled Lodge. But they are wrong in drawing so hard and fast a line; otherwise the Constitutions of the Order err, as also does the Grand Master and his immediate subordinates in laying foundation stones with Masonic honours, allowing Masonic processions, or taking part in any outside display dressed in the regalia of the Craft. If it is legitimate to associate Freemasonry with the erection of a public building, or for an assembly of Masons clothed with the badges of the Order to appear in public, it is equally legitimate for the same Masonic signs and symbols to be made use of by individual brethren in connection with minor matters, if the purposes for which they are used are of the same worthy character. For this reason we disagree with those who argue that a Freemason is guilty of violating his obligation when he uses Freemasonry outside his Lodge, although he is actuated by the most worthy of motives. It is, however, the defining of worthy, as compared with unworthy motives, that presents the difficulty, and is the point on which the whole question turns. What might be considered quite legitimate in some parts would be denounced as unworthy in others, or perhaps even by some of the brethren of the same neighbourhood.

We are led to these thoughts by a consideration of recent events in which Freemasonry has played a prominent part, in association with matters of a public, or at least semi-public character; together with some remarks which appeared in a local newspaper in reference to one of them. Our readers can, no doubt, call to mind several instances which have occurred during the past few months in which Freemasonry has been made use of, or has assisted in works of general utility. Foundation stones have been laid, and public buildings have been erected, beautified or opened by Freemasons in their Masonic capacity, and in most of the instances the local dignitaries of the Order have taken a leading part in the work. We need not go back more than a few days for such an instance; the laying of the foundation stone of the

New Masonic Hall at Plymouth, by the Provincial Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Lord Ebrington, being a case in point. It was in reference to this event that the *Devon Weekly Times* made some comments, which will bear consideration at the hands of the Craft. "I wonder what luck will attend this new venture?" asks the writer in our contemporary, and he thus continues: "It required some pluck to start it, considering the facts. Plymouth has had a Freemasons' Hall, in name, for many years; and it was started with no less pomp and ceremony (I am not sure that Lord Ebrington's grandfather did not lay the foundation stone); but it was never paid for, it speedily fell into secular hands, and it has long been used as auction rooms with nothing left of its Masonic original but the name. *Absit omen*, of course; but it is an omen nevertheless."

Here we have the record of a transaction which appears to convey the impression of an improper use of Masonry's signs and symbols, and it is by no means a solitary one, as many who have journeyed through the Provinces could testify, and yet it would no doubt be defended by the very men who are loudest in their condemnation of outside use of Masonic signs. They would see nothing wrong in starting a Masonic Hall with all the pomp and ceremony of Freemasonry, consecrating it to the uses of the Craft, and afterwards taking no active part in preserving it for its original purposes. It would be useless to tell them that the starting of such a venture, without a guarantee as to payment for its erection, was a gross instance of trading on Freemasonry, or that an unworthy use had been made of association with the Craft in mixing up the name and ceremonies of Freemasonry in a venture of a purely speculative character. Yet there is no knowing what amount of harm this particular case may have occasioned to Freemasonry, not only in the immediate neighbourhood of the Hall, but throughout the district. It is no doubt many years since the events referred to by our contemporary took place, and yet we find them brought forward in connection with the doings of to-day. We will not say the remarks were intended to cause pain, but we imagine there are few who peruse them but will, in a measure, consider that to Freemasonry should be attached some of the blame for the unsatisfactory state of affairs here made public. That a Masonic Hall should have been conceived, and ushered into existence with all the pomp and ceremony of Freemasonry, without provision having been made for its being paid for on completion, displays a laxity on the part of the principals concerned which, if exhibited by brethren of lower degree in matters of minor importance, would be strongly condemned.

It is admittedly easy to be wise after an event, and perhaps some of those who took a prominent part in the starting and consecration of the old Freemasons' Hall at Plymouth, or of similar buildings elsewhere, have since regretted their share in the work, or are sorry they did not make more particular inquiry as to the chance of ultimate success, but regrets will avail

nothing so far as the past is concerned, although the lessons thus taught us may be of utility, if they cause greater care to be taken in regard to similar matters in the future.

The name of Freemasonry, and more particularly its solemn ceremony of Consecration, should not be officially bestowed until after the most careful inquiry as to the possible future of the work in hand, lest its ultimate failure may bring discredit on the Craft and those associated with it, besides doing irreparable injury to some who, in ignorance of the true state of affairs, thought they were trusting the Craft as a body, rather than a few of its members individually. Freemasonry justly bears a grand reputation, and it is not to be wondered at if those who have little or no knowledge of its inner working are misled when the highest patronage is given to an undertaking with which is associated the name of the Craft. This should be fully recognised and carefully considered ere the support of Freemasonry, even in name alone, is given to anything outside the actual ceremonies and degrees of the Order. If it be so in future we shall be less likely than at present to hear of cases of desecration, although such instances are happily now of very rare occurrence in the annals of the Craft. That they cannot wholly be prevented we are willing to admit, but that they can be reduced to a minimum is also true. To secure this minimum should be the aim of every brother who desires to maintain and uphold the fair name and reputation of Freemasonry.

LOYALTY AND FREEMASONRY.

AS English Freemasons we have hitherto been content to point to the position occupied by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family, in the Masonic Order, as the best answer to the attacks of those who accuse the Craft and its members of disloyalty to the throne; although we might, with almost equal justice, have referred to the patronage given by Her Majesty the Queen to the benevolent objects of the Craft. Surely if Freemasons are as bad as their enemies strive to make out they would not have received the recognition from the highest quarters which they have so long enjoyed. The answer to this line of argument has sometimes been, that the patronage was given in ignorance of the true objects for which the Craft existed, or for which Freemasons were banded together; but we cannot believe our rulers have been so injudicious as to rush into Freemasonry without first satisfying themselves that its teaching and practice are consistent with the laws of the land. Even if such had been the case they certainly would not have continued their patronage or membership when once they became acquainted with its real objects—and it would be impossible to hide from them the true purpose for which the Order existed. Assuming, for the sake of argument, the truth of the statements made by the enemies of Freemasonry, that it exists as a means of teaching disloyalty and lawlessness, how would it be possible to keep those unholy objects from the knowledge of the heads of the Order, and how would it be possible for its chiefs to continue their support—and even extend it, when they knew the society to be banded together for objects opposed to good citizenship?

The last few days have supplied us with evidence that, not only in this country but also abroad, Freemasonry still enjoys the highest place in the opinion of those at the head of the people. In the two instances we shall particularly refer to it is unreasonable to suppose that either ignorance exists, or that participation in anything illegal is possible; therefore we are justified in considering the events as further proof that Freemasonry meets with the approval of the authorities, while we fail to see how any other construction can be placed on the actions referred to.

It is announced that at the Installation meeting of the Savage Club Lodge, which will take place on the first Tuesday of next month, when Sir Somers Vine will be placed in the position of Worshipful Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will present to the Lodge the gavel used by Her Majesty the Queen when she laid

the foundation stone of the Imperial Institute, and as we imagine the presentation could hardly be made without the knowledge and approval of Her Majesty, it will afford ample proof that the Sovereign of the British Empire is not only favourable to the practice of Freemasonry, but is willing to confer honour on its Lodges. We may now turn to the Continent of Europe, and there we find the Emperor of Germany expressing himself in terms of the highest approval in regard to Freemasonry. It cannot be argued that he is either ignorant of the true aims of the Craft, or that he is a party to disloyalty or villainy, and therefore we accept his actions as further proof of royal approval of Freemasonry. The event which called forth His Majesty's expression of opinion was the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Masonic Lodge at Rostock, Mecklenburg, and in a letter to that body the Emperor takes the opportunity of saying, "Freemasonry constitutes a true element of the religious sentiment, and works for the well-being of humanity."

In face of such approvals as are here displayed Freemasons can afford to take even less notice of outside attacks than they have been accustomed to do, while they will be justified in assuming for themselves a yet higher position than they have hitherto enjoyed, although they must not forget that this position has been won by the practice of good deeds in the past, or that it will require no small amount of self-sacrifice in the future to maintain. We have little fear that coming generations of Freemasons will do aught to place the present high reputation enjoyed by the Craft in jeopardy, or that anything will occur within the portals of Freemasonry to deprive its members of the good opinion they now enjoy, from those who occupy the proudest positions in the government of the world; on the contrary, as the teachings of Freemasonry become better known, and its principles more generally practised, the Craft will be more widely patronised, and its members will be universally honoured as living examples of the brightest ideas of Loyalty, Charity, and Good Fellowship.

PROTECTING THE SECRETS OF THE CRAFT.

THE rose, in all ages of the world, and wherever known, has been a favourite flower, but like the good and the beautiful in other created forms, few flowering plants have had so many enemies. While Freemasons, in common with others, admire the rose as a flower, it has a language for them deeper than its petals. Wordsworth said,

To me the meanest flower that blooms can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.

Brethren of the mystic tie admire the rose for the mystical lessons it teaches. Formerly three roses were placed on a Master's apron. Among the ancients the queen of flowers was held in high esteem for its esoteric teaching. In the middle ages it was placed by the Romish Church over its confessionals. There are some fine specimens of rose work in Heidelberg castle, and in the various cathedrals and abbeys of Great Britain and the Continent. Rose or wheel windows are distinguishing features of Gothic cathedrals. The island of Rhodes, made famous by the Knights of St. John, was named from the *rhodon* or rose. Bro. Fort tells us, in his admirable "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," "At the feasts of the Northern people, a garland of flowers, with a rose prominently in the centre, was suspended from the ceiling above the table, as a symbol that everything which might be said or spoken by the participants in the banquet should be held strictly secret. In the Gothic code the rose was an emblem of secrecy, and was thus considered by the mediæval operative Masons." Waite, in his "History of the Rosicrucians," says: "The white rose was especially sacred to silence. It was carved in the centre of the refectory of the ancients for the same reason, and the expression, *sub rosa*, which was equivalent among the Romans to an inviolable pledge, originated in the ancient dedication of the flower to Aphrodite, and its reconsecration by Cupid to Harpocrates, the tutelary deity of Silence." Some other fanciful applications have been made of the rose. Beneath the Rathhaus in Bremen, Germany, is a wine cask styled the Twelve Apostles, of which Henry Heine wrote:

This is the rose of roses ;
The older she grows, the sweeter she blossoms,
And her delightful perfume has made me happy.
It has inspired me—has made me tipsy ;
And were I not held by the shoulder fast,
By the Town-Cellar Master of Bremen,
I had gone rolling over !

The loftiest application of the symbolism of the rose is found in the *Canticles*, where Our Saviour is called "The Rose of Sharon."

Freemasonry commends to its initiates that Leonine line of the Middle Ages, *Audi, vide, tace*, "Hear, see, be silent." The satirist, Rabelais, said, "Nothing is so oppressive as a secret; it is difficult for ladies to keep it long; and I know even in this matter a good number of men who are women." Ariosto, in his "Orlando," describes a Cave of Silence thus :

Silence plays the scout and walks his round
Equipped with shoes of felt and mantel brown,
And motions from a distance all who meet
Him on his circuit, from the dim retreat.

