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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

LAST week we announced that at the regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held on the previous Wednesday, two brethren were nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer of England for the ensuing year. The election for this appointment will, as usual, take place on the occasion of the March Communication, when there is every prospect of the contest being as animated and as severe as at any time since the Grand Treasurership came to be regarded as an office to be held only for a single year. By this time a large number of Metropolitan brethren, and not a few Provincials, who have a voice in the election, and who are likely to attend Grand Lodge when the matter comes on for consideration, have pledged themselves to support one or other of these two candidates, and yet we may look forward to a busy period of canvassing on the part of those who are taking more than an ordinary interest in advocating the cause of the brethren who are now eligible for the post.

We feel considerable surprise, year by year, that so important an appointment as that of Grand Treasurer,—now that it has come to be regarded as an office calling for a fresh holder each time,—should not attract more than two nominations, and we are still at a loss to understand the apathy which appears to exist in many quarters in reference to what may truly be described as one of the most important annual events in connection with the English Craft. We can understand that in the case of the Supreme Head of the Order change is undesirable,—no better ruler than the Prince of Wales could be found; and we hope, with the majority—or we may almost say the entire Craft—that he will long do us the honour of filling the Grand Master's Chair. The same may perhaps be said in regard to the President and Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence; were the knowledge gained by experience is no doubt very useful, and at the same time serviceable to the Craft; but when it comes to the Past Masters who are to serve on that Board, and the brethren who are to form the various Committees of Grand Lodge, we certainly cannot account for what appears to us as evidence of wide-spread apathy and lack of interest. For instance, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge twelve Past Masters had to be elected to serve on the Board of Benevolence. There were only twelve nominations; a matter of frequent occurrence in connection with these and similar elections; and so it only remained for the acting Grand Master to declare the said nominees duly chosen as the representatives of the Craft, a result, we think, which is more to be regretted than approved of. But even in this and similar elections the apathy is not so surprising as is the case in regard to the Grand Treasurership. A member of the Craft chosen to fill a place on one of the Committees or Boards of Grand Lodge acquires

no life-long honour such as attaches to the Grand Treasurer, who for all time is regarded as a Grand Officer, and is regularly honoured as such. What then can be the cause for the office being so little sought after, or at least so sparingly contested? Can it be that Freemasons, as a body, are indifferent to the honour it bestows, or are there so few who possess friends and power enough to secure the coveted dignity?

We are aware there are many ways of answering the queries we have propounded, and we also know that what we regard as evidence of apathy is in other quarters looked on as proof of unanimity. We shall proceed to consider these varied opinions, and leave our readers to formulate a verdict for themselves.

At the present time, as we have already said, the English Craft considers that two of its members are worthy of the honours of the Grand Treasurership, and accordingly they have been nominated for the appointment. We are personally acquainted with both these gentlemen, and but for the fact that we have known Bro. George Everett longer and more intimately than has been the case with Bro. Edward Terry, we might have some difficulty in deciding who to favour. With such a narrow distinction between the two candidates it may well be understood we do not feel inclined to advocate the cause of one of them at the expense of the other; rather we urge a friendly rivalry, and leave the result to be decided on the basis of proving which side possesses the most friends with a voice in Grand Lodge affairs and the inclination to attend on a given day and record a vote. Fortunately past contests for the office have invariably been conducted with the greatest cordiality and good feeling; no bitterness has ever been imported into the struggle, and we hope that similar Masonic feeling will be evinced at all times in the future. But this does not get over our first impression, that the absence of candidates is proof of apathy and disinterestedness, and we cannot accept as an answer thereto the argument of those who urge that the limited number of nominations is proof of unanimity. We cannot see how this unanimity is to be made manifest without a contest, and though we are aware that those who take upon themselves the nomination of a candidate may have been working for weeks previously, we also know they have little trouble to secure for their candidate a comparatively clear field. It is not that a number of candidates are mentioned, and a selection has to be made, but rather that one, or perhaps two others are in the field, while the qualifications of each are frequently so uniform as to leave the ultimate decision merely a question of personal friendship, influence or regard.

We have already said that our esteem for the two candidates is divided,—that on the principle of being true to the old love we lean to the side of Brother George Everett, who, it is also mentioned, has the claim of longer membership to urge in his

favour. It will therefore be understood that we do not intend anything personal to either candidate in any remarks we now offer. We speak of the office, not of the officer, and in that regard we consider a mistake has been committed in making so much of the annual election of Grand Treasurer. We are aware that so far the periodical contests have been conducted with good feeling, and without any very serious harm resulting, but we see in their continuance much that will be productive of evil, and may tend to disturb the harmony of the Craft. We shall be greatly surprised if some alteration in the present mode of procedure is not attempted at no very distant date. Many think it would be well to prohibit canvassing, although we suppose the answer to this proposition will be that such a course is absolutely impossible. We should like to see a suggestion that the election be by proxy, and in such case would propose that every Lodge in the Kingdom be supplied with a voting paper, so that all the members eligible to vote could do so without the necessity of personally attending Grand Lodge in London. Such a course would render the Grand Treasurership an office of far greater honour than at present attaches to it, while the brother so chosen would really be the elect of the Craft rather than of a section, as is now the case, when the election really rests with those who live within easy distance of Grand Lodge, or who can spare time and money for the purpose of recording a vote which should be free and open to all, and rendered as easy of being registered as possible. If our suggestion of sending voting papers to every Lodge was adopted we would stipulate that the votes should be recorded in open Lodge and by ballot, the sheet sent to headquarters simply giving the result of a ballot such as is taken in every private Lodge for its own Treasurer. We believe that by enlarging the method of recording votes Grand Lodge would create a greater interest in its affairs generally, and many brethren would be elected to take part in its concerns who are now kept out simply because they do not approve of the course under which success is likely to be secured. We are further of opinion that the greater the interest shown in the affairs of the Craft the greater will be the good accomplished through its means, and the greater its power and usefulness, all of which considerations should be worthy of thought by those who desire to promote the welfare of Freemasonry.

PILLARS OF MASONRY.

An Address delivered before the Grand Lodge of Illinois, 3rd October 1888, by Rev. Geo. C. Lorimer, Grand Orator.

