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REFRESHMENT AFTER LABOUR.

IT is not necessary for our present purpose that we should inquire whether or no Freemasonry existed as a speculative science prior to the date generally ascribed to the formation of the first Grand Lodge in London, it is sufficient for us to know that long before the commencement of last century it was a recognised custom to associate a feast or other entertainment with almost every ceremony or general assembly which took place, and it is but reasonable to expect that Freemasonry should prove no exception to the rule. If, as some writers aver, Freemasonry, with all its signs, ceremonies, degrees and symbols, is but the invention of a coterie of jovial spirits, living something less than two hundred years ago, we think they are entitled to great praise for their work, and no small amount of credit for having associated in such a pleasing manner, as has been done, the idea of refreshment following labour, a reward to sweeten the exertions of the faithful workman. However this may be, it is certain that at the present day the refreshment of the Craft plays almost as important a part—particularly in the eyes of the outside world—as its labours, while there are some who go so far as to assert that feasting and enjoyment are really the heart and soul of Freemasonry, a condemnation of far too sweeping a character, as a very brief consideration of the facts of the case will speedily prove. Here in London alone, for instance, we have three Charitable Institutions connected with the Craft, performing work which proves there is much more in Freemasonry than mere eating and drinking, without taking into consideration the many Provincial Funds of a somewhat similar character, or the Lodge or personal expenditure made in the name of Freemasonry, with the hope of alleviating some of the trouble and distress which human flesh is heir to. But it is not our present intention even to attempt any defence or otherwise of the Masonic system of enjoying refreshment after labour, we are content to take things in this respect as we find them, and shall endeavour to review the Masonic entertainment in its varied aspects, recognising it as a well established institution.

Those within the mystic circle of Freemasonry who have had opportunities of visiting Lodges, and especially Lodges meeting in other towns than their own, will agree with us there is little of "Uniformity of Working" when it comes to what is generally known as the fourth degree of Craft Masonry. If they have had wide experience they will have realised the pleasure of sitting down to the most elaborate banquet which art can devise—a fitting termination to the ceremony of installation, and they will have also enjoyed the feast of reason and flow of soul inseparable from a truly Masonic company, assembled for an hour or two's relaxation, and partaking of a glass of grog, with an occasional whiff

from a favourite pipe. It does not require much experience to learn that enjoyment is not always proportionate to the grandeur of the entertainment provided, as the most pleasing experiences are sometimes those associated with a modest, rather than an extravagant repast. When brethren have to rely on their own exertions, more than on the good things of this world, for their amusement or enjoyment, they are likely to devote their attention more zealously to ensure it than is the case when their efforts are backed by those of art and nature, with an outcome generally pleasing and satisfactory. In the one case there is a certain amount of restraint put upon their actions—formality will perhaps best express our meaning, while in the other a corresponding sense of freedom appears to exist, with results it is easy to imagine. From these remarks it must not be thought we are opposed to any of the varied forms of recreation which prevail in connection with Masonic Lodges, or that we are prejudiced to any particular system. As we have already said, we are content to take things as we find them, and are convinced that the most Masonic course for others to adopt is for each and all to enjoy themselves as they or the members of their respective Lodges may think best, especially as by so doing they will ensure a continuance of that variety which makes such charming diversion in the enjoyment of the Craft. We have had a wide experience in these matters; we have feasted with the rulers of the Craft, dined with the best of subordinates, supped with the members of quiet country Lodges, and pledged our toasts in the less exhilarating beverages of the "Temperance Lodges," enjoying ourselves in every case, because we have always acted on the principle of the Vicar of Bray—whatsoever King reigns, we should support him. We have indeed experienced such enjoyment as, we venture to say, is unknown outside the portals of the mystic tie, and we know that similar enjoyment must have fallen to the lot of all who have approached the subject with similar feelings to our own, and with the same desire of being happy and communicating happiness.

If we search the earlier records of the Craft, or form an opinion from the actual forms and ceremonies of the Order, we must come to the conclusion that in days gone by the labour and refreshment of Freemasonry were more intimately associated with each other than is customary at the present day, when, in the majority of instances, Lodges are finally closed before the brethren sit down to refreshment, and it is somewhat of a novelty to be present when a Lodge is called off, and the column of the Junior Warden stands erect during the repast and subsequent proceedings. We do not know that the change which has taken place in this respect is of any material importance, as it is generally recognised that the refreshment which follows labour is as much Masonic, though the Lodge has been properly closed, as it

would be with all the emblems of the Craft spread upon the table, and the closing charge of the Past Master deferred until the actual parting. Strictly speaking, however, there is a doubt whether the members of a Lodge are bound by the same rules at a social meeting after a Lodge is closed as would be in force were they to call off, and assemble under the direction of the Officer of the South, and as we once had the misfortune to hear the question argued in anything but a Masonic spirit we feel a brief consideration of the matter may not be out of place on this occasion.

We have already said it is generally recognised that the refreshment which follows labour is Masonic, whether the Lodge has been closed or not, and such a view could be enforced by the laws of Freemasonry, should it unfortunately happen that a decision were necessary, on the ground that the gathering was a recognised portion of the Lodge proceedings, sanctioned if not by the actual edict of the Grand Master, at least by the established customs and usages of the Craft. Under such circumstances, then, it behoves every brother to bear in mind the dictum of the Worshipful Master is as much law at the festive board as it is within the Lodge, and his ruling should be as respected in the one place as in the other. Even if we set aside the recognised laws of civilised society, which give a certain amount of authority to an elected Chairman, it would be absurd to argue that a Worshipful Master has no power over a banquet or refreshment table, simply because the Lodge had been previously closed, while to argue that any brother present has a perfect right to do just as he pleases would be equally inconsistent with the teachings of the Craft, or the common dictates of decency. Happily the instances are rare where any difficulties arise on this point, but where such unfortunately occur it may be well to consider the question from the point of view herein set out.

TRUE MEN WANTED.

AN ORATION BY COMP. LUCIEN C. BLANCHARD, AT A PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA, AT OSKALOOSA, 5TH OCTOBER 1887.

MASONRY is a plant of slow and steady growth. Its origin lies behind many centuries. But in the brief remarks of the evening no attempt will be made to trace its origin and history. The researches of the antiquarian have thrown much light upon these questions, and the mysteries which still envelop them will remain, perhaps for ever.

The grand old Order is here, with its perfections and its imperfections. The paths it has travelled, the vicissitudes it has encountered on its stately journey hither, concern us less at the present time than the questions of its aims, purposes, and condition. Mindful of the lesson that our zeal for the Order should never lead us into heated arguments in its defence, we heed the injunction the more cheerfully because none is required. Nevertheless here is an institution recognised by the public laws of the State, its votaries are found in almost every community, yet its meetings are held with closed doors; its membership is confined to one sex, and a large majority of even these are turned away without admission. Argument, therefore, would seem unnecessary to show that society, the community which shelters and protects us in our civil rights of persons and property, has a right to know, if these are in doubt, at least the general purposes of the Order. Is it—what some sedate, superstitious people imagine—an organisation of secret plotters, of midnight conspirators, bound some how by terrible oaths to secrecy and the defence of each other in wrongful deeds? If so its charters may well be surrendered, and quickly, and its doors closed for ever. Nay, more, we are ready to concede that if it is productive of more of evil than of good, if its tendency is not to make its votaries wiser or better, it ought to perish from the earth.

More than four hundred years ago that profound thinker, Machiavelli, laid it down as an axiom, that human nature is the same throughout the ages. If this be true, we may understand the impulses, motives, and desires of our ancient brethren, when, centuries ago, they laid the foundations of the Order which we venerate to-day by an observance of the injunction, "study to know thyself." For it is doubtless true that the motives which actuate the sincere and enlightened Mason of to-day were as firmly implanted in the benevolent hearts of the Faithful workmen who built King Solomon's temple. Let us for a brief moment calmly survey this mysterious temple from within and without, with such fairness as may be reasonably expected from one who readily concedes that his zeal for an Order from which he believes he has derived much of benefit may carry him beyond that judicial impartiality which would be required of those who have never approached its sacred altars, and especially by those zealous reformers whose especial mission on earth is to expose and destroy secret societies. An inside view of this lofty temple for nearly a quarter of a century will, perhaps, enable us to dispel some popular illusions, as well as to offer a few suggestions to those who have entered its sacred portals.

From those who have viewed the Institution from afar, and know nothing of its inside structure, we may expect harsh, and often unjust criticisms. Individuals are prone to criticise what they cannot understand. The uneducated can see no necessity for education, and the non-classical scholar is quite sure there is no virtue in Greek and Latin. So those who have knocked at the outer doors of the temple and failed to gain admission sometimes pass gloomily away, murmuring: "There was a door to which I found no key. There was a veil through which I could not see." And nursing despair, and often revenge, express vigorous opinions not quite in harmony with those contained in their petition for admission.

It is quite true that hospitality to strangers is a conspicuous merit of the Order, while it is equally true that arrogance and bigotry are sometimes born of seclusion. While I attempt no defence of secret societies, I here take the liberty, at the risk of being disciplined, to divulge a secret—an important one—that Masonry is not, in a proper sense, a secret society. Its general aims and purposes are as well known as are those of the orthodox churches. True, its methods are its own, but these are merely aids to accomplish well-known results—to make its votaries wiser, better, and consequently happier. The picket guarding the outposts of the army has a secret, a countersign, and he who attempts to pass the lines without this secret does so at the peril of his life. Is an army a secret society because secret methods are used? To accomplish objects which all must concede are praiseworthy, secret methods are justifiable, and only justifiable because more efficient. These produce harmony, union and strength. An organised army is more efficient than a mob. Individual efforts accomplish little, from lack of opportunity, system and power.

The suspicion born of ignorance, envy born of malice, may conjure up all conceivable forms of iniquity and charge them to the doors of Masonry, still it falters not in its noble work. We know that it often lifts the poor from the hardships with which an inconstant fortune has burdened them; that it softens the rigours of adversity; ministers daily to the sick and dying, and not unfrequently feeds the hungry and clothes the naked. Often, too, yet not so frequently, I fear, as its obligations require, it cares for the widow and the fatherless.