Every initiate in Freemasonry should remember that a Lodge-room is to him a "cave of silence," where everything is said *sub rosa*, and over all the walls are, as it were, the invisible words, "Hear, see, be silent."

One of the deteriorating effects of the reactionary influence of the profane world upon Masonry is the greater freedom now than formerly with which too much of Freemasonry is spoken of in public. The history and the main underlying principles of the Craft may be rightfully written about and spoken of, but the secrets of the Lodge-room should be inviolate. The important thing is to rightly discriminate between what is esoteric and exoteric. The former may not be lawfully alluded to, while the latter is more or less public property. But if we are to err, if error it can be called, let us err in saying too little. The profane have no right to know anything concerning Freemasonry. It exists for itself alone, for the pleasure and advantage of its initiates; but sometimes, we fear, its avowed and sworn friends are its unintentional enemies. Let us cry a halt in the ultra-publicity given to Masonic matters; let the profane prints drop it from their columns; let even the Masonic prints be more careful in their deliverances, and so let us conform to ancient usage in maintaining Silence concerning the secrets of Freemasonry.

—Keystone.

The annual meeting of the Adair Lodge, No. 936, was held on Friday, the 13th instant, at Aldeburgh. Bro. F. D. Bright was installed as Worshipful Master by his predecessor, Bro. Hall, and the Officers for the year were appointed. A banquet followed, after which the usual toasts were given.

Obituary.

BRO. T. M. HUMPHRIES.

It is with profound regret we have to record the death of Bro. T. M. Humphries, which occurred on Friday, the 20th inst., under the most distressing circumstances. It appears our deceased brother, who was widely known both in London and in Provincial Masonry, had recently suffered considerable reverses in business, and this appears to have had such an effect upon an always excitable temperament as to bring on a fit of temporary insanity, during which Bro. Humphries shot himself, at the Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield. We feel sure all who knew Brother Humphries will share with us the deepest regret that so sad a fate should have befallen one so universally beloved; they will, moreover, with equal readiness tender their sincere sympathy to his widow and son, for whom we hope there is even yet a silver lining to the heavy cloud which at present overshadows them.

BRO. CHAPLIN HENRY.

Bro. Chaplin Henry, another well-known Mason, has also passed away. His funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery, on the 23rd inst. A large number of prominent members of the musical profession attended the last rites for our deceased brother, who was universally respected in his especial circle as well as among his Masonic brethren.

The Old Westminster Lodge, No. 2233, membership of which is restricted to those who have been educated at the ancient School of Westminster, was consecrated on the 20th instant, at the Café Royal, Regent Street, by the Grand Secretary Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, assisted by Bro. Hyde Clarke P.G.M. of Columbia, General Randolph, Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope P.G. Chaplain, and Frank Richardson P.G.D.; Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, acted as Installing Master. Bros. Victor Williamson P.G.W., S. Pope, Q.C., P.G.D., and many other well-known Masons were present. Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., was installed as the first Master. Bro. R. J. Mure and Bro. Thomas Wakley jun. were appointed respectively as Senior and Junior Wardens and Bro. H. H. Hyde Clarke as Secretary.

We hardly recognised the full extent to which Masonic Benevolence is extended to objects outside the Craft when we referred to the subject in our early issues of the present year. Hardly a day passes but we have an instance brought under notice where the best principles of Freemasonry are practised on behalf of those who, unconnected with the Order, are reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty or misfortune. Among the more recent events under this head which we have seen recorded is the donation, by a member of the Union Lodge, at Margate, of 20 tons of coals. These were distributed, through the medium of the Lodge, among the poor of the town. This may justly be termed a practical illustration of Freemasonry in its brightest aspect.

The Olive Union Lodge, No. 1304, gave its annual ball on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at the Corn Exchange, Horncastle, the proceeds being intended for the benefit of one of the Masonic Charities. The ball was well patronised, among those present being the Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, his Deputy, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and other brethren of distinction.

The installation of Worshipful Master, and investiture of Officers of Lodge Unity, at Ringwood, took place at the White Hart Hotel, on Thursday, the 12th inst., there being a large attendance, which included visitors from Bournemouth, Wimborne, Poole, Lyndhurst, Lymington, &c. Bro. John Webber, of Bournemouth, was installed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. J. Le Feuvre. A banquet followed, at the Corn Exchange, at which about eighty members and guests were present.

On Monday evening, the 23rd inst., Bro. George H. Kenning, assisted by a party of ladies and gentlemen, very kindly entertained the residents at the Institution, Croydon, by giving them a capital concert. When all laboured so well to entertain it would be invidious to particularise, but the singing of Miss Flo Kenning and the recitations of Mr. Herbert Grose merit particular notice. The entertainment, a most enjoyable one, was thoroughly appreciated by those for whom it was given. At the termination Bro. Terry, in the name of the residents, thanked Bro. George H. Kenning and his friends for their kindness in attending, and for the enjoyment afforded. This was acknowledged by Bro. Kenning, and after the National Anthem had been sung the Old Folks retired.

A Masonic charity ball, the second of its kind promoted by the Royal Wharfedale Lodge, No. 1108, to aid the Masonic Charities, took place in the Mechanics' Institute, Otley, on Monday, the 23rd instant, and passed off very successfully. There were upwards of two hundred guests, amongst whom were representatives from a number of Lodges in Harrogate, Ilkley, Leeds, Bradford, Shipley, &c., who, like the brethren of the home Lodge, were in Masonic regalia. There is likely to be a considerable balance available for the benevolent object which the Royal Wharfedale Lodge desires to further.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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EMULATION LODGE, No. 21.

ON Monday evening, the 16th instant, the Lord Mayor was installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge, which is one of the oldest Lodges on the Grand Lodge of England. The Lodge, which, in addition to its antiquity, is notorious for its admirable working of the ceremonies of the Order, meets at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., where so many distinguished Lodges of the Order assemble. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Arthur Hills. A large and distinguished number of brethren, especially members of the Grand Lodge, were present to do honour to his Lordship. After the proceedings in Lodge, the Lord Mayor, the Sheriff, Sir J. B. Monckton, and many other prominent members of the Corporation left (greatly to the regret of the Lodge) in consequence of the death of Alderman Sir J. Staples, and out of respect to his memory. This fact was several times alluded to in the course of the evening by the Immediate Past Master (Bro. A. Hills) who, at the request of his lordship, presided at the banquet. The banquet, as usual at the Albion, was most admirably served, under the direction of Bro. Swayne, the popular manager. Bro. Arthur Hills gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, and Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., replying, said that under the roof in which they were he felt that much speaking under the circumstances in which they were met would be out of place. He congratulated the Emulation Lodge upon the marked success which had attended their present proceedings, and upon having elected so distinguished a brother as their Lord Mayor to be their Master. He specially referred to the exceedingly valuable Lodge of Instruction which was held under the auspices of the Emulation Lodge, which, he observed, had done so much to preserve the wonderful traditions of the Craft. In proposing the health of the Worshipful Master (the Lord Mayor), Bro. Arthur Hill said they all most deeply regretted the unfortunate circumstance which had prevented their newly-installed Worshipful Master from being present. But for this he felt that they should have had one of the most enjoyable and pleasant evenings which they had hitherto recorded in the Emulation Lodge. They all knew the reason which had prevented his remaining with them, but they all knew the great sense of honour and great feeling of brotherly love which existed between the Aldermen of the City. All very much regretted to hear of the death of an Alderman who was very well known within those walls, and especially within the Ward in which they were assembled. As to the Lord Mayor, they all felt that he had done the Lodge a great honour by accepting the office of Master of the Emulation Lodge. This was the highest honour which the Craft could confer upon him, and it was especially valuable because this Lodge had gone out of the ordinary run of selecting the Senior Warden in electing the Lord Mayor to the chair. The Lord Mayor in Lodge had told them of the manner in which he regarded this kindness of the Lodge, but he had again desired him to thank the Officers for allowing him to fill the office to which they had elected him. The Lord Mayor hoped that during his year of office he might be with them often, and he had half promised to be present at their next meeting, but they all knew the many calls there were upon the Lord Mayor's time, and he was quite sure also that they were all prepared to excuse his attendance. They all wished his Lordship health and happiness during his year of office. He thought that it was great credit to the Lodge that although their Lord Mayor was not born within the sound of Bow Bells, but far—very far—beyond, they had elected him to the Chief Magistracy. They could not have better qualifications for a Lord Mayor than in the words of their own ritual, "One whose hand was extended by justice, and whose heart was expanded by benevolence." This it might be faithfully said of the present Lord Mayor. Brother T. Taylor, a Past Master of the Lodge, gave, in eulogistic terms, the health of the Immediate Past Master, who had so kindly taken the chair on behalf of the Lord Mayor. They were all exceedingly well pleased with the admirable manner in which Bro. Arthur Hill had fulfilled the duties of his office during the year, and they all had seen the very excellent way in which he had installed the Lord Mayor that evening. No doubt during the year they would have the pleasure of seeing their good friend again in the chair, and they would still be able to appreciate his working. Bro. Hill, replying, again expressed regret for the absence of the Lord Mayor, and thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received him. He proposed the health of the Visitors, stating that owing to the death of Sir John Staples many of those who would have been present hardly considered it respectful to his memory that they should remain. This was especially so in the case of the Grand Officers. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Augustus Harris and A. M. Broadley, both of whom replied. The health of the Initiates was then given and drunk with cheers, and Bros. R. L. S. Badham and Sydney Willis responded. In proposing the health of the Past Masters Bro. Hill eulogised their services to the Lodge, stating with pleasure that they were fortunate in being particularly strong in their Past Masters. Bro. Geo. Singer replied. The health of the Treasurer, which was next given most cordially, was replied to by Bro. Thos. Taylor, who was very warmly received. Bro. Hill then proposed the health of the Officers, whose services he particularly eulogised, and Bro. G. J. Eady (the Senior Warden) responded, stating the great pleasure it gave him and the other Officers to stand on one side to allow the first citizen in the world to take the chair. It was not given to every Lodge to have as one of its Officers the Lord Mayor, and this he and the other Officers of the Lodge would greatly prize and highly value. The health of the Secretary (Brother S. Hill) was given, and that gentleman, who is most popular in the Lodge, suitably replied, stating the great interest which he always took in the proceedings of the Lodge. An admirable selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Truman, assisted by Bros. Coates, F. Clive, and Schartan. The duties of toastmaster were well performed by Bro. Cooper.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 88.

ON Monday, the 9th instant, about 60 brethren attended the proceedings of this Lodge, when Bro. Oliver Papworth was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The duties of Installing Master were most efficiently discharged by Bro. B. Chennell. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Pashler I.P.M., Pryor S.W., Purchas J.W., Rev. J. C. Saunders Chaplain, Huanybun Treasurer, Chaplin Secretary, Piggott S.D., Spalding J.D., Hills D.C., Ling Org., Redfarn I.G., Beales Steward, Charlton S.B., Ellis Tyler.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge was held on the 18th inst., at Routly's Farley Hotel, Plymouth. An excellent dinner was well served up under the direction of Bro. Westlake. Bro. John Little the W.M. presided. During the evening a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. John Parkhouse I.P.M., as a token of esteem and appreciation of his services during his Mastership. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

TRANQUILITY LODGE, No. 185.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday, the 16th instant, Bro. A. A. Marks was unanimously elected the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. On the motion of Bro. A. E. Sydney, the following members were appointed a Committee of the Benevolent Fund:—Bros. Saul Solomon, A. E. Sydney, Maurice Hart, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Moss and J. H. Ross. Bros. S. Barnett and J. H. Ross were elected auditors. At the banquet which followed, the health of the W.M. elect was drunk with much cordiality.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 213.