INSPIRED poetry, picturing the universe as a stupendous and sublime structure, exclaims, "Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars," and again, "the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and He hath set the world upon them." But these mighty and wonderful supports, whatever they are, are not independent of their Creator. By a bold flight of fancy He is conceived as the greater Atlas, upholding not only the globe, but upholding everything on which its stability depends. Hence, it is written: "The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved; I bear up the pillars of it;" "He shaketh the earth out of his place, and the pillars thereof tremble;" likewise, "the Pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at His reproof." According to this vivid imagery, everything is, as it were, instinct with life: the granite foundations, the snow clad peaks, and starry dome hear the Divine voice, feel amazement, and can fear and be humbled before its reproaches. This striking language is doubtless designed, like other poetic passages, for the imagination rather than for the reason, and the effort should not be made to interpret it too literally. In general terms, simply and yet magnifi-

cently it teaches that all secondary means and intermediate agencies, employed in maintaining the order and operations of the universe, are dependent on the Almighty for their existence and efficiency. While we may not too nicely inquire into the essential nature of these subordinate causes it must be evident to us from what we see of creation that they are characterised by irresistible power—that they are strong; that they are co-ordinate and harmonious in their working, contributing regularly to specific ends—that is, they are wise; and that they are distinguished by features which charm the eye and exalt the soul—that is, by beauty. Wisdom, Strength and Beauty—these are the pillars of the Cosmos. These underlie all that the Almighty hath made, and by these and through these all things subsist, resting in turn on Him who is called "the only wise God," of whom it is said, "With Him is wisdom and strength," and who is also revealed as a "King in his beauty." Let then the Craft, gathered to these solemnities, seek "the wisdom which is from above; pure, peaceable and gentle;" and let its members "ascribe strength unto God," and "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

In the ancient mysteries of various lands three pillars occupied a conspicuous position. Among the Hindu illuminants they were placed east, west and south, and the one in the east denoted Brahma, or wisdom; the one in the west represented Vishnu, the preserver, or strength; and the one in the south symbolised Siva, or beauty. These deities were considered as a trinity, and three pillars were regarded by many mystics as emblematical of the Divine Triad. The prevalence of such conceptions may be inferred from the fact that the Persians claimed that their Mithraic Cave was supported by three intelligences—Ormisdas, Mithra, and Mithras; and that the Egyptian Deity was presented under the forms of Wisdom, Power, and Goodness. So general was the custom of combining these attributes that the Oracle of Damascus is credited with the saying: "Throughout the world a Triad shines forth, which resolves itself into a Monad." In studying this mystery, and meditating on its significance, I have come to the belief, that while the primary reference is to Deity, in a secondary sense it is to man; that the Divine trinity of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty is destined to resolve itself, as from eternity ran the purpose, in the human Monad.

This impression is strengthened by the importance attached to the three pillars in Speculative Masonry. A Lodge has a two-fold relation: one to King Solomon's Temple, the other to the universe. In regard to both, the genius of the Order is that of spiritual architecture. Its degrees, legends, symbols are derived mainly from the House of the Lord at Jerusalem, or from the glories and wonders of creation. At every turn the world, considered as a magnificent building, is pressed on the attention of the neophyte and initiate; and in harmony with this fundamental conception, and adhering consistently to the figure, the three pillars which sustain the universe—Wisdom, Strength and Beauty—form the principal supports of the Lodge. But these attributes do not find their fulfilment merely in rules, precepts, ceremonies, in which doubtless much of the sagacity, vigour, and attractiveness of the Order consists, but rather in human beings—in the Monad. Hence it is written in the Ritual: "The column of Wisdom is situated in the east part of the Lodge, and is represented by the Worshipful Master, because it is presumed that he has wisdom to devise labour for the Craft, and to superintend them during the hours thereof; the column of Strength is situated in the west part of the Lodge, and is represented by the Senior Warden, because it is his duty to strengthen and support the authority of the Master; and the column of Beauty is situated in the south part of the Lodge, and is represented by the Junior Warden, because from his position in the south he is the first to observe the meridian sun, which is the beauty and the glory of the day—to call the Craft from labour to refreshment, to superintend them during the hours thereof," &c., &c. But while the ritual is thus specific in its application of these symbols, let it never be forgotten that, primarily, they denote the supports of the Order, and that, therefore, what is true of the officers must likewise be true, though possibly in a less degree, of the members—for without their conjoint wisdom to contrive, their combined strength to support, and their united beauty to adorn, the Masonic edifice would be unstable and incomplete.

It is this great truth, Most Worshipful and Brethren, for the good of the Fraternity, that I desire to further unfold

and illustrate before we are called by high noon from labour to refreshment.

While our institutions bring into relief the five orders of architecture, they particularly revere the three which obtained among the Greeks, namely, the Ionic, the Doric, and the Corinthian, they have much in common, and the ingenuity which distinguishes the first blends with the massiveness of the second, and these are crowned with the ornament that adorns the third. Thus, in the conduct and teachings of a Lodge, and particularly in the formation of personal character, which is the supreme purpose of Masonry—these are not to be separated, but are to be combined and unified. As in nature contrivance and design, exhibited everywhere, evince the qualities of durability and permanence, and clothe themselves with the loveliness of flowers and light, so similar harmony should reign between the distinctive features of our institutions. While I shall for the sake of clearness consider these singly, it is with the hope that they may ever be actualised unitedly.

It is a sign of wisdom both in the ceremonies and life of Masonry that it recognises the supremacy of the spiritual and moral. It is no materialistic system, denying the Creator, the authority of virtue, and the immortality of the soul. While it honours the visible universe, and while it admires every temple that human skill has reared, it reverently employs them both to exalt and initiate, to converse with the Unseen, and to figure forth the glorious duties which he should zealously perform. The significant letter "G" gleaming in the east, the sacred altar with the open Bible bearing the square and compasses, the checkered pavement, the blazing star, the tessellated border, and the ladder of Jacob, with the direct inculcation of love, truth, temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, emphatically teach that God reigns; that He has revealed Himself to His creatures; that He is to be worshipped; that He providentially cares for the race, never abandoning it to despair; that He has opened the way to heaven's blessedness, and that He has magnified goodness above all the distinctions of earth and time. Masonry is no devotee at the shrine of perverted science and destructive criticism. It has not reached the deplorable stage of mere philosophy that robs man of his soul, degrading him to the level of a machine, secreting thought, love and sense of right as the liver does bile: and neither has it reached that degree of phosphorescent intellectuality in which Divine Revelation is counted unreasonable, and prayer and a future existence are set down as foolish superstitions. All over the world, wherever its morning bell calls to labour, and its noon and evening chimes to refreshment, it raises its magnificent protest against the entire brood of atheists, scoffers and rationalists; against the doctrine of a universe without a ruler, and of a man begotten of nature, identical with nature, and destined at last to be confounded and exterminated among the ruins of nature. And in thus grounding its very being in the reality and sovereignty of the spiritual, it displays its eminent wisdom; for the highest welfare of mankind intimately related to confidence in these verities, and where they are maintained, and only there is society blessed with law-abiding citizens, and with such fortitude and hope as serve to overcome difficulties and triumph in disaster. Where they are obscured, and particularly where they are obliterated, the ties that usually bind men are broken, rights of property and rights of other kinds are easily ignored, and lawlessness and anarchy come to prevail. Masonry is wise in that it discerns the real source of progress and happiness, and impresses a knowledge of the same on the minds of its members, and in this manner not only perpetuates its own order, but contributes to the advancement and well-being of the outside community.