That bad men sometimes gain admission must be conceded, while many good men are not Masons. But even those who are not always true to their vows are often restrained and reformed by other influences than the fear of law. As the rough ashlar is transformed by the skilful hand of labour from a shapeless mass of granite to the polished stone which becomes the head of the corner, so many a rough ashlar who has found his way into the temple has been chiselled and moulded by the implements of Speculative Masonry until a wayward career has been checked and turned into habits of industry and usefulness.

When we study the character of many of those who have made war on Masonry, we are almost ready to say that we love Masonry for the enemies it has made. These zealous reformers have even organised a secret society whose purpose it is to destroy secret societies. Some have even abandoned useful callings to carry on a crusade against the Order; but the sun and moon have kept their courses,

generations have come and gone, and Masonry still lives to continue its errand of mercy, while each recurring year finds its numbers largely augmented. Its columns were never more compact and united, and its beneficent influences were never more widely recognised than at the present time.

Intelligent people are slow to believe that an Order which has embraced such men as Washington, Garfield, and many of our prominent statesmen and eminent divines, can be the closely-knit band of conspirators which certain self-styled reformers have painted them.

With people blinded by bigotry and fanaticism we cannot argue. Proof cannot demonstrate. Disbelief in any good in Masonry is a special habit with them. The logic of events teaches them to reject accepted truths and to accept improbable ones. Reason never convinces such people. Argument with them is a lever without a fulcrum. Try to snow-ball the man in the moon, to level the Rocky Mountains, to chain the Mississippi in its onward course to the sea, but never try to reason with fanatics—better spend your time counting the stars of heaven or the sands of earth. Morbid curiosity excites a suspicion in such people which they accept as proof. Unused to the habits of industry or benevolence, they judge other natures by their own. Such people consume, but do not create; like bears on the market, they pull down but never lift up. They prefer to be vandals, rather than architects.

Were our doors thrown open to such people, no good could be accomplished. Such a current would corrupt the whole stream, as the dark-blue waters of the river Rhine are discoloured and polluted by the muddy Arve. That evil communications corrupt good manners is no less a truism than that he who associates with the vicious and low descends to their level. No society can be prosperous which does not select its own members with a regard to their qualifications and fitness. To admit all persons to a society merely because it is useful would be what lawyers call *felo de se*—self-destruction. Such a society would be without cohesion; with no fraternal ties, no bond of union, no power of strength. A society will be judged by the character of its members, and it must itself determine who these shall be.

Brethren, let us look within the temple and see if there is not room for improvement. Perfection for the Order cannot be claimed; this is seldom attained in this world. Our veneration for this ancient society may well inspire us, under the favourable auspices which surround us, to resolve anew that by no act of ours shall its high standard be lowered. We shall not shoot higher than we aim, for the missile never gravitates upwards. We are not to relax our hold upon the ancient landmarks; and strict observance of the principles of the Order will elevate the membership and indirectly benefit the community in which we live. A mere repetition of forms and ceremonies will accomplish little. The benevolent, fraternal, and charitable objects are to be kept constantly in view. The Book of Books—the rule and guide of our faith—a constant companion, will inspire us to better deeds. Remembering that he who performs a noble deed is himself ennobled; a blessing conferred is a blessing to him who confers it. Numbers do not necessarily add strength, and unsound material weakens rather than strengthens. The black-ball is a useful implement, and unworthy material should be rejected and thrown in the rubbish. Ignorance and vice have no place in the temple. No person should be allowed admittance who has not the capacity, the intelligence and moral worth to profit by the noble lessons he shall receive. A Lodge which has time only to discipline its members will accomplish but little. Harmony and unity are not best attained by an unseemly scramble for office. The best results can be accomplished by adhering to the established principles and pursuing the well-defined paths of our ancient brethren. Trained and skilled minds are needed to direct us—men of moral worth who understand the lessons of history, who imbibe the spirit of the noble lessons taught, and who have the courage of manly convictions; men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; men who profess opinions and a will; men who have honour and will not lie; men who can stand before a demagogue and scorn his treacheries and flatteries without winking; tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog in public duty and in private thinking.

As truth is eternal, so the mutations of the centuries may not eradicate the principles upon which this fair fabric

is erected. An enlightened membership must keep pace with advancing civilisation. Ceremonies and ritualistic work may not change, but permanent and useful results are best attained through intelligent action and an enlightened conscience. As we travel the beaten paths of our ancient brethren, we may lift the standard which has been temporarily placed in our hands to a still higher plane of usefulness. True nobility of character may be well exemplified in the practice of that friendship, fidelity, and brotherly love which our Order promotes.

And finally, as the gentle hand of time leads us steadily on, and gray hairs silently remind us that we are approaching the end of our journey, may we not draw a little nearer together, and, in close communion with kindred spirits, feel the blessed consolations of that friendship and brotherly love as we take our departure to that bourne whence no traveller returns.

The consecration of the Masonic Hall, Te Aroha, N.Z., erected by Lodge Te Aroha, No. 697 S.C., took place on the 2nd March last. There was a strong muster of members of the Lodge, and a number of visiting brethren were also present. The P.G. Lodge was represented by P.G.S.M. Brother M. Niccol, and P.G. Sec. Brother J. Slator. The consecration ceremonies were conducted by Brother Niccol, in able and impressive style, and the whole proceedings passed off most satisfactorily.

At the meeting of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, held on the 2nd inst., the Lord Mayor, and Major and Sheriff Davies, J.P., were ballotted for as joining members.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, held on Tuesday, 24th ult., Bro. Charles Parsons P.M. P.G.J.W. was elected Treasurer in the place of the late much respected Bro. H. M. Harvey.

Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins' Concert.—We are able to congratulate Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins upon the marked success which attended his benefit concert on 26th ult., at the Shoreditch Town Hall. A crowded, select and appreciative audience assembled. The vocalists were Madame Edith Wynne, Miss Emilie Davies, Miss Lavinia Walker, Miss Henrietta Faye, Miss Ethel Winn; Bros. Arthur Thomas, W. Dawson, Alfred Alderton, F. Franklin Clive, A. G. Pritchard (buffo), and J. Kift (humourist). All were in good voice and form, and the audience would not be content until they had secured an encore from Madame Edith Wynne. Miss Ethel Winn also gracefully consented to sing again. Especial marks of favour were accorded Bro. Franklin Clive for his rendering of "The Holy Friar" and "Father O'Flynn;" Bro. Pritchard for his musical sketch; and to Miss Clara Titterton for her violin solo. A capital introduction to the programme was the overture "Zampa," which Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins had specially arranged for pianofortes and harmonium; it was performed, on two of Broadwood's grands and one of Chappell's harmoniums, by Misses Van Der Meulen, Alice Van Der Meulen, Kate Van Der Meulen, Maud Latham, and Bro. Haskins. A prominent feature in the programme, which was a long one, was the recital, by Bro. Hermann Vezin, of "The Spanish Mother," this was a masterly performance and created a profound impression. Misses Anning and Walden performed S. Smith's duet, "The May-pole dance," with charming effect. Bro. Albert Ryan was the acting manager, and Mr. Herbert Grand the secretary to the Committee, one and all of whom exerted themselves to the utmost to make the concert a success.

ANCIENT WINES.—We know from Pindar, and from the epigrams of Martial, that old wine was esteemed better than new in classic times. But an Athenian would have thought sixteen years a great age. What then would he have said to wine 348 years old, dating, that is to say, from 1540, the period of Henry VIII.? This is one of the vintages, duly authenticated, which Messrs. Spiers and Pond have secured from the cellars of the Late King of Bavaria, who, some years ago, sold off his old wines, and they may be obtained at the East Room in the Criterion. The wine of 1540 is Steinwein, and there is also a Leistenwein of 1631, the Reign of Charles I. Steinwein of 1731, Johannisberg of 1811, and Rudesheim and Hockheimer of 1822. These are of a beautiful golden colour, and perfectly clear, and even the oldest retains considerable bouquet. It is said there is no wine in existence of this age, except in the municipal cellars of Bremen. The firm also offers some of the Duke of York's port, vintage unknown, but bottled in 1798. It is a great curiosity, and in very fine preservation.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Counsel and Comfort.—A disordered stomach throws the whole system out of gear, and renders us unfitted both for work and amusement. A few doses of these strengthening and purifying Pills, taken according to the accompanying directions, will, however, speedily restore order, and re-enable the stomach to digest its food without difficulty. These excellent Pills are suitable alike for the peer as the peasant, the soldier and the sailor, and particularly for home and foreign colonists. Holloway's Pills are very useful in checking feverish attacks, bilious complaints, and inflammation; they have also made the most signal cures in cases of dropsy and disease of the kidneys, heart, and lungs, when the sufferers seemed past the aid of medicine.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CHIGWELL LODGE, No. 453.

AN emergency meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was convened last Saturday, at the Forest Hotel Chingford, for the purpose of passing Bros. Thomas Augustus Motion, Henry Stephenson Homewood, and William Andrew Glass. Bro. Alfred J. Dixie W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. J. Glass Treasurer, who acted as S.W., Bros. Edmund Egan J.W., Fred. C. Dixie S.D., F. A. Renshaw I.G., also Past Masters Bros. H. Holloway, George Motion, A. Buch, and B. H. Pearson, besides Bros. A. R. Motion, W. A. Glass, J. Corble, J. J. Winsor, James Motion and George Corble Secretary. The Lodge having been duly opened in the second degree, the three brethren, who had been prepared by Bro. Robt. W. Goddard, Tyler, were introduced, and the ceremony of passing was most impressively performed by the Worshipful Master, the use of the tools being explained at length. On their return to the Lodge the Lecture on the second tracing board was given by Bro. Dixie. Bro. Robert Henry Secker, P.M. of the "Salisbury" Lodge, was admitted as a joining member. The other business was of a private nature. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren subsequently adjourned to the Connaught Hall, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

AT the monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on the 25th ult., Bro. Henry J. Skingley S.W. was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Alfred Gosling was re-elected Treasurer, Bro. Munson Tyler, and Bro. Wright Assistant Tyler.

HARROGATE AND CLARO LODGE, No. 1001.