ANNUAL installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th inst., at the Masonic Club, Norwich. A large number of brethren rallied round the old Perseverance banner, not only to welcome the new W.M. (Bro. J. W. Hide), but also to express their thanks to the retiring W.M. Bro. Baxter, who during his year of office was the recipient of a singular honour, for, by virtue of a precept from the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the Prov. G.M. had the privilege to confer upon three brethren of his Province a jubilee distinction, and he selected Bros. Baxter and Dunsford, P.M.'s of the Lodge Perseverance, as two of the three. On these hard-working brethren was conferred the rank of P.P.S.G.W., and the result has given general satisfaction. On Tuesday evening the Lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., assisted by his Officers. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the newly-elected W.M. appointed his officers, as under:—Bros. Baxter I.P.M., Smith S.W., Pond J.W., Carpenter Chaplain, King Treasurer, Kersey Secretary, Dunsford D.C., Madge Organist, Cole S.D., Durdell J.D., Rust I.G., Deuchar and Pook Stewards, Hollidge Tyler. The usual subscriptions for the Masonic Charities having been voted, and hearty good wishes given by the visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to a *récherché* banquet, provided by the Steward and Stewardess (Bro. and Mrs. Pretty). After the banquet the loyal and other toasts were duly honoured.

HARMONIC LODGE, No. 216.

THE installation meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, the gathering being generally voted one of the most successful which has ever been held. Bro. Hawkins W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by a good complement of Provincial Officers and brethren. The new W.M. was presented by Bro. Hawkins, and was duly installed. He then invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Hawkins I.P.M., Bark S.W., Costine J.W., Brunt Secretary, Bannatyne S.D., Blair J.D., Camidge I.G., Lawton S.S., Westrup J.S., Dwerryhouse D.C., and Ewart Organist.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE installation banquet of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 18th instant, at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and proved an unqualified success. About 150 in all sat down to a good spread, the brethren being accompanied by their wives or sweethearts. The Worshipful Master, Bro. J. J. Meadley, presided. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The toasts of the W.M. and Treasurer and Secretary were most cordially received. Bro. Hocking and Miss Kelvnack sang an excellent duet, which was received with loud applause. Bro. Sylvester was in excellent voice, and sang well. He also accompanied on the piano in an able manner. Bro. Lavers gave a recitation, and other contributions were made by Brothers Leonard, J. Rendle, and others. A ball was afterwards held, a band, under the direction of Bro. A. Lidiard, supplying the music. Mr. B. H. Penberthy made a courteous and efficient M.C., and the success of the evening's entertainment is due to the admirable arrangements made by Bros. R. Cawsey and E. Littleton, who were deservedly complimented.

UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

THE Festival of St. John, in connection with this Lodge, was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, on the 18th inst., and the occasion was regarded by the Freemasons of the Province as one of unusual interest, this being the Centenary year of the Lodge. The brethren met at 1:30 p.m. for high twelve, and there was a large gathering from all parts of the county, nearly every Lodge in the Province being represented. Ordinary routine business having been transacted, Bro. Arthur Steevens, the Immediate Past Master, impressively installed the W.M. elect, Colonel A. W. Adair Past Provincial Grand Master of Somerset and a P.M. of Lodge 261, into the chair of K.S. The newly-elected Master then appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Brothers

Stevens I.P.M., Saunders S.W., Rev. F. W. Aveling J.W., Rev. H. L. Barnwell Chaplain, A. Hammett Secretary, Showers Treasurer, Strawbridge S.D., Wake J.D., Lewis I.G., Chaffin O.G., Barrett S.S., Potter, Flower, and Loveday Stewards, Hartnell D.C., Tidbury Tyler. The Lodge having been closed according to ancient form, the brethren dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Colonel Adair, and there was a large company of brethren present.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 272.

THE annual installation of the W.M. and Officers of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Bro. Morton the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Pickering, after which the following Officers were invested:—Padley I.P.M., Appleton S.W., Dickinson J.W., Rev. Lowe Chaplain, Eley Treasurer, Pocklington Secretary, Pickering D.C., Stephenson S.D., Winn J.D., Tyler I.G., Buck Organist, Atkin Steward, Ward Tyler. The annual banquet took place at the Peacock and Royal Hotel.

LION LODGE, No. 312.

INSTALLATION Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Whitby, on Tuesday, 16th inst., when Bro. J. T. Stewart was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was Bro. J. Stevenson P.M. The following were appointed Officers: Bros. Atlay S.W., Atkinson J.W., Elliott S.D., Oliver J.D., Smithson I.G., Stevenson Chaplain, Lawson P.M. Treasurer, Barton Newbold Secretary, Clarkson D.C., Rennison Organist, Edwards and Davis Stewards, Trueman Tyler. Bro. Stevenson announced the presentation to the Lodge (by Bro. John Corner, of London) of a valuable and beautiful portrait, in oils, by Mr. Waterhouse, R.A., of the late Earl of Zetland, formerly P.G.M. of the North-East Riding Province. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Crown Hotel.

DORIC LODGE, No. 362.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., the members of this Lodge met at the Masonic Room, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham, when Bro. J. C. Basker was installed W.M. In the absence of Bro. Buckle, the present W.M., who is now abroad, the ceremony was performed by Bro. A. G. Gamble, and Bro. Capt. B. H. Russell. The following Officers were then invested by the W.M.:—Bros. Collingwood S.W., Beaumont J.W., Rev. C. Elsmere Chaplain, Gamble Secretary, Wigelsworth Treasurer, Dickenson Organist, Beeson S.D., Anderson J.D., Lyne I.G., and Jackson Tyler. At the conclusion of these proceedings, the company adjourned to the George Hotel, where a banquet was held, under the presidency of Bro. Basker. It st Fillingham catered in his usual admirable style, the dinner being of a most *recherché* description. The usual toast list was afterwards gone through.

SCIENCE LODGE, No. 437.

THE installation of Bro. S. W. Bewsey to the chair of W. Master of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Wincanton, on Monday, the 16th instant. A special dispensation had been granted from the Grand Lodge to hold the meeting on that day, as several brethren were otherwise engaged on the annual festival day. Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset, was the installing Officer. The W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. J. L. Bewsey S.W., Rev. T. J. Garniss J.W., Rev. J. Locke Chaplain, Hutchings Treasurer, Good Secretary, Lintern S.D., Tomkins J.D., Edwards Organist, Hill D.C., Goodfellow and Scallon Stewards, Hoare I.G., Alford Tyler. The ceremony being over, Bro. Else, on behalf of the Lodge, said it gave him much pleasure to present to their old friend and Brother, R. R. Hutchings, a Past Master's and Treasurer's gold jewel, with clasps, in recognition of his past services. Bro. Hutchings feelingly responded, and heartily thanked the brethren for the handsome present and unexpected honour conferred upon him. The business of the Lodge being concluded, the brethren, amongst whom were many P.G. Officers and friends, adjourned to the Greyhound, Hotel, where the banquet provided by Mrs. Sherring was all that could be desired.

ST. JAMES'S LODGE, No. 418.

A BALL in connection with this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Halifax, on Thursday evening, the 12th inst. Upwards of sixty brethren and friends were present, and the programme of twenty dances was gone through to the Halifax Quadrille Band. Dancing continued until after three in the morning. Brothers Richard Smithies and John Smith acted as M.C.'s. The place was suitably decorated by Mr. Bond. At an interval an excellent repast was served by Brother Webb. Afterwards the toast of the Queen was given by the Worshipful Master, Brother Charles Greenwood, and loyally honoured by the visitors. Then the health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Brother Shoebridge and cordially drunk, and the compliment was appropriately acknowledged from the chair. The only other toast was the Ladies, proposed by the W.M., and replied to by Brother John Smith.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 496.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Lodge room, St. Austell. The W.M. elect, Bro. William Isaac Watts, was duly installed by Bro. McTurk. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Bunt S.W., Lake J.W., Guy Treasurer, the Rev. F. B. Paul Chaplain, Simon Truscott S.D., Richards J.D., Hugh Secretary, Whettes I.G., Williams D.C., Smith Org., Williams and Phillips Stewards, Rea Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned to Bro. Luke's White Hart Hotel, where an excellent banquet was presided over by the W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and a pleasant evening was spent.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 561.

ON Friday, the 12th instant, the brethren of this Lodge held their annual Festival in the Masonic Hall, Guisborough. Bro. George Page jun. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Knowles. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. Bramley S.W., Burgay J.W., Dale Treasurer, Newcombe Secretary, Rodham S.D., Wills J.D., Harrison D.C., Clarke Organist, Collier I.G., Best Steward, Byers Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Chaulouer Hotel.

DRUIDS LODGE, No. 589.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting on Monday, the 9th inst., when Bro. Cock was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. T. A. Kistler, assisted by Bros. Joseph Sarah and Richard Rodda. Bro. Cock appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Wales S.W., Hichens J.W., Heath Treasurer, Kistler Secretary, Erskine Chaplain, Chegwidde S.D., Carkeek J.D., Rodda Organist, Opie I.G., Downing D.C., Trestrail, Mitchell, Blight, and Carkeek Stewards, Polkinghorne Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge about fifty brethren and visitors partook of the annual banquet, served as usual in their dining hall, and under the presidency of the W.M. a most enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Anderton, Chirgwin, and representatives from the Truro, Helston, Hayle, Cambourne, and St. Day Lodges.

WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

INSTALLATION meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Friday, the 20th inst., when there was a large attendance both of members of the Lodge and Visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. A. Knight P.M. 1152 Singapore D.J.G.W. Eastern Archipelago, Jno. Chandler P.M. 355 P.P.S.G.W. and P.G.D.C. Wiltshire, W. J. Mann P.M. 1271 P.P.G.R. Wiltshire, A. J. Beaven P.M. 1271 P.P.S.G.D. Wiltshire, H. Millington P.P.G.O., W. F. Gaby I.G. 1271. The outgoing W.M., Bro. T. C. Hopkins, opened the Lodge, and after the usual preliminaries installed his successor (the S.W., Bro. William Lambly Tucker), the whole of the ceremony being conducted in such an excellent manner as to call forth a very hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Hopkins. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, as follows:—Hopkins I.P.M., Johnson S.W., Sloper J.W., Rev. W. Humphrys Chaplain, Nott P.M. Treasurer, Ward P.M. Secretary, Baldwin S.D., Cooper J.D., Howse P.M. D.C., Bush P.M. Organist, Crees I.G., Ingepen and Martin Stewards, Barnes Tyler. Bro. W. J. Mann reminded the brethren that he was Seward for the Province of Wiltshire for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and urged the claims of that Institution, to which he hoped to take up a good list at the forthcoming Centenary Festival. After the usual routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet at the Bear Hotel, to which Bro. Watson Taylor had, as usual, sent a supply of venison.