But I have intimated that in this respect its influence is exceedingly helpful and elevating to the individual. And so it is: for he is taught in the light of spiritual supremacy that the true life, the imperishable life of the soul, is the life of morality. Other ideals have prevailed, and the brethren of the mystic tie have not always been consistent with their own, but wherever heresy has occurred on this subject it has in time led the unfortunate to query, "whether life is worth living?" I do not hesitate to say that, as frequently led, it is not. When it is spent in carousing and dissipation it is not; for excess deadens the sensibilities, diminishes vitality, and contracts the dimensions of this vast universe to the dimensions of a sty. Physical indulgence tends to animalise the soul, and deprives it of its noblest functions and sweetest joys. Nor is that the real life

which is abandoned to greed and selfishness, which stirs up the angry passions of others by success and is depressed to madness by failure. There is no abiding comfort, no fellowship with the most exalted pursuits of the race, and everything becomes small and paltry. Let these and other misconceptions cease, and let a man array himself on the side of righteousness, and cling to it, and be moved by it as the poet is by form of loveliness, and he will feel himself allied with the noblest and most enlightened minds of all ages; with the vast commonwealth of heroes and martyrs—and with God Himself. In such goodly fellowship as this he will have joy, and as he accustoms himself to the thought that the moral is the grandest of all forces, he will believe that it must prevail; that the entire universe must be on the side of right, and that justice must infallibly triumph. The sacred mysteries of the Lodge deepen this impression. Hiram Abif—Hiram the father—may be foully assassinated, and his body may be securely hidden, but some moaning of the murderer, some sprig of acacia, will reveal the terrible secret, and Justice unsheath her sword. The guilty shall not escape, and the innocent victim shall be honoured through all time in the annals of the Craft. But virtue is not only crowned in such historic scenes, but culture, refinement, intelligence, the sisters and allies of virtue are commended. The aspirant is led into the domain of knowledge, he is taught that he has entered the empire of power. The arts and sciences are unfolded to his wondering sight, and he is encouraged to persevere to ascend the steps, in a word, to be a man. And he who is constantly seeking enlightenment, and who is ever purifying himself through virtue, has attained to manhood, and has within himself the real sweetness of existence; and such an one is a genuine and wise support to any society or community.

(To be continued.)

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland celebrated St. Andrew's Festival on Friday, the 30th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Amongst the toasts, the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Scotland was given by Sir Chas. Dalrymple, M.P., and the Grand Master, in replying, thanked the brethren of the Grand Lodge for having re-elected him for the fourth time to his high office, and he assured them all his energies would be devoted to furthering the interests of the Craft. Having referred to the death of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, and the serious illness of Lord Rosslyn, the Grand Master said he was glad to inform them that during the past year they had received 4584 new entrants—and their income had been £4543. Nine new Lodges had been added to the roll in Scotland, which showed that Masonry in that country was prospering. While they had added to the daughter Lodges in Scotland, they had lost a large number of their daughter Lodges by the formation of a new Grand Lodge in South Australia. Speaking of the new scheme of benevolence, he said the Grand Lodge had passed rules for administering the fund, and what they now wanted was £10,000 to enable them to place it on such a footing as to enable them to carry comfort to many deserving homes, and he believed that if every Province was represented by a stall in a great bazaar next year, they would exceed that sum. Lord Saltoun, in proposing the New Grand Lodge of New South Wales and its Daughter Lodges, said there were 130 Masonic Lodges in the Colony, of which 57 were Lodges holding from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Bro. Francis George Barns, S.W. of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, is one of the candidates for the vacant seat in the Common Council for the Ward of Cripplegate Without. The Election will take place on the 21st inst.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 7 o'clock p.m. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 W.M., J. A. Powell 186 S.W., T. G. Hodges S.W. 1695 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Park, Baker, McNamara, Witte, Da Costa, Fenner, Hodges. Second Lecture—Bros. Brown, Lone, Da Costa, Powell, Moss. Third Lecture—Bros. Galer, Oldis, Langdale. Brother R. Heslop is the Secretary.

Obituary.

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BROTHER W. T. WARHURST.

THE remains of the late Bro. W. T. Warhurst, one of the principal tradesmen in Liverpool, and a prominent Freemason, were interred on Tuesday afternoon, in Anfield Cemetery, in the presence of between three and four hundred people. The deceased shortly after being raised to the chair of the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, about a year ago, was stricken with a grievous illness, which terminated fatally on Friday last, only a few days after being presented by proxy with the usual Past Master's jewel upon the termination of his year of office. The cortège arrived at the entrance to Anfield Cemetery at two, being there met by a large concourse. The Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, was represented by Bros. Kellie W.M., Johnston P.M., Bargery P.M., Marshall P.M., Mitton P.M., Britten P.M., Grierson P.M., Molyneux S.W., C. Johnson J.W., Croxton Treasurer, Bushell Secretary, Macaulay J.D., Dr. J. Ricketts I.G., Carmichael Steward, Eyton Organist, Evans, Clarke, Macindoe, Rowe, Walter, Dodd, J. Orrel, J. N. Orrel, Armstrong, Davies, Pendrigh, Thomson, Bridgewater, Crawford, Bibby, Brophy, Ferguson, Johnstone. From the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, of which deceased was also a member, came Bros. Dr. H. Taylor W.M., Ibbs, Blundell, Armitage, Blake Tyler. The Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035, sent Bros. Peake P.M., Whalley P.M., Bryan P.M., Curtis, Bennett, Hill, Worthington, Howson, and Perrins. Other Masonic bodies represented on the ground were:—Derby Lodge, No. 724: Brothers Sharples W.M., Barrett, Captain Thornton, and Griffiths. Wilbraham Lodge, No. 1713: Bro. Cross P.M. Mariners' Lodge, No. 249: Bros. Spurr W.M. and Rontledge Junior Steward. Antient Union Lodge, No. 203: Bros. Galloway I.P.M., Hounsell P.M., Ashton W.M., Dunning, G. J. Clough, and T. Clough. Lodge of Harmony, No. 220: Bros. Jones P.M., Thompson, and Baker P.M. Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620: Bros. Stirzaker and Stubbs S.D. St John's Lodge, No. 673: Bros. Edgar and Thompson. Everton Lodge, No. 823: Bros. Barberry and Hague. There were also present Bros. H. Smith, George Major 67 (I.C.), J. Capstick, &c. The officiating ministers were Bros. Dr. Hyde and E. F. Neep Chaplain 1473. The former clergyman delivered a short but impressive address at the grave side, and at its close a large number of beautiful wreaths were placed over the coffin in the grave.