THE 24th anniversary was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Harrogate, East Yorkshire, on Friday, the 20th ult. The attendance was unusually large, owing to the Prov. Grand Master of W.Y. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Past G.D. of England having signified his intention to be present. On his arrival he was received with Masonic honours—which were also accorded to several other Provincial Grand Officers and Past Masters of neighbouring Lodges. Bro. Tew, in acknowledging the salutation of his brethren, expressed his gratification at the new location of the Harrogate fraternity, and was pleased to be the medium of presenting, on behalf of the subscribers, to retiring W.M. Bro. Dr. C. J. B. Johnson (as a Trustee of the Lodge), a perfect specimen of photographic art, by Bro. Walter Davey, of Harrogate, who has displayed a high degree of skill in executing a most difficult task. He has portrayed, in a life-like manner, the features of thirty-one members of the Lodge, grouped and enlarged by the autotype carbon process, 36 by 24 inches, framed in oak, with gold Masonic emblems, 4 feet by 3. Also an accompanying key picture, which contains the full roll of the Lodge membership, including the names of those who unfortunately do not appear in the group from unavoidable absence. The installing of Bro. T. A. Marsh S.W. into the chair of the Lodge, as W.M. for the ensuing year, was then proceeded with by the I.P.M., who has thus completed a successful year in most creditable style. The ceremony was under the able direction of Bro. J. Richardson. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Lawrence S.W., Thompson J.W., Walter Hall Chaplain, Joseph Griffiths Treasurer, Standing Secretary, Jones S.D., Walters J.D., Pratt Organist, Williams D.C., Henry Allison I.G., Wilson S. Steward, Peach J. Steward, Child Tyler, Bodman R.P.O. Com., Richardson Almoner. The W.M. thanked the Prov. G.M. most cordially for the honour he had conferred on the Lodge by his visit and encouraging address, which he trusted would stimulate the members to increased activity in promoting Masonic benevolence in this the Centenary year of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, reminding them of their watchwords, Loyalty and Charity, as promulgated at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Craft. The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, and partook of a most recherché repast, served under the direction of Bro. E. Standing, Steward for the past year. The remainder of the evening was spent in a truly Masonic manner.

ST. CHAD'S LODGE, No. 1129.

ON Wednesday, the 18th ult., the members of this Lodge, which meets at the Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale, presented to Bro. James Hadfield P.M. P.P.G.J.D. a very handsome gold Treasurer's jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge as Treasurer. On the jewel was inscribed:

"Presented by the members of St. Chad's Lodge (1129) to Bro. James Hadfield, for 20 years' services as Treasurer."

The duty of introducing the matter to the Lodge had been deputed to Bro. Peter Lee P.M., who in a suitable speech took a retrospective view of the Lodge's history, and pointed out the good which had been done through the wise dispensation of its funds. In all about £500 had been utilised for charitable purposes. This sum, the larger part of which had been divided among the various Masonic Charities, and the remainder being at the disposal of the Lodge at its discretion for the like purpose, Bro. Lee said, was due in a great measure to the prudence and forethought of Bro. Hadfield. Seeing that Father Time cut down the green blade as well as the ripened ear of corn, the members of the Lodge deemed it its duty at once to show in a practical way their high estimation of Bro. Hadfield's services. Bro. Lee then handed to the acting W.M., Bro. T. H. Williams, the jewel and case for presentation to Bro. Hadfield, in the name of the members of St. Chad's Lodge. Up to this time Bro. Hadfield was in entire ignorance of what had been going on, and when Bro. Williams

had suitably addressed Bro. Hadfield, and decorated him with the jewel, it was plainly seen that he was deeply sensible of such a manifestation of good will from his brethren. He then thanked them briefly, and a most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent, several visitors being present.

TREGENNA LODGE, No. 1272.

THE members held their annual festival on Monday, the 23rd ult. The brethren assembled at their Lodge-room, where the installation and a raising were performed by Bro. George Williams jun. W.M. The Officers for the ensuing year are—Bros. Rowe W.M., George Williams jun. I.P.M., Robert S. Read S.W. Thomas J.W., Rev. J. B. Jones Chaplain, Short Treasurer, James Wearne Secretary, Carbis S.D., Keskeys J.D., Edward Boase I.G., Weller D.C., Blight Organist, Taylor and Leah Stewards, Trevorrton Tyler. The banquet was held at the Queen's Hotel, Market Standard, St. Ives.

FRATERNITY LODGE, No. 1418.

ON the 26th April, the annual ceremony of installation was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Stockton. Bro. Thomas Bowman installed Bro. Thomas Gibson as W.M. for the ensuing year. The newly elected W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers—Wallis I.P.M., Tomkins S.W., Thorman J.W., Watson Treasurer, Thomas Bowman D. of C., Galt S.D., Luther Green J.D., John Broome Secretary, William Hutchinson I.G., Crostwaite S.S., Anderson J.S., Thomas Preston Organist, Bedford Smith Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the annual banquet was held. A large number of visiting brethren were present.

ANNESLEY LODGE, No. 1435.

A REGULAR meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith-street, Nottingham, on Friday, the 27th ult., Brother W. E. Hartshorn Worshipful Master in the chair, supported by the following Officers and Brethren:—Bros. A. Phelps Senior Warden, E. G. Sackett Junior Warden, W. G. Rogerson P.M. P.G.Std.Br. Treasurer, G. T. Alenson P.M. P.P.G.Std.Br. Secretary, A. Lawson P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer, C. H. Gascoyne I.P.M., S. V. Holgate S.D., Pratt J.D., Levy D. of C., Cockren Organist, Osborne I.G., Wharton and Kiddier Stewards, and Bros. Sibley P.M., Burton, Bates, Wallis, Cass, Ashurst and W. W. Sibley. Visitors—Bros. S. Meech Sec. 2163, J. H. Coggins 47 and Clarke 47. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the confirmation of the minutes, Mr. E. Palmer Willson was regularly initiated, the ceremony being performed in an able manner by the W.M., and the charge delivered by Bro. Levy D.C. Hearty good wishes were exchanged and the Lodge closed. Subsequently the brethren sat down to the usual supper and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured—that of the Prov. Grand Officers being responded to by Bro. Lawson Prov. G. Treasurer and Bro. G. Rogerson Prov. G. Std.Br. The latter reminded the brethren of his intention to act as Steward at the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and made a strong appeal to them on behalf of the Craft Charities. In proposing the health of the newly-initiated Bro. Willson, the W.M. expressed a hope that he would not do as some of the brethren had done,—attend regularly at the Lodge meetings until raised to the third degree, and then become careless and irregular. Some time or other every member of the Lodge would have a chance of attaining office, providing he made himself sufficiently proficient to deserve that honour, and it was important that newly-initiated brethren should lose no time in acquiring proficiency in the ritual of the Craft. The health of the W.M. was cordially responded to, and Bro. Hartshorn made a suitable reply. The Visitors were also duly toasted, and Bros. Clark and Meech responded. During the evening Bro. Lawson gave the Entered Apprentice song; Bros. Cartledge, Wharton, Pratt, Sibley and Meech also sang, and Bro. Francis amused the brethren with some well executed sleight of hand tricks.

ROSSLYN LODGE, No. 1543.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge, which was held at Dunmow, Essex, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., will be memorable in its annals as that on which it was honoured by a visit from the P.G.M. of the Province, Lord Brooke. His Lordship drove from his residence, Easton Lodge, some three miles distant, and having been escorted into Lodge by the P.G. Officers, was received with honours due to his rank. After the transaction of some formal business, the W.M. (Bro. E. F. Ferris) proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the P.G.M. for his kindness in honouring the Lodge by a visit. The motion was seconded by Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, who remarked that, as the oldest P.M. present, and first W.M. of the Rosslyn Lodge, it was a great pleasure to him to see Lord Brooke with them on that occasion. He thought when the residents in and around Dunmow, where the name of Lord Brooke and his amiable wife were so highly esteemed, found that his Lordship had honoured them in this way, they would look favourably upon the Rosslyn Lodge, and that some of them would become members. Lord Brooke, in acknowledging the vote, said it had given him great pleasure to be present that evening, and he regretted very much that he had not been able to come before. It was one of the pleasant duties of his office to try and make himself acquainted with the Lodges of the important Province over which H.R.H. the Grand Master had called upon him to rule. He was happy to know that Freemasonry in Essex was extending, and that the Lodges were all so ably managed. Of course they were all anxious to see the Craft growing in their midst, but when applications for new Lodges were sent in it was a matter of great anxiety to himself and those to whom he looked for counsel in these matters, that no new Lodge should be formed which had not

some prospect of being a means of strength to the Province, and would not interfere with existing ones. He assured the brethren that it had been a source of much pleasure to him to visit a Lodge which had been named in honour of a family in which he naturally felt so deep an interest, and he thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hearty welcome they had accorded to him. Some 30 brethren afterwards dined together, his Lordship honouring the board by his presence. Among those present on the interesting occasion were Bros. T. J. Ralling, Andrew Durrant 276, G. H. Finch 2005, Clapham 1543, Snell 1543, Rattray 1543, Lewin 276, Dehane 1543, Willcocks, &c.

ANTIEN BRITON LODGE, No. 1675.