ROYAL BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 732.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The W.M. Brother Botting presided. The chief business was the installation of Bro. Willard as W.M. The ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Botting, the charges being delivered by Bros. Gerard Ford, Smith and Nye. The newly-installed Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bro. Botting I.P.M., Denman S.W., Harker J.W., Clowser Secretary, Reeve jun. S.D., Ledger J.D., Nell D.C., Hollis I.G., Smith and Davy Stewards, Hughes Tyler. Bro. Botting was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of his services. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the various speeches being interspersed with some pleasing vocal selections, contributed by Miss Minnie Freeman, and Bros. R. Nicholson, Reeves, Slugsby Roberts, and Histed, and a pianoforte solo given in artistic style by Bro. Kube. The duties of accompanist were ably carried out by Bro. W. Roe.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 852.

ON Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the annual meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, the Crescent, Salford, Bro. Thomas Pike was installed in the office of W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Nichols. A banquet was subsequently held, and amongst those present were Bro. J. H. P. Lerache (county stipendiary), who was elected the first W.M. of this Lodge in 1861, and Dr. Peter Atyle, of Salford.

DOBIE LODGE, No. 839.

THE meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst. at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston, and was attended by about sixty members and visitors. Among the latter were Bro. Greenwood (Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey), and several other distinguished members of the Craft. Brother William Drewett was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Chapman, in a manner that called forth the highest encomiums from the brethren who were privileged to be present. Brother John Drewett was appointed S.W., Colbran J.W. After the Lodge a banquet was held, followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with an exceptionally good selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Honeywell Organist.

SKIDDAW LODGE, No. 1002.

THE members of this Lodge, met in great force, supported by many visitors, on Thursday, the 5th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cockermouth, for the purpose of installing the W.M. and investing the Officers for the year. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Fidler W.M., at four p.m., when Brother George Dalrymple was invited to take the chair, and Brother F. A. Cooper W.M. elect was presented and duly installed Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. He appointed the following brethren as his Officers, viz.:—Brothers Fidler I.P.M., Smith S.W., Burn J.W., Mason Treasurer, Sawyer Secretary, Atkinson S.D., Taylor J.D., Eatwistle I.G., Burns and Dr. Forsyth Stewards, and Hewson Tyler. With the general business disposed of, and the usual compliments from the visitors, who were from Lodges 119, 371, 872, 962, 1267, 1400, 1660, 1989, and 2217, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and the newly-installed Master (Brother Cooper) invited all to accompany him to the Globe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and reflected credit upon Brother and Mrs. Peacock, who are "aye ready." A long and ast list was gone through, the loyal and patriotic being given from the chair. The Provincial Chief of the Province was proposed by the Past Grand Chaplain, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master by the Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, and both were heartily responded to. The Newly-installed Master was proposed by the installing Master, and responded to with musical honours. With other toasts, songs, and recitations a "nicht" was spent worthy of 1002.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1098.

ON Thursday, the 12th instant, the annual meeting was held, when Bro. Charles C. Phillips was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the Installing Officers were the retiring W.M., Bros. Shepard and Bradley. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Captain Shepard I.P.M., Fowles S.W., Jones J.W., Widdowson Treasurer, Williams Secretary, David Organist, Richards S.D., Phillips J.D., Willontie D.C., North Superintendent of Works, Davies and Lewis Stewards, Don Levy Tyler and Barnard Assistant Tyler.

WEAR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1121.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on 12th instant, in the Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland, when Bro. Crawford was installed W.M.; Ostle I.P.M., Lloyd S.W., Edgar J.W., Rev. G. P. Wilkinson Chaplain, Jennings Treasurer, Wardle Secretary, Barker S.D., Banks J.D., Brown Organist, C. E. Brown Dir. of Cers., Flood I.G., Edmondson Almoner, Craig and Tulley Stewards, Bowman Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Commercial Hotel.

DEVON LODGE, No. 1138.

THE annual installation ceremony in connection with this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 10th inst., at Newton Abbot, when Bro. R. H. Grimbley was duly installed W.M. in a most able manner by Bro. Vicary, assisted by a large Board of Past Masters. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Dobell S.W., Lander J.W., Langly Pope, D.D., Chaplain, Martin Treasurer, Endacott Secretary, Rendell S.D., Reynolds J.D., Cull D.C., Hearder Organist, Foss I.G., Hambley S.S., Harvey J.S., Haywood Tyler. Bro. W. Vicary was re-elected the representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Stevens Almoner. The brethren afterwards partook of their annual banquet, the W.M. presiding. The usual toasts were given.

RUTLAND LODGE No. 1179.

THE annual installation ceremony in connection with this Lodge was duly performed at the Rutland Hotel, Ilkeston, on the 18th inst., when Bro. Wm. Galsby was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year in the place of Bro. H. F. Daykin, who has held that honourable position during the past year. In the evening the annual banquet was held.

ELMS LODGE, No. 1212.

AT a regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Home Park, Stoke, on the 18th inst., Bro Edward Cox S.W. was installed as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing, the ceremony being most ably performed. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the Officers were invested, as follows:—Bros. Watts I.P.M., Wigyan S.W., Bassett J.W., Whidden P.M. Treasurer, Buckle Secretary, Spear S.D., Sweet J.D., Berry I.G., Fergusson D.C., Coaze Organist, Goad S.S., Weave J.S., Taylor A.S., and Rashbrooke Tyler. Bro. Cox was appointed as the representative on Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Hooper as Charity Steward. On the proposition of Bro. Hooper, seconded by Bro. Fowler, the sum of ten guineas was voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Three candidates were proposed for initiation.

SCARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1214.

AT the regular meeting of this Lodge, Bro. Charles William Ward was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as Officers:—Bro. Oldroyd I.P.M., Hobart S.W., Cones J.W., Taylor S.D., Fawcett J.D., Hemingway I.G., Cantrill Secretary, Critchley D.C., Cones Treasurer, Ineson Tyler. The festival of St. John's was afterwards celebrated, the banquet being provided by Bro. Dean, at the Scarborough Hotel, Bat'ey.

ST. KEW LODGE, No. 1222.

THIS Lodge held its annual festival on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, when a large number of brethren, including no less than 21 P.M.'s, assembled to witness the installation of Bro. G. H. Perrett the W.M.

elect. The ceremony of installation was very impressively and ably performed by Bro. R. C. Else. The W.M. then installed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Alford I.P.M., Farington S.W., Nunn J.W., Lewis Treasurer, Perrett Secretary, Wicksteed Chaplain, Perrett sen. S.D., Sellick J.D., Glass D.Cer., Board I.G., Lovell Organist, Cox Almoner, Cross and Butt Stewards. Feeling allusion was made to the sudden death of the Rev. R. Duckworth, and a vote of sympathy with his family in their bereavement was adopted. The balance sheet, submitted by Bro. Lewis, was considered to be highly satisfactory, showing as it did a balance in hand of £37 6s 10d. The business of the day being over the brethren adjourned to St. George's Hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared in the highest style by Mr. F. D. George. About 50 sat down, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Perrett, and the hall was exquisitely decorated. During the banquet Bro. Else decided to bestow upon Bro. Sidney Lewis one of the four collars entrusted to him in connection with the Jubilee honours. This collar will give Bro. Lewis the rank of P.P.G.S.W., and for his long and valued services to St. Kew Lodge the honour is well merited.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

ON Friday, the 12th instant, this Lodge held its annual meeting at the Haysho Temple, Plymouth. Bro. W. H. Hablyn was installed. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Wyatt S.W., Major Tracy J.W., Lord Treasurer, Pearce Secretary, Eyre S.D., Nelson J.D., Lieutenant Jamieson D.C., Benfield Assist.D.C., Parkhouse Organist, Mayne I.G., Simmons, Gurney, Stanbury and Tucker Stewards, Phillips Tyler. A jewel was voted Bro. Pearce for his valuable services as Secretary of the Lodge. The banquet was appointed to be held on 14th February, at Bro. Routley's, Farley Hotel.

ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their annual festival on Tuesday, 10th instant. Bro. John Shepard Winn was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. Kuowles. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. Warrior I.P.M., Russell S.W., Bell J.W., Waistell Treasurer, Bobiason Secretary, Syree S.D., Ward J.D., Robinson D.C., Boddy Organist, Tweedy I.G., Russell and Alexander Stewards, Wilkinson Tyler. Bro. Sootheran presented the Lodge with an antique and handsomely carved oak chair, which was used when the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings held a Provincial Lodge at Northallerton. The chair, which bears the date of 1637, would, he hoped, be used for the W.M. to sit in when he conducted the business of the Lodge. Bro. Winn, on behalf of the Officers and members of the Anchor Lodge, accepted the handsome gift, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Sootheran, which was most heartily accorded. Numerous visitors were present from neighbouring Lodges. Afterwards the annual banquet was held at the Golden Lion Hotel.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1429.

ANNUAL Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Thursday evening, the 12th inst. There was a large gathering, including representatives from the Provincial and District Lodges, Colonel Lync P.G.M., and Captain Homfray D.P.G.M. After the routine business had been transacted, the W.M. Bro. Dix installed his successor, Bro. Cullum. As a token of the manner in which Brother Dix had performed the duties of W.M., he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. Brother Dix returned thanks. The newly-elected Master then proceeded to invest his Officers:—Bros. Dix I.P.M., Brooke S.W., Allen J.W., Saunders Treasurer, Rev. D. Wilks Chaplain, Hollingdale Secretary, Richards D.C., Davies I.G., Graham Driver and Williams Stewards, Fletcher Tyler. After the business of the Lodge had been concluded the brethren repaired to the Westgate Hotel, where a banquet had been laid by Bro. Dean; nearly 100 members sat down.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

THE annual installation banquet of this Lodge was held on the 11th instant, at Bro. Routly's Farley Hotel, Plymouth. Over seventy sat down to a splendid repast, which was served up in Bro. Routly's best style, under the direction of Bro. Westlake. The W.M., Bro. H. Williams, presided, and was numerously supported. The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, the W.M. mentioned that he had received letters of apology with good wishes from Viscount Ebrington, Bros. Barrett, Bond, and others. In proposing the toast of the P.G.M. of Devon, Deputy P.G.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers present and past, the W.M. alluded to the excellent manner in which the Province was carried on under the rule of the P.G.M., and said the recent Masonic demonstration at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall and Club would be a red letter day in the history of the Masonic Fraternity in the Three Towns. Bro. Derry, in reply, expressed the belief that the new Masonic Hall and Club would be a great success. Bro. H. J. Trethewey said that while he was pleased to receive the jubilee collar which the P.G.M. presented him, he valued still more highly the reception accorded him by the brethren when he went up to receive the collar. As a Mason of twenty-six years' standing, and who had been in harness almost from the first, he could say without fear of contradiction that there had been a good deal of heartburning at the way in which the Prov. collars had been distributed in Devonshire for many years; so much so that of late the honour had been regarded more as a sham than a reality. He laid no blame on the P.G.M., who had a very difficult duty to perform, but he trusted in future more attention would be paid in giving collars to deserving brethren, and thus make the collars more prized by the recipients and appreciated by the brethren generally. The toast of

the W.M. was enthusiastically received, as also was that of the I.P.M., Bro. Thomas Geach. Bro. A. R. Lethbridge then presented Bro. Geach with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, bearing the following inscription :—

"Presented to Bro. Thos. Geach P.M., by the brethren of Lodge Ebrington, 1847, in appreciation of his Masonic zeal. 1888."