BROTHER W. H. CORBIN.

THE funeral of the late Bro. W. H. Corbin P.M. Lodge of Perseverance, No. 153, took place the same afternoon, in Anfield Cemetery. The deceased was a prominent representative of the firm of Messrs. Landlands and Son, ship-owners. The following brethren were at the grave side: Bros. H. H. Smith P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Hockin P.M. 673, J. W. Reece 594, W. H. Hignett P.M. 1547, and others.

BRO. JAMES THOMPSON COOPER.

BRO. James Thompson Cooper, of Morpeth, died on Saturday last. He was a well-known figure in Masonic circles in the Province, having been for about sixteen years Tyler to De Ogle Lodge, and during all that time only twice absent from duty, whether that had to be discharged at home or in some other part of the Province.

It is said that a lady in New York has opened a subscription list to procure ten millions sterling with which to rebuild Jerusalem and Solomon's Temple. She thinks her project has special interest for Jews and Freemasons. Her sanguine anticipations have been encouraged by the receipt of seven shillings and sixpence. Society seems credulous about restoration projects at a distance,—with other people's money.

At a meeting of the members of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, on Monday last, Brother Tom Whale was elected as the W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Rowe was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Dennis was re-elected Tyler. The installation of the Worshipful Master will take place on Monday, the 14th January.

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MARK MASONRY.

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KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 109.

ON the 26th ult. an interesting meeting was held at Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire, the occasion being the installation of a W.M. for the coming year. The installation ceremony was given with proficiency by Bro. Captain S. George Homfray, J.P., P.G.M.M.M. The Master, Brother C. H. Oliver jun., P.G. Sec., afterwards invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. E. J. Whitley I.P.M., Jones S.W., Hazell J.W., Pettengell M.O., Mitchell S.O., De Angulo J.O., F. Phillips S.D., Charles Cullam J.D., Captain S. George Homfray Treasurer, Alfred Taylor D.C., J. Thornton Secretary, T. H. Shute Reg. of Marks, E. G. R. Richards, C. E. Keen, and T. B. Garrett Stewards, Alfred J. Hunt I.G., H. Fletcher Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where the installation banquet was held, under the presidency of the new Master.

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 379.

THE members of St. Martin's Mark Masons' Lodge met at Liskeard, on the 6th instant, and elected Bro. E. Venning as Worshipful Master, F. Crouch Treasurer, and Penwarden Tyler for the ensuing year. The next regular meeting to instal the W.M. will be held at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 7th February, when a large and influential meeting is anticipated. The annual banquet will be held at Bro. J. Venning's London Hotel.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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MARQUESS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 124.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 4th instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham. Bros. Thomas Dunn S.W. was unanimously elected W.M., M. Fowler Treasurer and S. B. Grant Tyler. There were present Bros. Rev. Dr. Tristram D.P.G.M. and Past Masters Logan, Bell, Bousfield, Carr, Coxon, Fenny, Lawson; with several visitors.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

AT a meeting, held at the Lodge-rooms, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday evening, the 10th inst., Bro. Frank R. Thomas W.M. presiding, Bro. George Hawken Past Master was unanimously elected Treasurer in the place of the late Bro. T. S. Bayly. Two candidates were initiated, and a brother raised to the sublime degree of M.M. It was decided to celebrate the opening of the new refreshment room by a banquet, the two Lodges, Sincerity and St. George's combining on that occasion. Bro. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 P.P.G. Chap. and Prov. J.G.W., presented to the Lodge a handsomely framed photograph of a picture of the "Temple of King Solomon," with sections of council chamber, sanctum sanctorum, belonging to the Yarborough Lodge, 554. A panel of the frame bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Lodge Sincerity 189, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse by W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 (70, 223, 1071, 1205, and 2025 Honorary) P.P.G.C. and P.G.J.W. of Devonshire, 10th December 1888."

Bro. Lemon also presented to the Lodge a key to the picture of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in London in 1875. The unanimous thanks of the Lodge were accorded to Bro. Lemon for his gifts.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

AT a regular meeting, held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport, on the 6th instant, Bro. Frederick Orchard S.W. was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bros. John Lynn P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer and S. Harvey Tyler. The sum of three guineas was unanimously voted to the Local Charities of Devonport. The installation of the Worshipful Master will take place on Thursday, 20th December.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

AT the regular meeting, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday, 3rd instant, Bro. Samuel Border S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Todd P.M. P.P.G. Reg. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Calvert Tyler. The installation and banquet will take place on Monday, 17th December.

TEES LODGE, No. 509.

THE annual festival was held in the Masonic Hall, Stockton, on the 6th inst., when Bro. Alexander Inglis was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. G. Snaith I.P.M. Subsequently the W.M. invested or appointed the following brethren his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. G. Snaith I.P.M., M. B. Dodds S.W., J. Holt J.W., W. M. Watson P.M. Treasurer, I. H. Hart Secretary, J. Barton S.D., T. R. Clephau J.D., Alexander Iley D.C., R. J. Talintyre Organist, T. Hayne Cleff I.G., A. Jobbing and W. C. Park Stewards, B. S. Smith Tyler. There were also present Bros. Pickford P.G. Standard Bearer England, Canon Tristram D.P.G.M., Nelson P.S.G.D. (Mayor of Stockton), Brayshay P.M., G. F. Allen P.P.G.S.B., E. D. Brown, G. F. Allen and J. R. Jordison P.M.'s, G. D. Leng P.G.S.D.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 558.