THE annual festival took place on the 25th ult., in the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, under gratifying auspices. The Lodge, now in its twelfth year, is not only the foremost Masonic body of the South end of Liverpool, but ranks amongst the most flourishing of the Province. Moreover, it has distinguished itself by contributing to charity in a way which very few young Lodges have done, and with a balance in hand of considerably over £100, No. 1675 enters upon another year with a very encouraging prospect. The installation gathering yesterday was remarkable for the very large and thoroughly representative number of members of the Craft that were present. When the W.M. Bro. John Lewis, took the chair at four o'clock he was ably supported. Among the unusually large concourse of visitors were Bros. Jarman 1325, Evans 1013, Tyson 1182, Martin, Cantor 1609, Nichols 2114, Macnab 241, Bailey, Gaskin, Shelden 1094, Costine, Barrows 1570, M'Farlane 356, Oversby 1393, Phillips 1356, Hughes 1356, Callow, Molyneux, Hartley, Wilson 1356, Williams 1356, George 1356, Sharples 724, Broadbridge, Holgate 1356, Evans, Sowden 786, Muir 2042, Councillor Edward Paul 1356, &c. A very pleasing feature was the presence of a large number of members of the Toxteth Lodge, No. 1356, from which the Antient Briton originated. Routine business having been despatched, the W.M. elect, Bro. Frederick Sleight, was presented by Bros. Dr. J. Kellet Smith and T. H. W. Walker, for installation. The ceremony was performed in accordance with ancient form and usage, and in a markedly efficient manner by Bro. Robert Wylie, after which the new W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. John Lewis I.P.M., Hughes S.W., Rowlands J.W., Bottomley Treasurer (re-elected, for the seventh time), Davies Secretary, Godfrey Evans S.D., Hawkins J.D., M'Gee I.G., Jones Musical Director, Peak, Leigh, and Thomas Stewards, Cae Organist. R. R. Ellis and J. G. Little were appointed to the Committee of the Lodge, and Bro. T. H. W. Walker was again elected Charity Steward. After the Lodge had been closed down in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where suitable refreshment was provided by Bro. Cassey, the House Steward. The toast of The Queen having been loyally drunk, the W.M. gave the health of the M.W.G. Master, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal family; and the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M. and Prov. G.M.; the Hon. F. A. Stanley R.W.D. Prov. G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers present and past. Bro. Dr. J. Kellet Smith, in responding, said the Prince of Wales early next month would visit Blackburn for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of a new technical school. The ceremony would be performed with Masonic honours, and the Grand Master of England would be supported upon that occasion by the Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, the Earl of Lathom. Bro. Dr. Bailey also replied. Bro. Dr. J. Kellet Smith, in afterwards asking those present to honour the health of the Worshipful Master, said that amongst the many Lodges he had visited he had never seen greater progress than that which had characterised the Antient Briton. No. 1675 had very generously given to charity, and in doing so had kept well in view the main principle of Freemasonry. Bro. Sleight, by way of acknowledgment, said he would endeavour to fulfil the duties of the chair to the best of his ability, and in sustaining the integrity of such a worthy Lodge he hoped to receive the full support of the whole of his Officers. At a later stage of the proceedings the W.M. gave the toast of the "Immediate Past Master," taking occasion at the same time to present that official with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, as a token of their regard. Bro. Lewis suitably acknowledged the sentiments and gift. Amongst the rest of the toasts were those of the Installing Master and Past Masters, proposed by Bro. O. J. Rowlands J.W., and responded to by Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith and Thomas Evans, the Visiting Brethren, Musical Brethren, Masonic Charities, and Officers of the Lodge. During the evening an elaborate and highly-enjoyable musical programme was presented by Bros. Little, Leigh, Edwards, Shaw, Grime, Bart, Cantor, David Williams, Kirkham, Nicholls, Wynne, Davies, Muir, Roberts, Higginbotham and Jones.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

AT the annual meeting of this Lodge, on the 24th April, Bro. George Canler J.W. was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. At the same meeting Bro. E. Osmond was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. James Tyler.

AGRICOLA LODGE No. 1991.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place at the new premises of the Lodge, Castlegate, York, on Monday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. A. W. White was installed in the chair by the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Deputy Provincial Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire. There was a good attendance of the members of the Lodge, only three being absent. Letters regretting inability to be present were read from Bro. Dr. Martin retiring Worshipful Master, and Bro. Dyson W.M. 1611. At the

conclusion of the installation ceremony the Worshipful Master invested the following Officers for the ensuing year—Bros. Martin Immediate Past Master, Taylor Senior Warden, Wilkinson Junior Warden, Wilson Chaplain, Eccles Treasurer, Captain Thomson Secretary, Wigham Senior Deacon, Manton Junior Deacon, Laverack Director of Ceremonies, Sutcliffe Organist, Lathom Inner Guard, Osborne Tyler, Young and Dow Stewards. The installation banquet afterwards took place at the North-Eastern Hotel, and was followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Songs, gl'es, &c., were given by Brothers J. E. Wilkinson, Sample, Child, Wilson, Laverack, and Sutcliffe, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 2074.

THE installation of Bro. C. Vaughan Birch as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. W. Dart, took place on Monday, the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Commercial Road, Landport. There was a large gathering of present and past Masters and members of neighbouring Lodges. The ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring W.M., who, at its close, received a cordial vote of thanks for his services. The newly-installed W.M. having taken the chair, appointed and invested his Officers, as follow—Bros. W. Dart I.P.M., Woodrow S.W., Wickens J.W., Webb Treasurer, Herbert Bundy Secretary, Brickwood D.C., Boorman S.D., Hopkins J.D., Marsh I.G., Gibbs Organist, Harris and Woodthorpe Stewards, Ryan Tyler. The W.M. said it was customary on these occasions to present the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, but as Bro. Dart already possessed this decoration, it had been determined to ask his acceptance of a suit of Provincial Grand Lodge regalia for himself, and a silver tea service for Mrs. Dart. He paid Bro. Dart a very high compliment for the manner in which he had discharged his duties, not only in connection with the Mastership, but in connection with the Lodge from the date of its foundation. Bro. Dart suitably acknowledged the presentation, and proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Treasurer Bro. Harry Kimber, which was carried unanimously. The *récherché* banquet which followed was admirably served by Bro. Pearce, Steward of the Freemasons' Club, and was attended by all who had taken part in the ceremonies of the day. The formal Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the W.M., whom he had known for more than a quarter of a century, and whom he had always held in high esteem and regard. When he (Bro. Dart) took steps to secure the foundation of their Lodge he had received the most valuable assistance from Bro. Birch, who was in every way entitled to the great honour which the brethren had bestowed upon him by placing him in the chair of K.S. The toast having been enthusiastically received, the W.M. responded, and alluded to the singular unanimity which existed in the Sinclair Lodge, from the date of its constitution down to the present. This highly satisfactory state of things he trusted would long continue, and as far as he was concerned it would be his study to discharge his duties in such a manner as to afford satisfaction to the brethren and to redound to the credit of the Lodge. He proposed the health of the I.P.M., who in responding dwelt upon the great progress which the Lodge had made during the three years it had been in existence. Commencing with 29 members, the Lodge now numbered 129, and there were signs of great prosperity on every hand. The Lodge had life governorships in two of the great Masonic Charities, and he hoped in the coming year they would have a third. Other Masonic toasts followed. The proceedings were agreeably interspersed by several excellent songs.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 2025.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 24th ult., at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. This, the first Masonic Lodge in Devon established on temperance principles, continues to maintain its popularity, and there was a large attendance of brethren. The W.M. elect Bro. Charles Green Withell was installed. Bros. J. Griffin, F. Hooper and J. Gifford were the Installing Officers, assisted by Bros. Rev. T. Lemon, M.A., Jew, Treeby, Gover, Barrett, Aitken-Davies, Lord, Addiscott, Pillar, Horswill, Ward, Hocking and Bond. The W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. T. Bond I.P.M., Crouch S.W., Pengelly J.W., Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, Hooper Treasurer, Gifford Secretary, Reynolds S.D., Matthison J.D., Coleman I.G., Cole Dir. of Cers., Brickwood Assist. Dir. of Cers., Haly O., Weale Assist. O., Honey, Sergeant, Elford, Scatterly and Full Stewards, Gidley Tyler. Bro. J. Griffin was re-elected the representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions, and also Charity Steward. In the evening over fifty of the members of the Lodge and visiting brethren dined together at the restaurant of Bro. H. Matthews, Bedford-street, Plymouth. Bro. Withell presided, supported by his Officers and the Officers of other Lodges present at the installation. In addition the following brethren also joined:—Bros. Latimer 189, Sluggett 2025. The usual Masonic toasts were given and replied to. A capital concert of vocal and instrumental music was furnished by brethren between the addresses, and a very pleasant evening passed. Among the entertainers were Bros. Haly, Keys, Debnam, Brickwood, Honey, George and Hocking. During the evening the following address, handsomely illuminated, framed, and glazed, was presented to the Secretary of the Lodge:—

"This address, accompanied with a Life Governorship in the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and a signet ring, is presented to Worshipful Brother James Gifford P.M. by the Officers and Members of the Lodge of St. George, No. 2025, as a tribute of respect and esteem, and of their appreciation for the self-denying and indefatigable manner in which he has discharged the duties of Secretary for the Lodge since its constitution in April 1884. The Lodge of St. George, intended as a temperance Lodge to make a new departure in the history of the Craft in the Province of Devon has, both in its growth and influence, largely exceeded the expectations of its founders, and the success it has realised is in a great measure attributable to the energy and courtesy of our Worshipful Brother as Secretary, who has

attended each meeting during the formation and since the consecration of the Lodge.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge, 24th April 1888.

J. T. BOND W.M.

J. GRIFFIN P.M. P.P.G.D. S.W. pro tem.

C. G. WITHELL J.W.

F. HOOPER P.M. P.P.G.D.C.

G. R. BARRETT P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Senior P.M. Lodge 2025."

The address was presented by Bro. Barrett. The ring was presented by Bro. Griffin, a handsome gold signet ring with the emblem of a P.Z. and the inscription:

"Presented to W. Bro. J. Gifford P.M. and Secretary, by the members of the Lodge of St. George, No. 2025."

Bro. Griffin, in giving the toast the Masonic Charities, noticed the progress already made by the Lodge in connection with those Institutions. It had two Vice Presidents, three Life Governors in the Devon Educational Fund, 21 votes for 20 years, and altogether 84 votes among its brethren. It also was fairly represented among the London Masonic Charities.

UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

THIS Lodge will complete its centenary on Sunday, 6th inst., the warrant under which it works having been granted 6th May 1788; but as the 100th anniversary falls on a Sunday, and that Yeomanry Sunday, it is deemed inexpedient to hold the contemplated celebration on that day. The members have therefore decided to attend Divine service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on the 16th instant, the usual monthly meeting day of the Lodge, permission having been granted by the vicar for the use of the church. The sermon on the occasion will be preached by a reverend brother. The brethren will afterwards assemble at the Masonic Hall, and after transacting the usual monthly business, will dine together under the presidency of the W.M. Colonel Adair.