Bro. Geach suitably acknowledged the gift. The toast of the P.M.'s of the Lodge having been given, Brother S. Jew, in proposing the Treasurer and Secretary, said no two better officers could be found. Bros. Nicholson and Lose replied. Later in the evening Bro. Jew presented Bro. Sutton with a splendid marble clock, with a cathedral gong, bearing the following inscription, on a silver plate :—

"Presented by the brethren of Lodge Ebrington, 1847, to Bro. C. P. Sutton, as a mark of esteem on his leaving the neighbourhood. 1888."

Bro. Jew said Bro. Sutton had rendered valuable services to the brethren, being most assiduous as a junior officer; he had often catered for the Lodge in an admirable manner. Bro. Sutton was most genial in manner, and ever ready to assist the W.M. or the Lodge in every way possible. Bro. Sutton suitably replied. Other Masonic toasts were given.

FERRUM LODGE, No. 1848.

THE annual festival was celebrated in the Masonic Hall, Middlesborough, on the 11th inst., when Bro. Henry Cochrane, the W.M. elect, was installed. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett D.P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings and Past Grand Warden of England, in the presence of a very large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and Visiting brethren of neighbouring Lodges. The following Officers were invested :—Bros. Cooper I.P.M., Longbotham S.W., Ward J.W., Dales Chaplain, Winberschladen S.D., Glen J.D., Proudlock I.G., Cochrane Secretary, Cowper Treasurer, Malcolm D.C., Brewster and Jones Stewards, Ingram Tyler. After the investiture, a banquet was held at the Corporation Hall.

HERSCHELL LODGE, No. 1894.

ON Tuesday, the 17th inst., the members of this Lodge held their meeting in their new quarters at the Leopold Institute, Slough, which was recently opened by the Duchess of Albany. The Lodge has now the use of one of the finest rooms in the kingdom, its chief adornment being a portrait of the great astronomer after whom it is named, and which was presented to his grandson, Sir William Herschell. The ceremony was attended by the Rev. R. P. Bent, one of the founders and first Master of the Lodge, and other brethren.

SPENCER LODGE, No. 2197.

A meeting of this Temperance Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man. The business included the initiation of one candidate, the raising of another, and the proposal of two farther candidates. Bro. T. H. Nesbitt W.M. conducted the labours of the Lodge, with his usual ability. Subsequently the brethren partook of an excellent supper, provided by Bro. G. J. Natta, of the Granville Hotel. The W.M. presided. The visitors were in strong force, and a most harmonious evening was spent.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

AN emergency meeting of this flourishing young Lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th instant, at the Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present Brother W. A. Scurrah W.M., W. M. Stiles P.M. Treasurer, A. H. Scurrah Secretary, Thom S.W., Fraser J.W., Lewis S.D., Nottingham J.D., Hearn D.C., Langley I.G., Wheeler Organist, Whiting Tyler, and a goodly number of members and visitors; Bro. Mather being among the former. The visitors were Bros. H. Dickey W.M. 1613, Midgeley 1744, Mayes 179, A. W. Gerrard and Webb 2048. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and after the usual preliminaries the following F.C.'s were entrusted, and they retired :—W. B. and A. M. Parsons, C. H. Watts, and Mansell Powell. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the last named brethren were duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and Bro. F. W. Hearne, J. Hudson, J. H. Dobbs, and T. Eason were passed to the F.C. degree. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. G. H. Stausall, H. Elliott and Williams, and was found unanimous in their favour. All three candidates being present, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently dined together, the W.M. presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were severally honoured, Bro. Mather responding for the Grand Lodge. The acting I.P.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles proposed the toast of the W.M., in very felicitous terms. The name of Bro. W. A. Scurrah was received with enthusiasm, the toast being heartily responded to by the brethren. In reply the W.M. said :—I beg to thank our Bro. Treasurer for the very kind way in which he has proposed the toast of my health, and you, brethren, for the manner in which you have responded to it. Most of you know the difficulties experienced in the foundation of this Lodge. I did think, at one time, that we should not be successful, but as you know the warrant was granted and our Lodge has been formed. We are progressing most favourably, and although our Lodge is only six months old we have around this festive Board 22 members, which bears out the statement I made to the Grand Secretary when I urged upon him the desirability of our forming this Lodge, that there were many thousand inhabitants in Hendon, but it had no Lodge. This seemed to have great weight with the Grand Secretary, and there is no doubt that to that fact we, in a great measure, owe the existence of our Lodge. I feel repaid for all the trouble I have taken by seeing so many worthy

members around me; brethren whom I respect and esteem, and who are without doubt the right men to bring into Freemasonry, men who will uphold me and all Masters who follow me, and support and maintain the dignity of the Lodge. The Initiates were responded to by the newly-made brethren, each expressing the gratification he felt at becoming a member of the Craft, and his admiration of the solemn and beautiful ceremony of initiation. Brothers Dickey, Mayes, Midgeley, Gerrard and Webb responded for the Visitors. In proposing the toast of the Officers, the Worshipful Master spoke in very high terms of Brother Thom, adding that he knew the work thoroughly, and was quite able to take the chair of W.M. when elected to that position. The J.W. Brother Fraser was also well up in his work and took the greatest interest in the Lodge. Although he was detained by pressure of business from attending the meeting in the earlier part of the evening, he, the Worshipful Master, was quite sure that their worthy J.W. was on thorns until he reached the Lodge. The Lodge was fortunate, too, in its Junior Officers; the S.D. was an initiate of his in the Henry Levander Lodge, besides being the son of a very old friend. Both Brother Lewis and Brother Nottingham, their Deacons, knew the work thoroughly well. Brother Langley, their I.G., was coming on in a most efficient manner, and Brother Hearn D.C. had rendered most valuable assistance. Their Organist, Brother Wheeler, was deserving of great praise for the manner in which the musical part of the ceremonies had been performed. The thanks of the Lodge were also due to Bros. Hearn, Dobbs and Hudson for their assistance as a Choir, they had given the brethren much pleasure. The proceedings were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music by several brethren. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, the brethren separating at an early hour.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—At the meeting on Monday last, at Bro. Webb's, Railway Hotel, Putney, there were present Bros. Radcliffe W.M., Round S.W., Grant J.W., Vernon S.D., Spooner J.D., Alexander I.G., Brooks Secretary, and Bro. Verran; P.M.'s Webb, Featherstone, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brooks candidate. Bro. H. J. Verran, of Mount Edgcombe Lodge, No. 1446, was unanimously elected a member. The Lodge was closed in due form until Monday the 30th inst., at 8 p.m.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Meeting held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, E.C., on Thursday, 12th January, at 6:30 p.m. Present Bros. R. Greening (W.M. of the Mother Lodge) W.M., D. Hills S.W., F. W. Potter P.M., J.W., J. L. Barrett S.D., J. K. Pitt J.D., T. Owens I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, W. Paddle P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Ball Secretary; also Past Masters Munday, Berry, Saul, Amsden, Surridge, and Rush, and Bros. Jolliffe, Bromhead, Tuck, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Bromhead acting as candidate, and was completed by instruction in proof of proficiency. Lodge was called off and on, and was then passed to F.C. degree, Bro. Munday taking the chair of K.S., as Installing Master. Bro. Rush was presented as W.M. elect, and the Lodge having been raised, the full ceremony of forming a Board of Installed Masters in ancient form was rehearsed in perfect manner, Bros. Saul and Paddle occupying the Wardens' chairs. The ceremony of installation was worked throughout, with proclamations and addresses, in most able manner by Bro. Munday, the Board of Installed Masters being closed with full ritual. Lodge was then closed down, and Bros. Bromhead and Owens were admitted members. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes in favour of Bro. Munday for his excellent working of the installation ceremony. The Benevolent Association in connection with the Lodge received additional support from joining members, and the Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

On the 19th—Bros. D. Hills W.M., Berry S.W., J. L. Barrett J.W., J. Tattersall S.D., Surridge J.D., Gomme I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, W. Paddle P.M. and Treasurer, J. K. Pitt P.M. Assistant Preceptor, W. J. Ball Hon. Sec., H. Whitehouse, W. Baber P.M., Jolliffe, Eisenmann, Owens, Blichambers P.M., and others. Lodge opened and minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. In the F.C. degree Bro. Eisenmann, as candidate for raising, proved proficiency, and Lodge having opened in M.M. degree the W.M. Bro. Hills ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising, and completed the work by an admirable delivery of the traditional history. Lodge was low red in due form, and Bro. Berry elected as W.M. for ensuing week. A committee was formed for carrying out the preliminary arrangements for a smoking concert, to be given by the Lodge on the last Thursday in February. No further business offering the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Bro. J. Wavell was on Monday formally installed W.M. of the Albany Lodge, No. 151, in succession to Bro. G. R. King. In the evening the customary banquet took place at the Bugle Hotel, Newport, Isle of Wight.

On Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., a Masonic ball was given at the Drill Hall, Peterborough, there being a large assemblage, including the Earl Euston, the G.M. for Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

A concert for the benefit of the poor of Stranraer was held in the new Town Hall on Friday night, the 13th inst., under the patronage of Bro. the Right Honourable the Earl of Stair. The concert was a success, and was followed by a dance, in which the Freemasons and their friends joined.

Bro. Emra Holmes, Provincial Prior of Canada, and Past Grand Provost of England, has resigned his office as Representative of the Great Priory of Canada.

The First Masonic Festival of the Present Year

WILL BE THAT OF THE

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MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION**

FOR

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Grand Patron and President:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT

**FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON,
ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY 1888,**

UPON WHICH OCCASION

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,

R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron, P.G.S.B.

Secretary.

Office:—4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of

The R.M. Benevolent Institution

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

*A. BARFIELD P.M. 35 P.P.J.G.D. Hants and I. of Wight, 22 Great George Street, Westminster.

H. C. DAMANT P.M. 35, Cliff Road, West Cowes.

*T. W. FAULKNER P.M. 35, P.Z. 151, 175, P.P.J.G.W., York House, W. Cowes.

*GILKS P.M. 35, P.P.G. Supt. W., Bridport, Dorset.

R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND P.M. 698, P.Z. 175, P.P.S.G.W., Hare Court, Temple.

MANNERS P.M. 35, Collector of Customs, Falmouth.

*G. A. MURSELL P.M. 35, P.Z. 175, P.P.G.S.D., Gloucester Hotel, West Cowes.

F. NEWMAN P.M. 175, 551, 698, 1884, P.Z. 151, 175, P.P.S.G.W., Ryde.

G. PAGE P.M. and P.Z. 175, P.P.G.J.D., Yelf's Hotel, Ryde.

*ROBERTSON P.M. 35 and 2169, P.G.S., East Cowes, Isle of Wight.

*F. RUTLAND W.M. 35, P.G. Orgt., Ivy House, West Cowes.