AN unusually large muster of the brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Folkestone, on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., for the purpose of initiating two gentlemen into the mysteries of

the Craft—Mr. A. H. Gardner and Mr. J. T. Sams. There were several visiting brethren present, and nearly fifty of the members of the Lodge. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Dank W.M., A. J. Crane I.P.M., F. Francis S.W., G. Spurgeon J.W., S. Joseph P.M., J. Kennett P.M. Sec., F. Hall S.D., W. Griffin J.D., G. L. Hart P.M. D.C., L. Banks I.G., R. Pope S.B., H. S. Roberts Organist, J. G. Cheyney and C. Saunders Stewards, F. Klatt P.M., J. H. Clarke P.M., H. D. Stock P.M., W. Francis P.M., A. Petts P.M., E. T. Ward, G. Peden, J. Dunk, W. G. Prebble, J. Ward, T. F. Makin, C. J. Pursey, T. B. Hammond, D. Devereux, W. K. Westropp, T. J. Vaughan, H. Tolputt, S. J. Petts, F. Brown, J. Eldridge, F. Clements, D. P. W. Jones, W. D. Goddard, T. A. Franks, F. J. Jarvis, H. H. Barton, H. E. Brooke, F. C. Stevenson, T. H. English, and visiting brethren J. C. Kent P.M. 516, J. Lathey 126, R. M. Hazell 125, G. J. E. Marsh P.M. 1586, A. Thompson 1601, C. S. Clark 1760, and J. D. Goddard 1056. The Lodge was opened at 7.30 by the W.M. (Bro. W. Dank.) The above-named gentlemen were then introduced, and the ceremony of initiation was ably and impressively performed by the W.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. G. L. Hart rose, and said he had been asked to undertake one of the most pleasing tasks he had ever been called on to do. It was to present to the Lodge, subscribed for by every member of the Lodge, a most beautifully executed coloured photograph of their worthy Senior Past Master, Bro. Stock, as a mark of the very high esteem and regard in which he was held. It was in the year 1857 Bro. Stock filled the chair, and in the following year was appointed a Prov. Grand Officer. In making the presentation, he begged the W.M. to receive it on behalf of the Lodge, to be held by them in perpetuity. The inscription below the portrait is as follows:—

“Worshipful Bro. Henry Stock W.M. 1857, Prov. G. Sup. of W. 1858, Prov. G.J.W. 1887. Presented to the Temple Lodge, No. 558, by the Brethren, as a mark of the esteem in which they hold their Senior Past Master. December 1888.”

The W.M., Bro. Dank, then acknowledged and accepted the very valuable gift, stating that the picture, which was a wonderful specimen of the art of photography, was the work of their esteemed Bro. Clarke, of Church Street. Bro. Stock then rose, and, with considerable feeling, said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—When you, worshipful sir, first intimated to me the desire of the brethren to present to my mother Lodge this valued token of their fraternal regard and esteem, I was filled with emotion; indeed I can but now feebly express to you my deep inward feelings of gratification and pleasure that I should have been chosen as the first representative of that long array of worthy Past Masters whose portraits may some day grace the walls of this noble temple. And, further, I feel the great honour which will be accorded me of a place in close proximity to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and to our old and esteemed Bro. Eastes his Deputy. I cannot disguise from you my feelings that this last act of your kindness may be somewhat in recognition of the fact that I, as your senior Past Master, for a long series of years fought nobly for my Lodge, and zealously endeavoured to keep together the frequently dying embers of the Temple; neither can you fail to judge of my unbounded satisfaction at being permitted to see it rise, like another Phoenix, from those ashes, to assume the very large proportions it now does. It will be in the recollection of you all that only a few months ago I was presented by the Provincial Grand Lodge with the Jubilee Medal and the honorary rank of a P.P.G.J.W. I considered this as one of the greatest honours that could be conferred upon a humble individual like myself; but believe me, my brethren, that this honour even pales before the circumstance of to-night. My Brother Hart has kindly wished that I might be spared to be with you for very many years. This, in the ordinary course of things, I can scarcely expect; but I do venture to hope that for some little time longer yet I may be permitted to be with you, and to retain that fraternal regard, love, and esteem which I have already earned, so that in death I may not be forgotten. But whenever you gaze upon that picture it may elicit some passing thought and a kindly word of one who went in and out among you, and of one who throughout his long life ever sought to maintain and practise those three grand Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Bro. Stock then resumed his seat amid the acclamations of the brethren, and the Lodge was closed.

LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 734.

THE installation of Bro. E. Mainprize took place at the Masonic Hall, St. John's Avenue, Bridlington, on Wednesday, 5th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. F. Creaser P.M. P.G. Standard Bearer. In the evening the banquet was held at the Britannia Hotel, and was well attended, several visiting brethren being present.

EVERTON LODGE, No. 823.

IT has hitherto been the custom of the Officers of this Lodge to organise an annual sea trip to the beautiful Welsh coast, in aid of the Masonic Charities of the Province, and in these efforts the late Bro. T. H. Carefull P.M. rendered yeoman service. This year the “benefit” in aid of the Charities took the form of a concert and dance, which successfully came off in Rodney Hall. The entertainment was under the control of Bros. W. Maddox W.M., R. T. Britton J.W. who acted as Hon. Treasurer, and Edwin Kite S.D. as Hon. Secretary, while the general arrangements were entrusted to a competent body of Stewards. The artistes were Madame Græfe, Bros. A. B. Ewart (Organist of the Lodge), J. Handford, J. M. King, G. A. Redhead (solo violin), T. Hague, E. O. Roberts, George Smith, Jackson, Masters Latham and Pritchard, and Miss Ivy Carefull. Madame Græfe, who was in splendid voice, received a unanimous encore for Cowen's “Never Again,” and subsequently rendered “Ora pro Nobis” with most commendable artistic taste, and in irreproachable style. Bro. Redhead's violin solos on English and Irish melodies were characterised by much care and ability; and Miss Carefull, a

miniature performer, was given an encouraging welcome for a well-played pianoforte selection. Bro. King contributed an exceedingly interesting recitation on the rise and progress of Masonry and the choir from St. Luke's Church officiated in two instances with great credit to themselves. The programme, which was of a very enjoyable nature throughout, was followed by a dance, Bro. H. M. Molyneux P.P.G.D.C. acting as M.C.

KINGSTON LODGE, No. 1010.