EARL OF CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1984.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their installation on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford. The usual formalities in regard to opening having been observed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted and duly received. Bro. T. B. Nowell was passed, and then Bro. J. Rogers was installed Worshipful Master for the year. The following were appointed as Officers:—Bros. W. T. Boydell S.W., G. Sturman J.W., T. Grant Tr. as, S. Goodchild Sec., F. Fisher S.D., W. C. Brown J.D., W. T. Graves P.M. D.C., W. T. Whittington I.G., H. Hayward Steward. Two brethren were appointed to serve on the Permanent Committee for the year, and after the transaction of some minor matters of business the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion grace was sung and the toasts followed. The loyal toasts usual on these occasions having been honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P. In doing so he spoke of the earnestness displayed in all Masonic matters by their Provincial ruler, and felt the members would agree with him in his expression of regret that the parliamentary duties of their chief had compelled him to absent himself on the present occasion. Bro. Giller P.M. proposed the health of Bro. Dawson Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Keyser, in reply, felt he had been fully justified as a Warden of the Watford Lodge, No. 404, in the part he had taken in supporting the petition for the warrant of this new Lodge. He regretted that ill-health prevented Bro. Dawson (the Deputy of the Province) being present that evening, but he felt he was expressing the sentiments of that brother, and indeed of all the Provincial Grand Officers—approval of the steady and efficient work that was being done by the Earl of Clarendon Lodge. Bro. Townsend I.P.M. now rose to propose what he should call the toast of the evening—the health of their Worshipful Master. No one ever vacated the chair with a better assurance that he was to be succeeded by a competent brother than he had done that day. Though, with Othello, he might say his occupation was gone, he should still do all in his power to promote the prosperity and welfare of the Lodge. In reply, Bro. Rogers could only wish he deserved half the eulogiums passed upon him. His was but a short memory, and he felt that as a Warden he had displayed many shortcomings, but now, under a sense of the important trust reposed in him by the members, he would strive to fulfil his duties, and he trusted the result would be satisfactory. In speaking of the Immediate Past Master, the W.M. referred to the success which had attended Bro. Townsend's year. He had now the greatest pleasure in being the medium of conveying to Bro. Townsend the sentiments of the brethren, which had prompted them to vote the jewel he had now the privilege of placing on Bro. Townsend's breast. In response Bro. Townsend said it was always an easier task to speak of others than for a modest man to speak of himself. As Master of their Lodge he had striven to the best of his ability. Several other toasts were given and duly responded to, the proceedings being brought to a conclusion by the Tyler in the usual way. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. T. Graves Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, who was ably assisted by Miss Nellie Levey and Bros. Stanley Smith and Tombs.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, when the following members were present:—Bros. J. P. Houghton W.M., W. R. Phillips I.P.M., E. Dare S.W., H. Sapsworth J.W., W. F. Reynolds Treasurer, G. C. Rowland Secretary, J. M. Marjason

S.D., F. A. Crew J.D., A. Aldin I.G., T. Covell Steward, W. Rainbow Organist, J. Aldridge A.S., B. E. Blasby P.M., C. I. Digby P.M., and many lay members. The Lodge having been regularly opened, the minutes of the last regular Lodge, and of a Lodge of emergency were confirmed, and a brother was raised. The ballot was taken; it proving favourable, the following gentlemen were initiated:—Mr. Charles Henry Snowball, who was proposed by Bro. Blasby P.M. and seconded by Bro. Houghton W.M., and Mr. George Henry Bredmore who had Bros. Abell and Blasby as sponsors. Bro. Edmund Dare was then installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being beautifully performed by Bro. Houghton. The Officers were appointed, as follows:—Bros. J. P. Houghton I.P.M., H. Sapsworth S.W., J. M. Marjason J.W., W. F. Reynolds Treasurer, G. C. Rowland Secretary, F. A. Crew S.D., A. Aldin J.D., T. Covell I.G., R. Messum D.C., W. Rainbow Organist, J. Aldridge Steward, J. H. Ford Asst. Steward, F. G. Mitchell Tyler. The addresses were next given, and then two more gentlemen presented themselves as candidates, viz., Mr. Walter Bass Pentelow and Walter Hugh Wicks; the former was recommended by Bros. Abell and Robinson, and the latter by Bros. Wheeler and Sapsworth. They were duly admitted to the benefits of Freemasonry by the new Worshipful Master, who, after the transaction of some minor matters of business regularly closed the Lodge. A banquet followed, and in due course the customary toasts were honoured. During the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Houghton, who was complimented on the success which had attended his exertions while at the head of affairs. A well arranged programme of music was gone through, under the direction of Bro. W. C. Rainbow, Organist of the Lodge, who was assisted by the following artistes:—Mdme. Worrell, Mrs. W. Rainbow, Miss Jessie Hudson, L.A.M., Bros. E. Roberts, Mitchell, F. W. Stevens and A. Weston. The following visitors were present: Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S.B., H. Cruttenden P.M. 503 P.P.G.S.B., G. F. Baker S.W. 503, W. H. Rydon 820, H. de Grey 13, J. Nelson P.M. 1294, J. E. Shand P.M. 2030, W. T. Peet 1656 Secretary, J. H. Jarvis W.M. 1627 P.P.G.S., A. W. Duret P.M. 1223 P.G.S.D. Kent, J. Clarke 1512, W. R. Williams P.M. 975, A. N. Newens Royal Alfred, N. Courlander J.W. 975, B. Kenyon 2012, H. Garrod P.G.P., S. Hunt 1136, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary 766, J. M. Cattell J.W. 15, T. W. Tempny 1460, W. F. Harling 975, C. N. Syder W.M. 79, F. Eckstein 1196, G. H. Taylor 511, J. E. Radford P.M. 470, J. Whitehead W.M. 1425, F. H. Dipsdale 858, W. E. Scantlebury S.D. 975, W. W. Lee 1897, J. A. Allison P.M. 788, E. S. Lardner P.M. Secretary 101, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196, H. C. Lansdown 1541, T. Butler 55, A. E. Adams 1767, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, Egbert Roberts S.W. 917, R. Sturgis 90, F. Roberts 901.

The Royal Silver Wedding Fête at the Crystal Palace to-day (Saturday) will be on as grand a scale as the Great National Festival at the Crystal Palace, in 1872, in celebration of the recovery of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In the afternoon there will be a concert by the combined bands of Her Majesty's Royal Horse Guards, Grenadier Guards, and Coldstream Guards; a concert by the company's famous orchestral band, under the conductorship of Mr. August Manns; and a display of the whole series of fountains. The evening programme will include a special entertainment in the centre transept, and a display of fireworks by Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co. The band of the Grenadier Guards will play during the promenade after the fireworks, the palace being brilliantly illuminated. On the following Saturday, 12th instant, the Grand Summer Flower Show will be held. The band of the Coldstream Guards will play during the afternoon, and in the evening Mr. Wilson Barrett will appear in "The Silver King."

HANDEL FESTIVAL.—The sale of tickets, in sets (for all three days), for the Handel Festival, which began on April 16th, has been very satisfactory, and a most successful event is consequently assured. The sets of tickets carrying a choice of best seats have precedence, but now the single seats are being allotted. There are applications from all parts of Europe. A large influx of American visitors is also certain. The complex and detailed arrangements for the great musical celebration are already well advanced, and it is anticipated that on 22nd June, and following days, the musical effect will be of unparalleled magnificence, owing to the exceeding care with which Mr. Manns is rehearsing the London and country voices that are to make up the wonderful choir.

Mrs. Hodgson-Burnett, the authoress of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," has adapted her book for the stage, and it will be produced by Mrs. Oscar Beringer at Terry's Theatre on the afternoons of 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th May, under the title of "The Real Little Lord Fauntleroy." The title role will be played by Miss Vera Beringer, the little lady who created such an impression in Mrs. Oscar Beringer's play "Tares." The piece will be produced under the direction of Mrs. Kendal, and a strong company has been specially engaged. The new play will be called "The Real Little Lord Fauntleroy."

Mr. Edgar Bruce and Miss Edith Woodworth start their season at the Globe Theatre on Tuesday, the 8th instant, when a new play, in four acts, entitled "Bootsie's Baby" will be presented. The play is founded on John Strange Winter's popular story, and is written by Hugh Moss. A strong company has been got together, including Mr. Bruce and Miss Woodworth.

Messrs. Dean and Son intend issuing a series of "Plays for Young Actors," to supplement the "Little Plays for Little Actors," by Miss Corner. The first of these, which will be published immediately, is entitled "Prince Bulbo," and is a dramatised version of Thackeray's "Rose and the Ring," by Miss Amy Whynates. This will be followed by "Gabrielle; or, the Red Cap of Liberty," by the same writer."

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(The day after the meeting of United Grand Lodge),
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ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888,
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VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.
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The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

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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.

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Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping 1848-1880, 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 1854; 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.

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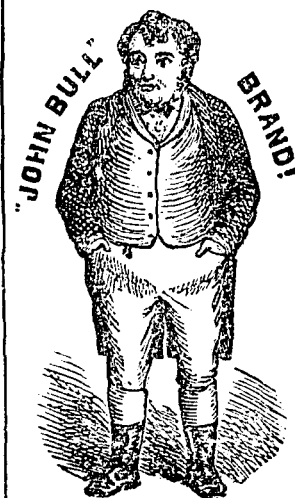
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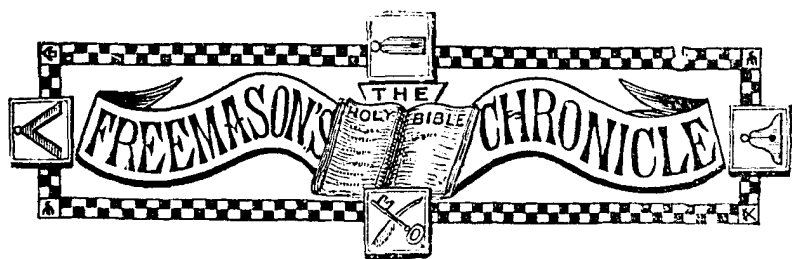
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MORE TROUBLE IN OHIO.