*SADLER, M. tre Hotel, Hampton Court.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of

The R.M. Benevolent Institution

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ALICE VASEY,

WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping, 1818-1880, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1851; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

Proxies thankfully received by the following Brethren:—

G. R. LANGLEY W.M. 183, 18 Gowett Road, Peckham Rye.

G. P. BRITEX P.M. and Treas. 183, 11 Friday Street.

G. W. Speth P.M. and Sec. 183, Streatham House, Margate.

Strongly recommended by the following Subscribers:—

Robert Gray, Past Grand Deacon,
Pres. Board of Benevolence.

Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer.

Honour B. Marshall, Past G. Treas.

R. W. Stewart, Past Grand Deacon.

F. Richardson, Past Grand Deacon.

W. Roebuck, Past Grand Swd. Bearer.

Fred. Binckes, Past G. Sworl Bearer.

E. Bowyer, Past Grand St. Bearer.

J. H. Matthews, Past G. St. Bearer.

C. F. Hogard, Past Grand St. Bearer.

C. E. Soppet, Past Grand Steward.

Thomas Cubitt, Past G. Pursuivant.

C. E. Cottebrune, Past G. Pursuivant.

Charles Belton, P.P.G.W. Surrey,

V.-Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes.

W. J. Crutch, P.M. 1278, P.P.G.W.

Herts.

T. C. Eager, P.M. 1395, P.P.G.S.W.

Surrey.

J. Glass, P.M. 453, P.G.S.Wks. Essex.

G. Keating, P.M. 152, P.P.G.W. Midlx.

George Mickle, P.P.G.S.W. Hert.

Bro. George Motion, P.P.G.D. Essex.

T. W. Ockenien, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.D.

Middlesex.

H. W. Roberts, P.M. 1293, P.P.G.W. Midx.

W. A. Scurrell, P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex

F. Adlard, P.M. 7

H. C. Archer, P.M. 183

W. P. Brown, P.M. 90

Thomas Griffith, P.M. 907

N. B. Headon, P.M. 1126

A. T. Hirsch, 133

H. Hooper, J.W. 183

H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1923

David D. Mercer, P.M. 1611

Rev. Richard Morris, LL D., P.M. 1185

G. W. Pinnock, P.M. 183

Thomas Poore, P.M. 720

Stephen Richardson, P.M. 183

F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1124 and 1769

R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144 and 1922

C. W. Todd, P.M. 183

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The Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM DEPUTY G.M.,

Prov. G.M. Lancashire Western Division.

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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall,

Great Queen Street, W.C.

OLD or NEW SUMMONSES — CRAFT or ARCH.

A P.M. and P.Z., now forming a COLLECTION, would be greatly obliged if any brethren would kindly forward him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter Summons.

Address, C. E. FERRY, 55 Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.



ROYAL ARCH.

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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 1st day of February next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

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

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 October 1887 to the 17th January 1888, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chap-				Disbursements during			
ter -	514	11	10	the quarter -	275	19	6
„ Unappropriated				Balance -	608	10	4
Account -	203	10	7	„ Unappropriated			
Subsequent Receipts-	373	2	6	Account -	206	15	1
	£1091	4	11		£1091	4	11

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 Companions William Henry Tulloh as Z., Joseph Monday as H., John Thompson as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Leonard Samaritan Lodge, No. 1654, St. Leonard's North Shore, Sydney, New South Wales, to be called the "Samaritan Chapter of St. Leonard's," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, St. Leonard's, near Sydney, New South Wales.

2nd. From Companions Francis Frederick Giraud as Z., John Matthew Goldfinch as H., Frederick William Underdown as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Harmony, No. 131, Faversham, to be called the "Chapter of Harmony," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Faversham, in the County of Kent.

These Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received a Petition from the Greymouth Chapter, No. 1233, Greymouth, Westland, New Zealand, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original having been burnt in the fire which destroyed all the Lodge and Chapter Property.

The Committee recommend that a Charter of Confirmation be

granted for the above Chapter subject to the receipt of the names of the three present Principals for insertion in the Charter.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th January 1888.

SINCERITY CHAPTER, No. 189.

THE annual convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., in the Sincerity Lodge-room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. Comp. Rae was Z., Comp. Croydon H., and Comp. White J. A candidate having been exalted, the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Comps. White Z., Charles Croydon H., Hawken J., Bayly Treasurer, McCallen S.N., Dunster-ville P.Sej., Haswell 1st A.S., Thomas 2nd A.S., Gidley Janitor. It was mentioned that Comp. Ollis, H. of the Chapter, had died that morning, at his residence, Victoria Place, Stoke, after a short illness. Comp. Rae proposed a vote of condolence with the family of their deceased Companion, who was of a retiring disposition, unobtrusive in character, but respected by all who knew him. Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., seconded, and Comp. Croydon supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously. The funeral of the deceased took place on Friday afternoon.

DEVONSHIRE CHAPTER, No. 594.

THE annual installation ceremony in connection with this Chapter took place on the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. The retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Cangley, opened the Chapter, after which Comp. Houghton performed the ceremony of installing Companions William H. Veevers Z., Pedersen H., and W. Evans J., in a most effective style. The other Officers appointed were Comps. Turner S.E., J. Matthews S.N., Spur P.S., Barnett D.C., and Malcolm Janitor. Comp. Houghton was elected Treasurer, for the sixth time.

Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, No. 19.—This old established Chapter of Instruction meets as heretofore, at the Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, W., under the able Preceptorship of Comp. Cottebrune, on Saturdays, at 8 p.m. On Saturday last the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in an able and instructive manner by the following Companions:—G. Gregory M.E.Z., J. Carter H., J. Docker J., T. C. Edmonds S.N., Dean P.S. Each of these Companions will resume these offices this day (Saturday). This will afford an excellent opportunity for those desirous of studying the ceremony.

MARK MASONRY.

YORK LODGE (T.I.)

ON Tuesday, the 17th instant, Brother F. Smith installed into the chair Bro. John Blenkin, in the presence of a large assemblage of members. Brother Blenkin invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Simpson I.P.M., Dyson S.W., Pickersgill J.W., Lackenby M.O., Lamb S.O., Brown J.O., MacGachen Registrar of Marks, Whytehead Treasurer, Chapman Secretary, Dalton S.D., Shonksmith J.D., Padel D.C., Balmford Organist, Sharp jun. I.G., Pearson Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 50.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Tuesday, the 17th instant, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., presented to the Lodge a Tracing Board of the Mark Degree, the panels bearing the inscription:—

“Presented to Temple Lodge, No. 50, Mark Master Masons, by the Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st Degree, &c., P.M. and Chaplain No. 35 (64 and 75 Hon.) P.P.G.C. of Devon, Past Grand Chaplain of England. 17th January 1888.”

A cordial vote of thanks was returned to Bro. Lemon for his handsome gift.

FEARNLEY LODGE, No. 58.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday evening, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Halifax, when Bro. Charles Greenwood was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably rendered by Bro. Holdsworth, assisted by Bro. Rhodes. The W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Green S.W., Shoebridge J.W., Woods M.O., Hanson S.O., Hodgson J.O., Rhodes Chaplain, Normanton Treasurer, Hollas Registrar, Morris Secretary, Wilson D.C., Mackie I.G., Milligan Steward, Hodson Tyler. The members of the Fearnley Lodge have every reason to be proud of the position they hold in the Province, No. 58 being one of the largest, as well as one of the most influential Lodges in West Yorkshire. After the close of the ceremonial the members and visiting brethren spent a most enjoyable evening.

UNANIMITY, SINCERITY, AND PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

ON Thursday evening, the 19th instant, at a meeting of the brethren of this Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held at their headquarters, the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, Bro. A. Duckett, the retiring S.W. of the Lodge, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. R. C. Elso

P.G.M. Somerset. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Burnett I.P.M., Fry Wade S.W., Dunsford J.W., Rev. C. Winter Chaplain, Laffan M.O., Strawbridge S.O., Floyd Norris J.O., Lucette Treasurer, Saunders Secretary, Kemmis D.C., Board Supt. of Works, Cottam G.D., Tamlyn I.G., Webber Tyler.

JAMAICA.

ROYAL KEYSTONE LODGE No. 240.

THE Brethren of this Lodge of Mark Master Masons held their ninth anniversary installation and festival on the 29th December last, at their Lodge Rooms, in Kingston, Jamaica. The occasion was marked by the presentation of an address and testimonial, in the shape of a large silver cup to Bro. E. X. Leon P.M. the founder of the Lodge. The presentation records the services of Bro. Leon to Mark Masonry in this Province, also the esteem and regard in which he is held by the Brethren. The ceremony of presentation was ably performed by a committee of the Lodge, presided over by Bro. C. L. Campbell P.M. The address was read by Bro. J. M. Simpson as Secretary of the Committee, and to which Bro. Leon made a suitable reply. The next business of the meeting was the installation of the Wor. Master elect. The chair having been vacated to Bro. Leon, the Senior Warden Bro. C. M. Sherlock was presented by the Master of the Lodge and duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. C. L. Campbell assisting in the ceremony. The following form the administration for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. C. M. Sherlock W.M., McL. Kerr I.P.M., A. Tripe S.W., C. T. Burton J.W., A. E. Langley M.O., E. Morand S.O., G. E. Burke J.O., Thos. Briscoe jun. Treasurer, J. M. Simpson Secretary, E. X. Leon R. of M., A. C. Escoffery S.D., A. Hart J.D., J. M. Gordon D.C., F. A. Ritchie I.G., E. M. Monro and W. R. Campbell Stewards, J. Hoyes Tyler. At the close of the business, the brethren, who numbered over 50, including several from sister Lodges, adjourned to the banquet room. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the introduction of music during the ceremonies, the organ being ably presided over by the organist of the Lodge, Bro. J. M. Gordon.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

“UNDER THE BLACK FLAG.”

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My association with the “Craft” has not taken up all my spare time, and, as you know, I am something of a Chess player, and fancy I know something of Chess literature. I therefore send you the enclosed cutting, and leave you to make your own comments.—

“‘Wormald's Chess Openings’ is out of print; Mr. Lipschutz (of America) is now engaged upon a new edition.”—Extracted from “Answers to Correspondents” in Wakefield paper.

Yours faithfully,

ONE WHO HAS PASSED THE CHAIR.

[We thank our correspondent; it is an old saying that if you want to know anything of a personal character, in reference to your business, you must seek “abroad” for the information. Wormald's “Chess Openings” is not out of print, and “Mr. Lipschutz (of America)” can have two or three hundred copies from us at something like half the cost he would be called upon to provide for reprinting the work. Our experience, unfortunately, has shown that “Chess” books, like “Masonic” ones, very seldom pay; but, then, “they do these things better” on the other side.—Ed. F.C.]

A Masonic charity concert was held in Crowle Market Hall on the night of the 12th inst., and was in every sense of the word a success. The Isle of Axholme Lodge, under whose auspices the concert was held, were foremost in providing musical entertainments of very superior quality, and there is no wonder that the inhabitants of the district should look forward to this treat with an amount of interest and pleasure every year. The performances of all the artistes were greeted with enthusiasm, and encores were the order of the evening.