AT a meeting of the members, held on the 5th instant, in the new Masonic Hall, Kingston-square, Hull—Bro. Colonel H. Fawcett Padsey in the chair—Bro. John Bilson, the Worshipful Master-elect for the ensuing year, was duly installed by Bro. Francis Fullerton. Letters regretting inability to be present were received from numerous brethren. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren officers of the Lodge:—F. S. Brodriek S.W., Herbert Woodhouse J.W., the Rev. Canon McCormick, D.D., Chaplain, F. Fullerton Lecture Master, H. Forde Treasurer, J. Carlill Savill Secretary, W. H. Briggs S.D., F. C. Bishop J.D., F. Bentley Organist, T. A. Baldwin I.G. On a resolution moved by Bro. W. H. Wellsted it was resolved:—“That a Committee, consisting of the W.M., Wardens, and P.M.'s, be formed to consider the best means of recognising the Mayoralty of Bro. John Sherburn, M.D.” This was seconded by Bro. F. Fullerton. It is understood that the mode of recognition will be by a banquet. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren dined together in their dining-room, under the chairmanship of Bro. Bilson and the newly-appointed officers. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent. During the proceedings in the Lodge, the Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, asked the Secretary (Bro. Carlill Savill) to accept a Masonic jewel, bearing the following inscription:

“Presented to Bro. J. Carlill Savill, by Bro. H. Fawcett Padsey, Worshipful Master 1010, in recognition of valuable services, on removal of Lodge to new Masonic Hall, 1888.”

Bro. Carlill Savill acknowledged the gift in suitable terms.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

THE annual banquet was held on the 5th instant, at Bro. N. Bray's Commercial Hotel, Saltash. There was a large attendance. After dinner the W.M. Bro. W. R. Rawling gave the toast of the Queen and Craft. The toast of the M.W. Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was proposed in eulogistic terms by the W.M. and was drunk with enthusiasm. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall Bro. the Earl of Mount Edzombe, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devon Lord Ebrington, and the Provincial Officers of Cornwall and Devon were proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bros. J. T. Brooking, W. H. L. Clark, T. W. Lemon, S. Jew, D. Cross, and C. H. Cooper. Bro. W. N. Nancarrow S.W. next proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. W. H. Rawling. He felt sure Bro. Rawling would deserve the honour which had been conferred upon him. He had gone through the minor offices with credit to himself and to the Lodge, and he had no doubt that he would occupy the chair in the same way. Bro. W. R. Rawling, in reply, thanked them heartily for the way they had received the toast. The I.P.M. of Lodge Zetland (Bro. R. C. Revell) was given by Brother R. Pearce, who presented Bro. Revell with a P.M.'s jewel on behalf of Lodge Zetland. Bro. R. C. Revell responded. The medal, a very beautiful one, bore the following inscription:—

“Presented by the members of Zetland Lodge, No. 1071, Cornwall, to Bro. Richard Carter Revell P.M., in appreciation of his Masonic worth and talent.—December 5th, 1888.”

The P.M.'s of Lodge Zetland was proposed by Bro. Rawling and responded to by Bro. E. Herring in suitable terms. The Treasurer and Secretary was proposed by Bro. W. H. L. Clark, who enquired the Secretary and Treasurer, Bros. J. Pearce and T. Deeble. Bro. Deeble suitably responded. The S. and J.W. of Lodge Zetland, proposed by Bro. R. C. Revell was responded to by Bros. W. N. Nancarrow and T. Shaddock. The Senior and Junior Deacons and Assistant Officers, proposed by Bro. H. Bowden and replied to by Bros. J. Lander S.D., Netting J.D., R. Meadows I.G., Fred A. Rawling D.C., W. Prout and C. Hunt Stewards. Our Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren, proposed by Bro. E. Herring, was responded to by Bros. Aitken Davies, Lavers, and Jew. Masons' Wives and Sweethearts was proposed by Bro. Rabbage and replied to by Bros. Fred A. Rawling and W. P. Wood. Our Host and Hostess was proposed by the W.M. and replied to by Bro. Bray. Our Poor Brethren, wherever dispersed, however distressed, speedy relief to them, proposed by Bro. Lemon, brought the toast list to a close. Afterwards songs were rendered by Bros. Jew, Cox, W. R. Rawling, and T. Betty.

MADOC LODGE, No. 1509.

THE annual installation took place on the 5th inst., at Portmadoc, Bro. W. Jones (North and South Wales Bank) being installed W.M. Bro. Dr. Jones Morris was the Installing Officer; he was assisted by Bro. Cornelius Davies P.G.S.W. of North Wales.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1529.

THE annual festival was held in the Masonic Hall, St. Columb, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when Bro. Drew was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. Whitley, the retiring W.M. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. F. Whitley I.P.M., F. E. Remfrey P.G.P. S.W., W. R. May J.W., J. R. Evans Secretary, T. Gatley P.M. Treasurer, E. Benny S.D., Brewer J.D., Burgess D.C., J. James I.G., Garrison Tyler, Coad Steward. After the usual business of the Lodge was completed the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was laid by Mrs. Brewer.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, 5th instant. Lodge was opened at 4:30 p.m. precisely. There were present Brs. W. C. Williams W.M., Wing S.W., Harding J.W., Fayers acting S.D., Oliver J.D., Coombe I.G., Bowler acting Tyler, Watkins Treasurer; P.M.'s Robinson Secretary, Collings Dir. of Cers., Stacey Organist, Pardoe, and about twenty-two other members. The visitors were Bros. Wingfield P.M. 1360, Silcock S.D. 144, Tucker 144, Bass, Bells and Cory 865, Turner 1767. After preliminaries, Bro. Hague was raised to the sublime degree. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Marshall was passed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. J. H. Morrish and J. Cox, and it being unanimous in their favour they were duly initiated into Freemasonry. The whole of the ceremonies were carried through by the W.M. in a manner which elicited the highest encomiums from the members and visitors. Some routine business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 7 p.m. After discussing the good things provided by the host, Bro. Silcock, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were pitily proposed and heartily accepted. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Robinson P.M., who complimented the Lodge on having such an able Master and the W.M. on having such a prosperous and harmonious Lodge. Bro. Green sang "The Last Stirrup Cup," and then the W.M. responded. The W.M. next complimented the Initiates, remarking how fortunate the Royal Commemoration Lodge had been lately in the quantity and quality of its initiates. Bro. Price recited "Sal Grogan," in a most pathetic manner, and then Bros. Cox and Morrish replied, the latter at some length, referring to the manner in which he had been impressed by the solemnity of the ritual and the forcible rendering of it by the W.M. To the toast of the Visitors those named above replied. The health of the Past Masters was proposed. Bro. Howard sang "The Sprig of Shillelagh," and Bros. Robinson, Collings and Pardoe replied. The W.M. next gave the Officers, complimenting them on what they had done, and forcibly impressing upon them the necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction. Bro. Williams commented on the small number who had availed themselves of his invitation to meet him at the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction on the previous Monday evening. Bro. Knight sang "Mary Carey's Beau," and then the Wardens and Senior Deacon responded. The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening at 10 p.m.

KIRKDALE LODGE, No. 1756.