NEWARK, O., Jan. 27.—The Masonic war continues with increased fury. At a meeting of Center Star Lodge, No. 11, F. and A.M., of the neighbouring village of Granville, held last night, charges were preferred against three supposed members of the Cernean Scottish Rite, and they will be summoned to appear for trial at the next meeting. The charges were preferred by Grand Master S. S. Williams, who is a member of Center Star Lodge, also a 33° of the Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33° and last degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, presided over by Henry L. Palmer of Wisconsin. By his order the Senior Deacon was deposed and a new election ordered, when the deposed brother was re-elected by but one dissenting vote. Resolutions sent out by Cynthia Lodge of Cincinnati and the Bucyrus Lodge were adopted by a unanimous vote, the feeling being that the war of Rites should not enter the Blue Lodge.—*Com. Gaz.*

BUCYRUS LODGE, No. 139, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION, January 11, 1888.

On Motion of Bro. E. B. Finley the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Lodge be directed to report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master that his circular bearing date November 27, 1887, was read to this Lodge pursuant to his request.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Lodge that as Free and Accepted Masons we have no knowledge of any but the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, and, therefore, we are not possessed of knowledge upon which to base an opinion as to the regularity of the Order alluded to in said circular of the Grand Master. Nor can we understand how the Grand Master, as a Master Mason, can know any more about it than we do.

Resolved, That the individual members of Bucyrus Lodge, 139, have heard it rumoured that there are two organizations in Ohio, each claiming to be the regular and legal order of Scottish Rites, and each claiming the other to be bogus, and that we have heard it rumoured that the Worshipful Grand Master is a member or one of said Orders. Conceding to him the right to be a member of either of said organizations if he so desires, and disclaiming all right to question the legitimacy of said organization to which he may belong, or of any other organization outside of Blue Lodge Masonry, we protest against his interference in matters not pertaining to the duties of his office, and outside of the purview of Blue Lodge Masonry, and protest against his bringing the quarrel between said bodies into our Order.

Resolved, That, as heretofore, we will still continue to observe, and in every respect conform to, and abide by the rules, laws and regulations of Ancient Craft Masonry, together with the code of rules and laws laid down for the Government of Masons by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, but that the regularity or irregularity of the Orders of Scottish Rite Masonry, in our opinion, does not concern the Worshipful Grand Master, nor this or any other Lodge of Master Masons, and we do not recognize the right of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as such, to express an official opinion on the subject. Nor do we recognize his right to dictate to the members of this or any Lodge of Master Masons as to what religious denomination, political party, or fraternal order they shall or shall not belong to.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to transmit, under the seal of this Lodge, a copy of these resolutions to the Worshipful Grand Master, and a copy to each of the Subordinate Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in Ohio.

J. W. CRISTER, W.M. LEWIS STREMMEL, Secretary.

—*Boston Masonic World.*

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

THE eleventh half-yearly communication was held in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, Durban, on 23rd March, under the presidency of Bro. R. I. Finnemore, the District Grand Master. There was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the colony. The minutes of last regular communication having been read and confirmed, the roll was called over, and all 13 Lodges were found to be duly represented. Bro. Finnemore, in addressing the brethren, said that it afforded him great pleasure, on this the occasion of his entering upon the sixth year of rule over this Masonic district as their District Grand Master, to see such an assemblage present in answer to his summons, including many who had travelled long distances in order to be present at that meeting. He felt very grateful to them for their attendance and support, the more so that, although his interest in Freemasonry was unabated, and his attention to the details of district work had been unremitting, he had, in the matter of personal visiting of Lodges, been compelled, owing to the many urgent claims upon his time, to press rather heavily upon the

indulgence of the brethren of the district; and he was very glad to have this opportunity of meeting his brethren in the Craft. Theirs was but a small district in point of number of Lodges when compared with other districts under the rule of H.R.H. their Grand Master; but they had hitherto been characterised by the greatest unanimity and bound together by the strongest ties of friendship and good feeling. He sincerely trusted that it might always be so. The returns from their different Lodges—which, by-the-way, he trusted they would make a point of sending in regularly, so as to lighten as much as possible the duties of their valued Secretary—were fairly satisfactory. Each year had witnessed some advance in the growth and progress of their district. The Kokstad Lodge had now voluntarily come under his jurisdiction, so that this district now include two Lodges meeting at places beyond the boundaries of this colony, viz.—St. John's, Kokstad, and the Umzimkulu Lodge. Other Lodges would have been established in the Transvaal, had it not been for the decision of the M.W. Grand Master, that no more charters or warrants should be granted for that territory now that it had ceased to belong to the British dominions; a decision which, in his humble opinion, was greatly to be regretted, on account of the large number of English Masons in the Transvaal, who are anxious to retain their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. Although he had been precluded from personally visiting Lodges during the year, he had had a fair share of business to attend to in the way of correspondence, granting dispensations, perusing and considering new bye-laws and amendments of existing bye-laws, and giving opinions and rulings upon points of Masonic jurisprudence and practice, in all of which the Secretary, Bro. J. B. Cottam, had rendered valuable assistance. He gladly recognised the efficient help which he (Bro. Finnemore) had received in the discharge of his duties from Bro. Wesley Francis, his Deputy, upon whom he was glad to say, the M.W. Grand Master had been pleased, in celebration of the Jubilee year, to confer past rank in Grand Lodge. We had also, under authority from the M.W. Grand Master, selected Bros. J. B. Cottam D.G. Secretary, and S. Marriott D.G. Treasurer, for the honour of being made Past District Grand Senior Wardens, in recognition of their services, and to mark the Jubilee year of Her Majesty. That these honours had been honestly earned and were worthily conferred, would, he doubted not, be the unanimous opinion of the members of this District Grand Lodge. Might the blessing of Heaven rest upon their labours during the present communication, and wisdom from on high direct and guide them in all they undertook for the advancement of their noble art. The following Officers for 1888-89 were appointed—

Bro. Thomas Cook	-	-	Senior Warden
W. Sink	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Oxley Oxland, F.R.G.S.	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. T. E. Robinson	-	-	
S. Marriott	-	-	Treasurer
J. Crowe	-	-	Registrar
J. Schultz, M.D.	-	-	Pres. Board Gen. Purposes
J. B. Cottam	-	-	Secretary
G. O. Matterson	-	-	Senior Deacon
R. Willis	-	-	Junior Deacon
Captain F. Dickinson	-	-	Superintendent of Works
W. H. Kinsman	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
G. H. Edmonds	-	-	Assistant D.C.
S. Knox	-	-	Sword Bearer
C. G. Willson	-	-	} Standard Bearers
T. N. Price	-	-	
G. Pullock	-	-	Organist
H. W. Hampton	-	-	Assistant Secretary
R. D. Clark, M.A.	-	-	Pursuivant
G. H. Fowle	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
A. Jukes	-	-	Tyler

At the conclusion of the District Grand Lodge a meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held, at which all the brethren who had attained the rank of Mark Master Mason attended. Bro. Finnemore, in his capacity as Provincial Grand Mark Master, also presided over this meeting. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year—

Bro. J. Schultz, M.D.	-	-	Senior Warden
M. H. Emanuel	-	-	Junior Warden
E. S. T. Stantial	-	-	M.O.
W. F. Stanton	-	-	S.O.
J. Crowe	-	-	J.O.
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W. H. Kinsman	-	-	Committee Gen. Purposes
W. H. Hampton	-	-	Secretary
H. Rutherford	-	-	Treasurer
G. Clark	-	-	S.D.
J. H. Ismaes	-	-	J.D.
J. Fletcher	-	-	Superintendent of Works
T. L. B. Tuckett	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
R. D. Clark, M.A.	-	-	Assistant D.C.
J. Wright	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. H. Morse	-	-	Standard Bearer
G. Pullock	-	-	Organist
H. Crowder	-	-	Assistant Secretary
C. H. Dunn	-	-	I.G.
A. Jukes	-	-	Tyler

The business in both Craft and Mark Masonry being terminated, the brethren parted, to meet again in the evening at a banquet in honour of the occasion.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

THE Annual Communication of Grand Chapter, for the appointment of Officers and the transaction of the general business of this Supreme degree, was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, the offices being filled by the following Companions—Colonel R. Townley Caldwell Provincial Grand Superintendent Cambridge as Z., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar as H., Rev. H. Adair Pickard Provincial Grand Superintendent Oxfordshire as J., A. A. Pendlebury Assistant S.E. as S.E., the Earl of Euston as S.N., Thomas Fenn P. Pres. Committee General Purposes as P.S., Baron de Ferrieres as 1st Assistant, Thomas Weller-Poley as 2nd Assistant. Among the other Grand Officers present were Comps. Robert Grey President Committee General Purposes, Richard Eve Grand Treasurer, F. Sumner Knyvett Sword Bearer, William Bywater 4th Standard Bearer, F. Richardson D.C., J. L. Collins Assistant D.C. After the confirmation of the minutes the acting President announced that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was again installed as Z., and that the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon had been re-appointed Pro Grand Z., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Grand H., and the Right Hon. Lord Leigh Grand J. The other Grand Officers for the year are:—

Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke	-	S.E.
The Earl of Milltown	-	S.N.
Robert Grey	-	Pres. Com. Gen. Purposes
Asher Barfield	-	Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	-	Registrar
Lord John Taylour	-	Principal Sojourner
Rev. R. W. Massy Pope	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
Rev. J. A. Lloyd	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
Edmund Ashworth	-	Sword Bearer
Sir Richard Howard	-	1st Standard Bearer
Robert B. rridge	-	2nd Standard Bearer
Colonel John Davis	-	3rd Standard Bearer
W. H. Spaul	-	4th Standard Bearer
Frank Richardson	-	D.C.
Herbert Jordan Adams	-	Deputy D.C.
James Thomas Collins	-	1st A.D.C.
Michael G. Peck	-	2nd A.D.C.
W. A. Barrett	-	Organist
A. A. Pendlebury	-	Assistant S.E.
Henry Sadler	-	Janitor