The annual invitation ball held under the auspices of the Wellington Lodge, No. 1966, came off at the Town Hall, Wellington, Somerset, on Tuesday evening the 17th inst. The dancing was kept up with spirit until half past five o'clock on Wednesday.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.—Continued.

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LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

THE 120th anniversary and installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday the 18th inst., at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham Street, City. In the unavoidable absence, through ill-health, of Bro. Charles Blain W.M., the gavel was assumed by Bro. C. H. Webb P.M. and Secretary, who was ably supported by members and visitors. After the usual formalities had been observed in regard to opening, Lodge was advanced to the third, and Bros. Norman and Kisskalt were raised to the sublime degree. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and then followed the installation of Bro. Dr. William Wiles, the J.W. of the past year. The following were appointed as the new Officers:—Higgs S.W., Richardson J.W., Lacey P.M. Treasurer, Webb P.M. Secretary, Magee S.D., Jay J.D., Taynton I.G., Starnes D.C., Grout Organist, and Miller Steward. The address to the Worshipful Master was given by Bro. A. H. Brown P.M.; that to the Wardens by Bro. John Newton P.M., and that to the Lodge generally by Bro. C. H. Webb P.M. The next business on the agenda was the consideration of a notice of motion by the Secretary: "To add to bye-law No. 18.—'Income derived from Invested Funds, shall be paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in sums of ten guineas, when that amount shall have been received.'" Bro. Webb explained that his motive for making this proposition was to do as much good as possible with their funds. He did not propose to touch the principal, but only the income derived from their investments. He did not approve of storing up too much money in their Lodge as there was the risk of its becoming an inducement for conduct which might be considered by some as not quite consistent with their teachings. The proposition, on being seconded, was agreed to nem con. The name of one candidate for initiation was handed in, and matters of detail having been disposed of the Lodge was closed. During the meeting a letter was referred to which had been received from Bro. P.M. Jones, who was also absent through ill health, in which he had enclosed a cheque for five guineas for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Charles Lacey, who will represent the Lodge at the coming Festival. The Past Masters present were Bros. C. H. Webb Secretary, C. Lacey Treasurer, F. J. W. Dellow, E. J. Moore, G. T. H. Seddon, A. H. Brown, John Balmer, W. E. Barlow; while among the visitors were W. Smith 228, E. H. Dines 1793, H. F. Bromhead 1662, W. Jones 1684, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, Samuel Knott 177, J. D. Gray 55, A. G. Pritchard Organist 9, W. Sexton Organist 1321, H. Prenton 1319, John Pracy 1662. The installation banquet followed, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured. In proposing the Queen, the Worshipful Master said the past year had been essentially an eventful one with Her Majesty; she had necessarily had to undergo intense fatigue, happily, however, she had come through the ordeal triumphantly, and all her subjects now wished her a continuance of health and prosperity. In speaking of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Worshipful Master referred to the deep interest the Prince took in Freemasonry generally. Whenever his state and other duties warranted it, he was ready to do all he could for the Craft. Bro. Dellow proposed the health of the Master, who acknowledged the compliment paid him. He should do his best to discharge the duties of the chair, and hoped the members would never regret the trust they had reposed in him. The Past Masters, the Masonic Institutions, the Visitors and the Officers were severally honoured ere the Tyler's toast was given, and during the speeches made in proposing and acknowledging these sentiments various items of interest were mentioned which added not a little to the enjoyment experienced by the company. With the toast of the Masonic Institutions was associated the name of Bro. Charles Lacey, who particularised the vast amount of good each of the three Institutions was doing, and the claims each had on the Craft in order to maintain them in their present state of efficiency. Bro. Lacey said it was gratifying to know that, although the Lodge had exercised itself liberally, inasmuch as it had voted fifty guineas last year to the Benevolent Institution, it still desired to continue its support. He had undertaken the duties of Steward for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and felt he might rely on the co-operation of the members to enable him to take up a goodly amount. Bro. W. W. Morgan, responding for the Visitors, thanked the Worshipful Master for the hearty reception he had given the Visiting Brethren. Personally, he had had frequent opportunities of enjoying the hospitality so liberally tendered by the members of the Sincerity Lodge. He usually looked forward to meeting Bro. Terry at their annual gathering, and in his absence that day he felt inclined to supplement the remarks of Bro. Charles Lacey in reference to the Institutions. Allusion had been made to the support which the journal he had the honour of being associated with was ever ready to give to advance the best interests of Freemasonry. The Sincerity Lodge, he thought he was correct in saying, for the past twenty-five years had not omitted to send up a Steward to the annual Festival of the Benevolent Institution. It was a matter of deep regret that there were so many applicants for so few vacancies, but this was a matter that required serious consideration. Unfortunately, there were too many brethren about who showed just sufficient energy to get a candidate's name on the list, and then thought they had accomplished all that was necessary. He saw around brethren who knew how grievous was this mistake. Bros. Past Masters Newton, Lacey and Webb, in addition to many others around, would agree with him when he said that was where the actual pinch occurred. The labour really commenced after the candidate was approved and accepted. If this was more fully borne in mind the pitiful tales of hope deferred would not be so frequently heard, and possibly the lists of candidates would not be so heavy. It was gratifying to him to hear that Bro. Charles Lacey's list had

already reached a three figure total, he hoped it might continue to increase. An interesting programme of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. Henry Prenton, the rising basso, who was in excellent voice, and did justice to the several songs entrusted to him. He was supported by Bros. Sexton and Pritchard, the latter contributing some very amusing items to the programme.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and was of the usual interesting character. Bro. Abel Simner was the retiring Master, and was the recipient of most gratifying testimonials from his fellow members, in recognition of his services during the past year. Bro. H. J. Chapman was installed as Worshipful Master, and in the course of the meeting he presented to Bro. Simner the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. A. Simner P.M., by the Domatic Lodge (177), as a mark of respect and recognition of the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of Worshipful Master during the Jubilee year of H.M. Queen Victoria. 1887."

Bro. Ferguson P.M. also made a presentation, on behalf of the Officers of the Lodge, who had had a most pleasing portrait of Bro. Simner beautifully executed in crayon for the occasion. The portrait was handsomely framed, and was inscribed as follows:—

"Presented by the Officers of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, to Brother Abel Simner W.M., as a mark of their respect and esteem for his invariable courtesy, and in appreciation of the manner in which he has maintained the prestige and best interests of the Lodge, as its 101st Master, during the eventful year of Her Majesty's Jubilee, 1887-88."

The customary banquet followed, among the company present being several Visitors.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Cannon Street Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Solomon Jacobs W.M., who was supported by the following Past Masters A. M. Cohen (Treasurer), C. F. Hogard (Secretary), A. Bassington, A. J. Henochsberg, H. M. Harris, E. H. Norden, I. P. Cohen, S. M. Harris, M. J. Emmanuel, J. A. Gartley, H. J. Phillips, L. Norden, J. Da Silva, S. Landon, W. Littaur. The Agenda for the meeting comprised the confirmation of the Minutes of the last regular Lodge, of a Lodge of Emergency, and of the Audit Committee of the Lodge. These were regularly approved of. The report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge was also received. Bro. Robert J. Paton was then presented as Wor. Master elect, and duly received the benefits of installation at the hands of his predecessor in the chair. Subsequently he appointed the following as the Officers of the Lodge for the year:—Bros. J. Bueno de Mesquita S.W., Marcus Bromet J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. P.G.Std.Br. Secretary, Schmerl S.D., Lichtenfeld J.D., Da Silva P.M. Dir. of Cers., Harris Assist. Dir. of Cers., Dancyger I.G., Ehreuberg and Bash Stewards, Morley Tyler. The ceremony was then completed, after which the Worshipful Master presented to his predecessor, Bro. Solomon Jacobs, the Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the Lodge, also a P.M.'s collar and jewel which had been subscribed for by the Officers of the past year, in testimony of the pleasant and happy term spent under his rule. Both gifts were briefly acknowledged, and the Lodge was closed, matters of routine business having first been disposed of. The brethren then repaired to banquet. On rising to propose the toasts the W.M. said it was needless to say anything about the Queen, the good feeling exhibited during the last year towards Her Majesty was an assurance of hearty sympathy between the people and herself. In speaking of the M.W. the Grand Master the W.M. said, all who were present at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 13th June, when the vote of congratulation to Her Majesty on her completing the 50th year of her reign was passed, must have appreciated the good feeling that existed between the Craft and the Grand Master. The next toast was the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the Grand Officers Present and Past; the brethren were aware of the deep interest taken by the Officers in the welfare of the Craft. He was sure the interest they took in the Craft was not only known to the brethren in London, but to the brethren throughout the length and breadth of the land. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. R. Eve and Gould; the latter he might characterise as the greatest historian of Freemasonry. Bro. Eve said, that as one of the brethren expressing their pleasure at being present, he was pleased to find that the Lodge of Israel was not only a numerous but a strong one. It combined in its members men of different faiths, and of various modes of thought and action. It was a Lodge of a cosmopolitan character, and embodied various nationalities. But they took their seats together, and were united in peace and comfort. In his position he had only to speak of the present. Bro. Gould, as Masonic historian, represented the past. If he spoke fully in reference to the present state of things he should take up too much time, but he might say the Craft was never in better order than now, and England never had a better Grand Master than the Prince of Wales, or a better body of Grand Officers. The Order had done a great deal of good, and was extending its benign and beneficial influence over all classes. It was capable of even a greater amount of good, and it was gratifying to find that the London Masons were doing something for the poor. It was a great satisfaction to him to see that of the £500 voted by Grand Lodge to the distressed of the metropolis, the Grand Master had sent round cheques for the poor boxes of the Police Courts. This showed that the Freemasons were not selfish, but considered those outside their ranks. He believed Masonry was doing much good outside the Order, but he thought it