THE annual meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster Road, Liverpool, and was without exception the most numerously attended Craft Lodge of the year, over forty W.M.'s and P.M.'s being present, besides many other visitors and members. The Lodge has the largest number of contributing brethren of any at the North-end, and has been remarkable since its formation in 1878 for its generous donations to the Masonic Charities. The chair was taken by Bro. R. T. Britten I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. W. T. Warhurst), through severe illness, and he was supported by Bros. E. Johnston (Father of the Lodge), H. Fergusson P.M., R. E. Milton P.M., H. Marshall P.M., J. Grierson P.M., C. Bargery P.P.S.G.D., J. A. Kellie S.W. (W.M. elect), Joseph Molyneux J.W., Joseph Croxton Treasurer, C. Johnson Secretary, G. Eytton J.W., J. Milne I.G., &c., and a large body of visitors. The W.M. elect, Brother J. Kellie, was presented by Bros. E. Johnston and H. Fergusson, and most efficiently installed by Bro. Britten. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. T. Warhurst I.P.M., Joseph Molyneux S.W., C. Johnson J.W., Joseph Croxton Treasurer (re-elected for the fifth time), John Milne S.D., John Macaulay J.D., Dr. Joseph Ricketts I.G., G. Eytton Organist, Dr. R. H. Powell S.S., Thomas Hood J.S., J. R. Carmichael A.S., R. T. Britten D.C. Bro. E. Watson was re-elected Tyler. The brethren, to the number of 100, afterwards dined together, and during the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. W. T. Warhurst (whose absence was feelingly alluded to), by proxy, on behalf of the Lodge. A beautiful silver tea and coffee service, supplied by Bro. J. W. Morton, was also presented to Bro. J. Croxton, on behalf of the members, in recognition of his long and valuable services. The service during the installation was fully choral, and an excellent musical programme was given after the banquet by Bros. Williams, Griffiths, J. T. Pugmire, T. C. Fargher, and H. J. Nicholls, the conductor and accompanist in both being Bro. George Eytton. The banquetting-room was tastefully decorated by Messrs. Griffiths and Davies.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

At the regular meeting, held on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, East Stonehouse, Bro. John Griffin the S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Officers were Bros. W. H. Williams the retiring W.M., C. Nicholson P.M., James Lose P.M., and W. H. Macey P.M., all of 1847. It was unanimously decided to present Bro. W. H. Williams the I.P.M. with a handsome Masonic jewel in appreciation of his Masonic zeal and ability during the past year, and also to present Bro. A. R. Lethbridge with his portrait, in consideration of his valuable services to the Lodge as honorary representative on the Committee of Petitions, for the past seven years. The Officers were invested, as follows:—Bro. W. H. Williams I.P.M., J. T. Rooko S.W., J. J. Parvey J.W. S. J. W. Chap., C. Nicholson Treasurer, J. Lose Secretary, G. Street S.D., B. Michel J.D., H. Roberts I.G., E. Daw D.C., T. L. Foley A.D.C., J. Keast Organist, T. Lee and W. Warren Stewards, J. Bartlett Tyler. Bro. A. R. Lethbridge was chosen as the representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Williams Charity Steward. Bro. T. W. Lemon P.M. 189 presented to the Lodge a framed photograph of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as R.W. P.G.M. of Sussex, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England, 22nd June 1886. The panel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Lodge Ebrington, No. 1847, East Stonehouse, Devon, 11th December 1888, by W. Bro. the R. v. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain 189 (70, 223, 1071, 1205, and 2025 honorary), P.P.G.C. and P.J.G.W."

The brethren then adjourned to the refectory, where, under the genial chairmanship of the W.M., a very pleasant evening was spent. The annual banquet is fixed to take place at Bro. Rogers's, Newmarket Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th of January next.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday last, at the Brixton Hall. Dr. R. J. Griffiths was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. H. Thomas. The following were appointed and invested as Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Herbert Wright S.W., W. T. Perkins J.W., H. Massey P.M. Treasurer, Thos. Minstrell P.M. Secretary, R. J. Albery (who has for the last six years occupied the post of Secretary) S.D., Basil Cooke J.D., F. H. Gale D.C., E. E. Peacock I.G.; Charles Greenwood, C. K. Moore, F. W. Pattison, and W. Macdonald Stewards, and P. W. Hask Org. Mr. A. F. Robbins was elected, and initiated into the Order. A large number of visitors were present, among whom were Bros. Eve Past Grand Treasurer of England, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and F. Binckes Secretary of the Royal Masonic School for Boys.

WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

THE winter soirée and ball took place in the Central Hall, Pryme-street, Hull, on the 4th instant. The large Hall had been tastefully and artistically decorated for the occasion, and the proceedings, in which about 150 persons took part, were of the most enjoyable and successful character. Dancing was commenced at half-past eight o'clock, under the direction of Bro. Jos. Strickland, M.C., and during the evening entertainments were given in the smaller hall adjoining by Bro. Vessey King, to whom belongs the chief credit of the excellent arrangements which were made for the comfort and delectation of the brethren and visitors. Refreshments were provided in the dining-hall, by Bro. Burdall.

EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE, No. 2201.

A MEETING of the brethren of this Lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday afternoon, 24th ult. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., who was supported by his Officers. The W.M. directed the Secretary to write to Mrs. Gerard Ford on behalf of himself and the brethren of the Lodge, and thank her for the handsome and appropriate cover for the Lodge table, which she had kindly presented to the brethren. The Secretary reported that a die for the use of the Earl of Sussex Lodge had been presented by Bro. C. Bampfyld Warre, and the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, tendered him their sincere thanks for the thoughtful present. Other business having been transacted the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, when they sat down to an elegant banquet served up in admirable style by Bro. Mutton, of King's Road, Brighton, who fairly excelled himself in his excellent catering. The W.M. Bro. the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., presided, and gave the customary loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. Brother Gerard Ford Deputy Prov. G.M. then rose and begged the indulgence of the brethren for making an alteration in the order of the toast list. Their W.M. was anxious to leave to catch an early train, in order that he might be able to start in the morning for Egypt; and Bro. Lord A. Gordon-Lennox, the newly-elected Prov. S.G.W., was also compelled to leave Brighton by the same train. He would therefore embrace the opportunity of coupling two toasts, and asking those present to drink the health of the W.M. and the Prov. S.G.W. Their W.M., he said, though soon to be absent from them, would in spirit be with them. He then alluded in graceful terms to the long association of the Duke of Richmond's family with the Sussex Province. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, in responding, said the Deputy Prov. G.M. had "let the cat out of the bag." He amusingly remarked that owing to decay and general break up he had been ordered abroad, and knew that he had the sympathy of every brother present. He trusted to be back in a months time, fully prepared to carry out his duties in the Lodge. Bro. Lord A. Gordon-Lennox, in acknowledging the toast, said he would endeavour to faithfully carry out the duties of his new office. His family, as Bro. Ford had remarked, had been connected with Sussex Freemasons for many years, and he trusted the association would long continue. After the two distinguished brethren had taken their leave, Bro. Gerard Ford occupied the chair and proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past. Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary responded. The Officers of Grand Lodge (he wished to omit himself) were Masons of acknowledged ability, who merited their high positions, and the Sussex Province possessed two notable examples in their Deputy Provincial Grand Master and their Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. E. Letchworth P.G. Deacon proposed the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The toast, he said, always received a hearty response from the Brethren of the Province. They all entertained great respect and regard for H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who, though absent from the Province, was still actively engaged in promoting the interests of the Craft as Prov. G.M. of Bombay, and Grand Superintendent of that district. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke proposed the Deputy Prov. G. Master Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D. and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past. Though unavoidably absent from England the Duke of Connaught, he said, placed the fullest trust in his Provincial Grand Officers, and he (Bro. Clerke) had excellent opportunities of witnessing the admirable manner in which they carried out their duties. Better Provincial Grand Officers did not, he thought, exist in England. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, was highly esteemed by all, and he trusted his health would continue to improve that he might be able to carry out his duties for