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, as it appeared in our columns last week, was taken as read, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. The action of the Grand Chapter of Canada, referred to in the first three paragraphs of this report, was brought under the notice of Grand Chapter by Comp. Philbrick. He was extremely sorry the occasion had arisen for such a recommendation as the Committee had deemed necessary. It might be within the recollection of many present that some time ago there arose a question in which the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Canada came into controversy with the Grand Lodge of England. He could not but feel that what had occurred in our colonies had to some extent, if not altogether, been the outcome and the consequence of the unfortunate differences which then arose. But be that as it may, early in the present year the attention of the authorities was called to the fact that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada had issued warrants for Chapters in the Colony of Victoria, and that they were in active work. At that time there were eleven Chapters owing allegiance to the Grand Chapter of England working in the Colony of Victoria, and the granting of warrants for and the establishment of Chapters in that Colony under the authority of the Royal Arch Chapter of Canada was effected entirely without notice to us; but it must have been with a distinct knowledge by the Grand Chapter of Canada, a body with which we were on terms of friendship and amity, that we had already eleven Chapters at work there. But further than that, he thought the attention of Grand Chapter ought to be called to the fact that when the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada was established, and Canada for the purposes of Royal Arch Freemasonry became an independent body, holding no allegiance with any other sovereign body, and became a sovereign independent body within its own jurisdiction, the Province of Canada, while it had a right to exercise a jurisdiction over its own area,

had no right to assume, or to grant warrants, or exercise jurisdiction within the colonies or dependencies of the British Crown. And under those circumstances, although it was extremely disagreeable and painful to have to move the resolution which the Committee recommended, there seemed to be but one course open for Grand Chapter to adopt. He therefore moved the resolution which was recommended by the Committee of General Purposes. The proposition was seconded by Comp. Robert Grey and carried unanimously. The prayer of the memorial of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, for official recognition, was agreed to, as also were the petitions for new Chapters, and the memorials as set out in our last week's issue. The grant of one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was moved by Comp. Grey, seconded by Comp. Frank Richardson, and unanimously agreed to. Consent was given to the conversion of the 3 per cent. Consols belonging to Grand Chapter. The following were declared as the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year:—Comps. Robert Grey President, Edward Letchworth and Robert Turtle Pigott appointed by the M.E.Z., Comps. W. A. Dawson, Thomas C. Walls, W. H. Perryman, L. Gordon Robbins, Edward Terry, and John S. Cumberland nominated in Grand Chapter, and declared elected. Grand Chapter was then closed.

On Wednesday, the spring meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter of Freemasons for the Province of West Yorks was held in St. George's Hall, Rotherham, by the invitation of the Phoenix Chapter. The Grand Superintendent Bro. T. W. Tew presided, and the Chapters of the Province were well represented. The Officers for the year were appointed. At the conclusion of the business the Companions partook of tea at the Ship Hotel.

ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 203.

ON the 1st instant the annual meeting of this, the oldest Chapter in Liverpool, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when the Companions held their convocation to instal Principals and invest Officers. There was a very good muster, the gathering being presided over by Companion E. Catrall M.E.Z. Companion Rowson efficiently performed the ceremony of installing the Principals, according to ancient form and rite, as follows—Companions Hounsell M.E.Z., Smyth H., Ashton J.; Pruddah S.E., Round S.N., Armitage P.S., Lowten 1st Asst., Burrows 2nd Asst. The accounts, which were very satisfactory, were passed. The Companions afterwards dined together, being amply provided for by Companion Casey, and during the evening a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Companion E. Catrall I.P.Z. on behalf of the Chapter.

GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1928.

THE installation meeting of the Gallery Chapter, No. 1928, was held on Saturday 21st ult., at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane. Comp. Thos. Minstrell M.E.Z. presided, and was supported by Comps. Wm. Duckworth H., Henry Massey J., J. H. Thomas, R. J. Albery, J. C. Duckworth, Pattison, Jno. Moore, Herbert Wright, Hancock, J. K. Moore and others. Three brethren were elected for exaltation, and Comp. Wm. Duckworth was installed M.E.Z. for the year ensuing. Comp. Massey as H., and Comp. J. C. Duckworth as J. Comps. Albery and Thomas were reinvested as Treasurer and Scribe E. respectively. Comp. Wright was installed as N., Comps. Hancock and J. Moore as Sojourners. During the evening a magnificent P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Minstrell, by the M.E.Z., in commemoration of the retiring 1st Principal's year of office. In making the presentation the M.E.Z. expressed the hope that the worthy recipient would long live to wear the jewel, in remembrance of a very pleasant year of office. Comp. Minstrell briefly replied. The ceremony of exaltation was performed, and the Companions sat down to a substantial repast, under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will not meet on Tuesday, next the 8th inst., in consequence of their room being engaged. Consequent thereupon the ceremony of Installation of Principals will be postponed until Tuesday, the 15th inst., when the Chapter of Improvement will open at half past 5 o'clock. The Installations will be rehearsed by Comps. Webb, Gillard and Fraser.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall was held at the Masonic Hall, Redruth, on the 26th ult., when there was a large attendance. The P.G. Master, Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., presided, and was supported by a strong body of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. The Lodge having been opened, apologies were received from Bro. T. Chirgwin D.P.G.M.M., and Bro. N. J. West P.G. Treasurer, &c. The minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Newquay were read and confirmed, after a short discussion on the increased fees then decided upon. Upon the minutes of the P.G. Lodge held at Liskeard at the consecration of a new Lodge there the P.G.M.M. expressed his regret that illness prevented him attending, and his thanks to Bro. T. Chirgwin for taking his place. The report of the P.G. Treasurer showed that there is now a balance of £12 7s 9d in favour of the P.G. Lodge. The P.G. Secretary reported that he had received returns from all the Lodges in the Province, eleven in number, showing an increase of one Lodge. The members numbered 328, an increase of 40 in the year. Bro. C. Truscott, acting Steward for the three Masonic Charities for the Province, said the Provincial Mark Lodge had two votes in the Benevolent Institution, but none for the Boys and Girls' Schools, and he asked if the Grand Lodge could support the Girls' School. Bro. Trythall moved that ten guineas be placed upon Bro. Truscott's list for the Girls' School. Bro. Crouch urged that the Mark Benevolent Fund had the prior claim, especially as he had been promised two years ago that the P.G. Lodge would support him. Bro. E. Milford Cock seconded Bro. Trythall's resolution. Bro. Crouch moved an amendment that five guineas be voted to the Girls' School, and five guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. C. Kent seconded the amendment, which was supported by Bro. Baker. Bro. Collins moved that ten guineas be voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund. This was seconded by Bro. T. C. Mack. On being put to the vote the amendment of Bro. Crouch was carried, the numbers being for Bro. Crouch's motion 33, for Bro. Trythall's 24, and for Bro. Collins's 11. It was explained that the five guineas voted to the Girls' School would not carry a vote, and it was thereupon resolved, on the motion of Bro. Baker, that a further sum of five guineas be voted to the Girls' School, making ten guineas to the Girls and five guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. N. J. West having resigned the position of P.G. Treas., Bro. E. Milford Cock was elected, on the motion of Bro. G. H. B. Reed, seconded by Bro. Newman. The following Officers were then invested —

Bro. T. Chirgwin 78	-	-	Deputy Master
F. Crouch 379	-	-	Senior Warden
T. A. Kistler 73	-	-	Junior Warden
J. Lovell 87	-	-	M.O.
R. Parson 275	-	-	S.O.
E. F. Whitley 206	-	-	J.O.
Rev. M. J. Sutton 94	-	-	Chaplain
E. M. Cock 73	-	-	Treasurer
W. J. Johns 78	-	-	Secretary
J. M. Carne 94	-	-	S.D.
W. J. Trythall 73	-	-	J.D.
J. R. Evans 206	-	-	Supt. of Works
R. H. Shapcott 351	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
P. L. Morgan 175	-	-	A.D.C.
T. R. Grylls 94	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. E. Lukies 78	-	-	Organist
A. P. Davis 325	-	-	I.G.
J. Sarah 73	-	-	} Stewards
W. Nettle 379	-	-	
J. Langdon 78	-	-	Tyler

An invitation was offered on behalf of St. Ann's Lodge, Looe, 351, for the next P.G. Lodge to be held there. The brethren afterwards sat down to dinner at Tabb's Hotel, when the usual Masonic toast list was gone through.

UNION LODGE, No. 124.

ON the 26th ult., the annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland. Bro. M. H. Dodd presided, and was well supported. Bro. J. C. Moor having been duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Dodd, invested the following as the Officers:—Bros. Dodd I.P.M., Pattison S.W., Porteous J.W., Singleton M.O., Todd S.O., Linton J.O., Kinmond Treasurer, Cowper Secretary, Pickney R. of M., Scarborough S.D., Remigius Blake J.D., Wilson I.G., Watson D. of C., Wade S.S., Brady Swain Tyler. Congratulatory telegrams and letters were received from Bros. T. Y. Strachan, John Strachan, Colonel Potter, Richard Luck M.A., LL.M., Maddison, Lane, Thomas Bradley, &c. The hearty congratulations of the W.M.'s of the Industry Lodge and the Wouldhave Lodge, as well as other Lodges at a distance, were expressed to the W.M. Bro. Kinmond spoke upon the Masonic Charities, which Bro. Fred. Maddison acknowledged.

PORTAL LODGE, No. 127.

THE annual festival was held on Thursday, 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Barnsley. Bro. C. W. Fincken was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. John Shaw performing the ceremony. The following were appointed Officers—Bros. Seward S.W., Smith J.W., Senior M.O., Alderson S.O., Lingard J.O., Gratton Treasurer, Massie Secretary, Billington S.D., Sutton J.D., W. R. Massie Chaplain, Browne I.G., Fountain Organist, Rogers Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Garnett, France, Simpson 110, Thornton 110, Barker 53, Myers 111, Fitzpatrick 110, Bradford 110.

JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE, No. 172.

BRO. F. BAINES, was on Monday, 23rd April, installed W.M. at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, and invested his Officers, as follow —Bros. Wheeldon I.P.M., Stanforth S.W., Mason J.W., Wright M.O., Greenhalgh S.O., Sowby J.O., Kirk Reg. of Marks, Liversidge Treasurer, Rev. C. E. Laing Chaplain, Adlard Secretary, Curtis I.G., Scott Tyler.