might do more. Bro. R. F. Gould said he had been spoken of in connection with Masonic Literature; he could assure the brethren there was no subject which he could approach with greater veneration or respect. The subject was one that had been very little studied in times past, and so much was that the case that those who took it in hand now were those who, it was thought, had nothing else to do, and brought to the task a certain amount of genuine but misapplied enthusiasm. Until the present generation the very sight of a Masonic book was enough to sicken any student of Masonry. The movement which resulted in the work alluded to by the W.M., was commenced by brethren of the present generation. He need not mention them, but there were present that night some who had made a mark and done a great deal towards impressing the subject on the popular imagination. Of these Brother Binckes might be described as one of the foremost. Thirty years ago he was known as an enthusiastic Masonic student; he expressed himself in Masonic Journals of that time, and imbued him (Brother Gould) with a desire to follow his steps in Masonic research. If Brother Binckes had followed up his researches he might have been the brightest ornament of their body. He had the pleasure of seeing others present who had done a good deal for Masonic research and Masonic literature. Bro. Massey had done much in placing before the world matters that interested it in Masonry, that but for him would have been passed by altogether. Another worker in the same field was Bro. Morgan, who he was especially gratified at seeing present. For himself he had nothing to say, he did not wish to be as prolix as his volumes. But it was very kind of the brethren to recognise his services with regard to Masonic literature. Without Masonic literature, without an honest record of what was done, without an honest criticism of what was passing in the Masonic World, Masonry and the Masonic Institutions would be in a very poor way. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Wor. Master, said many of the brethren would be pleased to see him (Bro. Jacobs) rise once more, but they might not be pleased if he rose for himself. When, however, he said he rose for the W.M., he was sure they would be satisfied. It was a great pleasure indeed for him, so young a Past Master, to have the gratification of proposing the health of Bro. Paton. They were both young, but he could assure the brethren that he would endeavour to rank with the old P.M.'s of the Lodge of Israel, and he felt sure when his year of office had expired it would be said that the W.M. had fulfilled the duties of the chair in a manner that was satisfactory to all the brethren who had voted him to it. Since Bro. Paton's election he had volunteered to represent the Lodge as a Steward for one of the Charities, and that showed that he really had Masonry at heart. When the time came round for Bro. Paton to take his seat among the P.M.'s, no brother would regret the confidence they had placed in him. The Worshipful Master thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind way in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the hearty way in which they had responded. He should endeavour to do throughout his year of office everything for their interest. When he joined the Lodge it was his intention, if possible, to become its W.M. That day had arrived, and he should try to leave the chair with a certain amount of lustre, and he hoped no discredit. In giving the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said the Lodge of Israel was always pleased to see Visitors. The more there were the merrier; that night they had a large number. As it was impossible to read out the whole of the names, he would satisfy himself by giving all a hearty welcome, and call on Bros. Harry Tipper and Rev. Dr. Maguire to respond. After suitable responses had been made, the Installing Master Bro. Solomon Jacobs was complimented; a better Master it would be impossible to have had. Their late Master had been excelsior in all he had undertaken. He (the W.M.) trusted that now Bro. Jacobs had arrived at the position of P.M. he would for many years come among the brethren, and look after the Master in the chair. Bro. Jacobs said he wished to dispel any allusion the W.M. might have as to any lack of support during his year of office. He should be happy to render him any assistance; he was sure, however, it would not be needed. With respect to his rendering of the ceremony, Bros. Gartley and H. Phillips had taught him, for he had felt it was necessary to learn in order properly to complete his term of office. It was a difficult task, but he was happy to say he had accomplished it. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Sword Bearer, replied to the toast of the Masonic Charities. The present year was one of crucial anxiety; the Girls' School Centenary gave that Institution a claim upon the support of the brethren. He had no wish to interfere with it, for on the Committee of that Institution he first served; but he must claim assistance for the other Institutions. Subscriptions amounting to seven guineas were then announced as having been made to the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund, and Bro. I. Cohen (Treasurer) urged the members to further support it. Several other toasts were given. During the intervals a selection of music was performed, under the direction of Brother A. Cranch, who was assisted by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss White, Miss Annie Wilson, R.A.M., Mr. Henry Ganney, and Bro. T. White. Visitors—Brothers W. Lestocq W.M. 1319, John L. Mutaer P.A.G.D.C., C. A. Grammer P.M. 27, F. Wallman S.D. 27, F. Hill S.W. 1563, F. Burgess S.D. 29, H. Bromet 1155, A. R. Cranch P.M. 1216, J. H. Tipper W.M. 185, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., E. E. Peacock A.D.C. 1923, J. D. Collins 193, W. Tomson 1524, J. R. Morford 569, Elgar Bowyer Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, A. Myers Secretary 185, D. M. Davis I.P.M. 1017, W. Maple P.M. 657, M. Cohen P.M. 185, L. Lyons 305, J. Beadon J.D. 1772, W. Towey (Denver 5), J. Hart 195, H. Friedlander 1446, W. Burridge I.G. 1922, G. M. Lion W.M. 188, J. Smith J.W. 933, W. J. Mason J.D. 1328, J. Chapman P.M. 194, J. H. Israel, R. Maguire Chaplain 1964, C. Hunt P.M. 194, J. Tayler 91, J. Manger W.M. 1017, E. Levy 1766, H. Cohen J.W. 1658, C. E. Soppet P.G.S., Edward Terry P.M. 29, I. Israel P.M. 188, A. M. Walker I.G. 1772, W. Hopekirk A.G.P., B. Nicholson 1766, J. Start W.S. Perseverance, C. S. Danks 188, J. Davis, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, R. F. Gould P.G. Deacon, H. Clitham 1017, J. Williams 15, R. J. Harvey 197, R. Eva Grand Treasurer, Fred. Binckes P.G.S., J. Badkin, H. Massey P.M. 1928, &c. &c.

A ball in aid of the Masonic Charities was held at the Drill Hall, Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., and proved a great success. About 250 were present, and the beautiful dresses of the ladies, the Masonic decorations of the gentlemen, together with the brilliancy of the adornments of the hall, made up an *ensemble* which was grand in the extreme.

The annual Masonic ball at St. Leonards took place at the Royal Concert Hall, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, under very favourable circumstances. The affair, which was inaugurated some few years ago, has increased in popularity, the company this year numbering about 200.

On Wednesday, the 18th instant, the annual ball of the Penge Lodge, No. 1815, was held at the Vestry Hall, Anerley. The company numbered about 130, the members of the Order being in regalia.

The brethren of the Castleberg Lodge, No. 2091, gave their first annual ball in the Assembly Rooms of the Ashfield Hotel, Settle, on Friday evening, the 20th instant. The guests were received on their arrival by Bro. Procter, the Worshipful Master, and Mrs. Procter. Bros. Atkinson, Brayshaws and Towler acted as M.C.'s

On Tuesday, 24th inst., an operatic concert in aid of the Cheshire Masonic Charities was given in the Town Hall, Birkenhead, by Mr. Josef Cantor's "Gems of the Opera" Company. The programme was an interesting one, and the concert a great success.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Vaudeville.—The improbable comedy, "Fascination," by Miss Harriet Jay and Mr. Robert Buchanan, was put into the evening bill at the above theatre on the 19th instant. This piece was produced at the Novelty some little time back, and we may say that it is rightly described as "improbable," some of the situations being decidedly so. The play itself in some parts is very good, but in others feeble, and taken altogether is a most peculiar work, as there seems a sort of "air of mystery" about it which cannot be explained. The different situations are well conceived and capitally depicted, while the acting, taken all round, is first class. Miss Harriet Jay, as Lady Madge Slashton, has decidedly improved since the first production, and may be congratulated on her performance. Miss Vane, as Mrs. Delamere, the adventuress, is certainly one of the best characters in the piece. This lady acts with all the force the character warrants, and scores an undoubted success. Mr. Thomas Thorne, as Rev. Mr. Colley, plays in his own inimitable style, which admirably suits the part. Mr. H. B. Conway, as Lord Islay, seemed a little undecided, while Mr. Royce Carlton is not up to his usual form as Count de Lagrange. Mr. Fred Thorne's Duke of Hurlingham was amusing, while Mr. Scott Buist, as Lord Jack Slashton, acted in a manly and straightforward manner. The piece is exceedingly well mounted, and we should not be surprised to see "Fascination" remain in the bill for some time to come. The other characters were represented by Mrs. Cannings, the Misses Bannister, Gertrude Warden, Grace Arnold, Messrs. F. Grove, J. Wheatman, and Frank Gilmore.

The fiftieth night of "The Woman Hater" was celebrated at Terry's Theatre last Tuesday. This piece, which has been judiciously cut since the first night, now goes merrily along, causing roars of laughter throughout. Mr. E. Righton is now in the cast, and as Mr. Dobbins is amusing. The farce is preceded by a comical operetta, entitled "A Shower of Blacks."

We are sorry to have to announce that Bro. George Conquest has met with another accident. At the Surrey Theatre, while impersonating the character of the Old Man of the Sea, Bro. Conquest had the misfortune to break a bone. Some say he has now few bones that have not been broken. Bro. Charles Cruikshanks comes to the fore, and is appearing nightly on Bro. Conquest's behalf.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1679—Henry Mugeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

MONDAY, 30th JANUARY.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 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)
 1745—Farrington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 31st JANUARY.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 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.)
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 654—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)
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 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)
 1416—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (In)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—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.)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
 673—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1358—Terba, Town Hall, Paignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1639—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hunsley

WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 72—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)

- 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Starhouse Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edvard, Mace Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Ux. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1631—Londesborough, Bercelev Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union 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)
 R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 30 Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Danton
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farworth, near Bolton
 750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Clockheaton
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
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 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 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, Porton Bath
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
 R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barton-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

- 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)
 114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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)
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1153—Southern Star, Pleasant Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Be and Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc.)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1351—St. Clement Daues, 265 Strand
 1351—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1404—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C. (Inst.)
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1551—St. Ann's, Pleasant Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Cannon-street (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Freedgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Box, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1672—Morningson, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (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
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thoroton Hotel
 1791—Creaton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, St. Pancras Bldg. (Inst.)
 1850—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

- 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)
 M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, 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
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 508—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimst y
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Boote, Town Hall, Boote, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padstow, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
 2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic 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. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
 R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
 R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
 R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 758—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Rauncora, Cheshire
 M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8. 30
 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, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, Victoria 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)
 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kenning on. (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
 1815—Fenge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
 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
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 680—Seiton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 708—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 898—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
 1090—Lora Warran, Wellington Hall, Warran
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastnorpe, Mirfield
 333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Athelstone, Warwick.
 387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-on-Medley
 93—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)

- 1528—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, Silem-street, Bealbed.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
 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, 4th FEBRUARY.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 9 (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)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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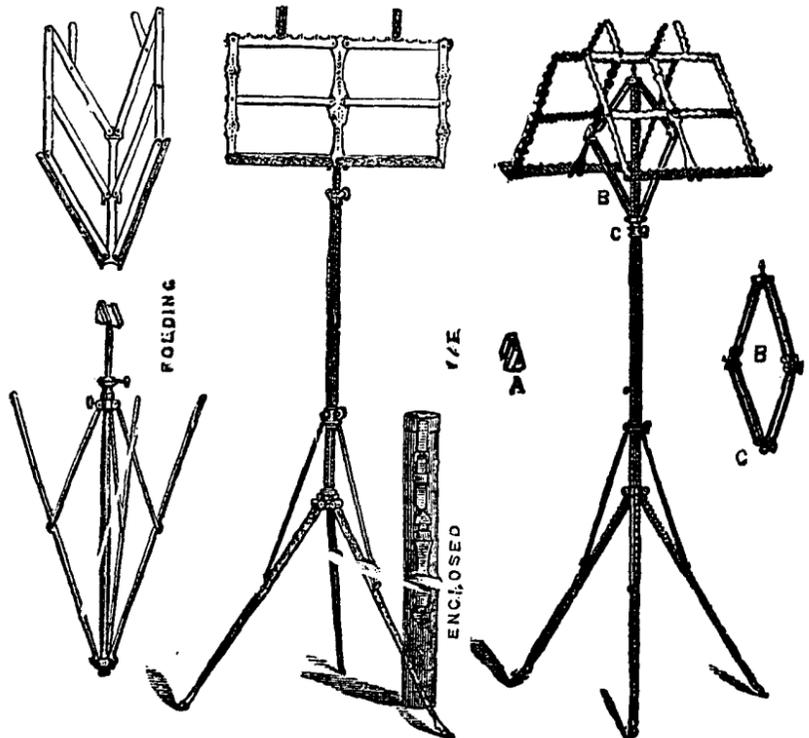
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