FIDELITY AND UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 348.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masons' Hall, Taunton, on 24th ult. The ceremony was performed by Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. F. T. Elworthy. Brother W. Adams was installed in the chair, and he afterwards appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Toms I.P.M., Crowe S.W., Bidgood J.W., Strawbridge M.O., Lewis S.O., Barrett J.O., J. Showers Treasurer, Hammett Secretary, Gill S.D., Wickenden J.D., Knight Reg. of Marks, Hartwell D.C., Humphrey I.G., and Tidbury Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned for banquet, which was held at the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Adams.

CONSECRATION OF THE KINTORE LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 333.

IN connection with the Kintore Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 333, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was consecrated on Friday, 20th April, with all the rites and ceremonies peculiar to this degree. Prior to the grand function of the evening the W.C.N. designate of the Lodge, the W. Bro. B. R. Bryant, 18^o P.G. Std. Br. &c., &c., elevated as Royal Ark Mariners some dozen duly qualified brethren, mostly belonging to the Kintore Lodge of Mark Masters. Amongst those for elevation were Bros. the Rev. G. W. Weldon G. Chap. (Craft) Hiram Lodge, No. 13, and the Rev. A. W. Oxford Bon Accord Lodge T.I., Bro. F. T. Bennett, Mallet and Chisel Lodge, No. 5, and the following members of the Kintore Lodge, viz., W. Bro. P. Dakers W.M., W. Bro. C. H. Nevill P.P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey J.W., Bros. W. Lucas D.C., J. H. Careton S.D., J. T. N. Callaway Secretary, Sydney Hill Organist, W. G. Temple, D. S. G. Milner, Harry Dakers, &c., &c. The W.C.N. was most ably and efficiently assisted in his work by Bros. Vincent J. Murché P.C.N. 22, &c., who occupied the chair of S., and Bro. R. J. Voisey P.C.N. 22, who occupied that of J., W. Bro. W. Vincent P.G.I.G., &c., acting as D.C. The names of these brethren alone will be sufficient guarantee that the working was in the highest degree perfect in every point; in fact, those well qualified to judge testified to the ceremony never having been more impressively performed. On the conclusion of this portion of the business the chair of W.C.N. was occupied by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. &c., who appointed as his principal acting consecrating Officers—Bro. T. Poore P.C.N., &c., and Bro. W. Vincent as S. and J. respectively, Bro. R. Berridge P.G.M.O. as D.C., and Bro. E. J. Mills A.G.I.G. as I.G. The Lodge being duly prepared, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, no detail of the grandly solemn ritual being omitted. Bro. the Rev. G. W. Weldon delivered a most eloquent and impressive oration. The brethren below the rank of W.C.N. then retired from the Lodge whilst the installation of the W.C.N. was proceeded with. On their return the customary formalities were gone through, after which the W.C.N. appointed the following brethren as his principal Officers for the ensuing year—Bro. J. Hepburn Hastie P.C.N. as J., Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon G. Chap. (Craft) as S., Bro. Phillip Dakers as Treasurer, Bro. G. H. Newington Bridges P.C.N., &c., as S.D., Bro. J. T. Nornam Callaway as Scribe, Bro. J. Whiteman as Warder, the appointment of the various other Officers being deferred to the next regular meeting. The Lodge was afterwards closed in the usual manner and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where dinner was served in the usual good style peculiar to this establishment. After a sumptuous repast the usual Loyal and Mark toasts were given and duly responded to, after which music and harmony enlivened the remainder of the evening, until the appearance of the Tyler for the last toast brought to a conclusion the celebration of one of the happiest and most successful events in the annals of Mark Masonry.

THE IRISH EXHIBITION IN LONDON.—In addition to the already remarkable list of persons prominent in politics, religion, law, literature and society, who have given their active support to this peaceful effort to benefit the sister kingdom, are the following:—The Earl of Leitrim, who has joined the Executive Council, the Earl of Alderbury, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Earl of Dufferin, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, and Sir Algernon Borthwick, Bart., M.P. Many of the Corporations in Ireland, including Dublin, Belfast and Waterford, have officially taken up the subject, and have strongly urged upon the trading community in their respective districts, their conviction that Irish industries are likely to be substantially benefited by a comprehensive display in London of what Ireland's markets and manufactures can produce. A most significant fact, tending to show that one of the primary objects of the promoters is likely to be fully realised, occurred recently at the Mansion House in Dublin, at a meeting over which the Lord Mayor, Mr. Sexton, M.P., presided. Mr. Sexton said "I believe the exhibition would be a great success, and would promote what he was happy to call the daily improvement in the relations of the Irish people and their neighbours beyond the sea," and he proposed the formation of a committee to further the objects of the Exhibition. Several prominent men have offered considerable contributions towards the scheme, in the belief that no better means could be devised for advancing the best interests of Ireland. The date fixed for the opening, at Olympia, Kensington, is the 4th of June, and the Exhibition, which covers twelve acres of ground, will remain open till the 27th October.

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, 5th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Inst.)
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)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst.)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (Inst.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
2205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

MONDAY, 7th MAY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (Inst.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 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)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7. (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)
1603—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marblebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2098—Harlesden National School, Harlesden
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrotham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friedrich, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford

TUESDAY, 8th MAY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bilgls., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
183—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphantes, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
655—Loughborough, Green Dragon, Stapeley (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction)
830—Falconer, Star's Tavern, Plover-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1011—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1269—Starhope, Thicket Hotel, Atherley
1311—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1416—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stars, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Hentley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Caucus, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)

1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheekheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wellesbury
726—Staffordshire Knight, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Slough
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Loominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Smekey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—O kenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1500—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Eitelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Horne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 70—St. John's, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Choctham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 9th MAY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Walswich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Inst.)
223—United Strength, The Hope, St. Dunstons Street, Regent's Park, at 8. (Inst.)
533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Bulham Hotel, Bulham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Birdett Road, E.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct.)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruct.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berceley Arms, John Street, City Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1922—Earl of Latham, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)
1963—Duke of Albany, 133 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (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. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1416—Mount Edgcumbe, St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate Street, E.C.
M.M. 1—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
251—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
258—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
453—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
664—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
755—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Barking, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Silem-street, Bradford
1041—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1059—Marnion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 120 North Hill Street, Foxtoth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Parva
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Honsea, Hull (Instruction)
1529—Earl Strewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes

1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
 R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmoudwike
 R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
 R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
 R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
 R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
 R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

THURSDAY, 10th MAY.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Ches or St., Kennington, at 9. (In.)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Betanah Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, 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—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2168—Derby Allcroft, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
 R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
 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)
 K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Salford
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Loughton, S.E.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 786—Croxteith United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, North Shields
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, Liverpool
 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Fratergar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Eala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
 R.A. 464—Hwlfordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southampton
 R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
 R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abercromby
 R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 11th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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.)
 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)
 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)
 129—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horus, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)

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. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 R.A. 74—Petrarchian, Port and Head, Lion to a Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
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K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1239—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Loveshulme
 K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 12th MAY.

173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
 Social Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Audert's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1990—Hamp-hire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
 R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Tottenham Court
 R.A. 1423—Eia, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

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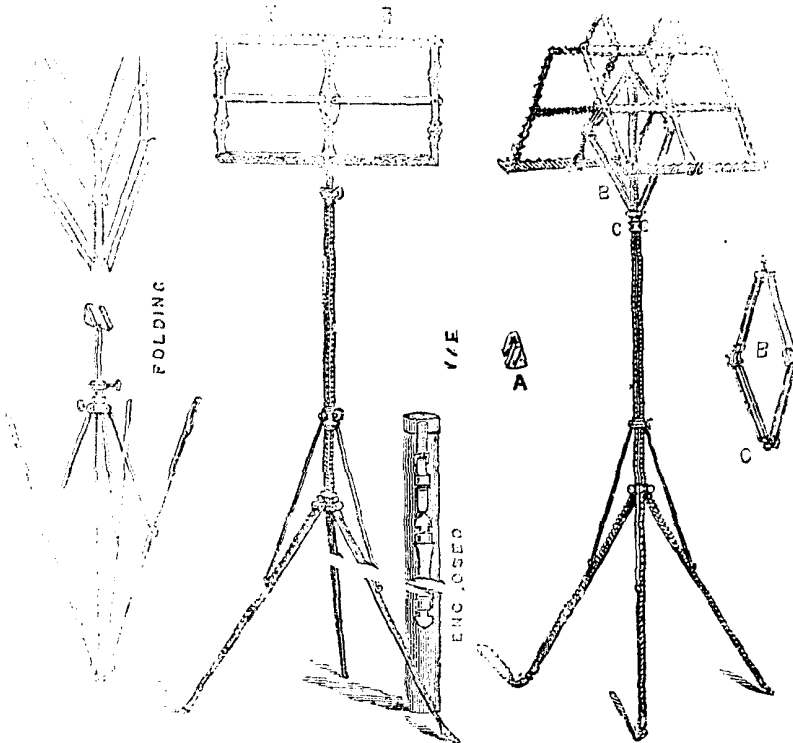
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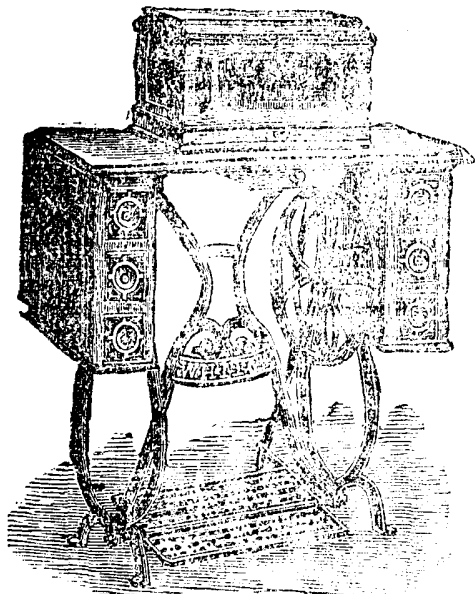
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