many years. Though absent from the last Lodge meeting Bro. Ford had taken the liveliest interest in all that had taken place, and he believed the hearty sympathy which the brethren had extended to him had done much towards his restoration to health. Bro. Gerard Ford, who was warmly applauded on rising to respond, thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast. As Bro. Clerke had said, his severe illness had been much relieved by the marked kindness of the brethren, and he was grateful for their cordial sympathy. He received admirable support from the Provincial Grand Officers, and so long as they continued their efforts the Province would be prosperous. He also tendered his thanks to Bro. Shadwell Clerke for the great interest he had always taken in the Province of Sussex. Bro. Gerard Ford then proposed The Visitors. Specially amongst them he mentioned the officers of Royal Clarence Lodge—the mother Lodge of the Province. In 1869 he himself joined that Lodge, and in 1876 he was its W.M. Many good and worthy Masons of that Lodge had passed away, amongst whom he mentioned Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell and J. Henderson Scott. Bro. T. Billing W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge responded. The remaining toasts were the Officers, to which Bro. W. H. Hallet (Treasurer) made an excellent response, and the Tylers' Toast. During the evening an excellent programme of vocal music was sustained in pleasing style by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Amy Freeman, Bro. A. King, and Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, under the able direction of Bro. A. King P.P.G. Organist.

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BROTHERLY LOVE CHAPTER, No. 329.

THE annual installations took place on Wednesday, the 5th instant, at the Choughs Hotel, Yeovil, when the retiring Z. Companion W. J. Nosworthy was succeeded in the chair by Companion H. F. Edgar. The following is the list of Officers for the ensuing year:—Companions Edgar Z., W. Wynn Westcott H., J. A. Milborne J., Farley Treasurer, W. J. Nosworthy P.G.R. S.E., Dr. Colmer N., L. H. Raegg Principal Sojourner, S. W. Bowsey First Assistant Sojourner, J. L. Bewsey Second Assistant Sojourner, John Edwards Janitor. The ceremonies of installation were ably performed by Companion E. C. Sherrin P.G.S. Dorset.

The annual banquet and installation festival of the Peveril of the Peak Lodge, No. 654, was held on Wednesday, at the Crown Hotel, New Mills, when there was a large gathering of members of the Craft from New Mills, Hayfield, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Buxton, Glossop, and other places.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon and Cornwall will be held on Wednesday, 2nd January, when the Devon and Cornwall Masonic Hall in Princess-square will be consecrated.

At a meeting of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 105, at the new Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, Brother A. W. Spinney S.W. was elected as W.M. for the year ensuing, Bro. J. T. Browning P.M. Treasurer, and Brother W. H. Phillips Tyler.

The foundation stone of the New West Established Church, Cambuslang, at present in course of erection, is to be laid on Saturday, 15th inst. The local Lodges have issued invitations to other Lodges to take part in the proceedings.

We referred last week to the Christmas Greeting cards of Messrs. Hamilton, Hills and Co., of 22 Paternoster Row. These gentlemen inform us they can supply the cards we referred to with the "levels." This removes the trifling objection we made as to their adaptability for the purpose intended.

SEASONABLE DELICACIES.—Messrs. Spiers and Pond are offering a special selection of leading articles from the various departments of their Market at Water Lane, Ludgate, adapted to the requirements of the season. Among them we notice the Christmas fruit, coxae, and bon-bons; the hams and cheeses; the turkeys, geese, fowls and ducks; the prime fish and various kinds of oysters. There is also Port of 1870 vintage; Olliv's shipping, bottled in 1874, a superb wine, which will be sold at 5s a dozen. Some fine old Champagnes being offered at the same very reasonable price. Havana cigars, too, of well known brands are quoted at a remarkably low figure, and customers in all departments may be assured of good value for their money.

A rich Masonic window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street, has been erected in the Church of "Hilton-Martell," Dorsetshire, in memory of Mr. Henry Charles Burt, the gift of his brother Freemasons. The subject is "The Good Samaritan," with the emblems of the Craft in the ornamental surroundings.

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"COMMENTS ON FACTS AND FICTIONS."

The following is a copy of the Warrant referred to in the concluding paragraph of my paper in last week's issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE:—

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No. LXII.

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Given under our hands and Seal of the Grand Lodge, London, this thirteenth day April Anno Dom. 1757. Anno Lap. 5757.

LAU. DERMOTT G.S.

The other Warrant, dated 6th day of June 1759, is very similar to the older one, but it bears the additional words "Grand Lodge of York Masons, London," (showing, as I have stated, that the adoption of the York tradition was an after thought, and had nothing whatever to do with the origin of the "Ancients"). Both of them bear what I believe to be the actual signature of Lord Blesinton, or "Blessington," but what Bro. Norton would have us to believe are merely forgeries of Dermott; they also bear the signature of the D.G.M. and the Grand Wardens, and in my opinion one is as little likely to be a forgery as the others are. Having carefully examined and compared these two signatures, I have no hesitation in saying that they were both written by the same person, and that person was not Laurence Dermott.

Although perfectly convinced myself of the genuineness of these documents, as well as of the authenticity of the correspondence relating to Lord Blessington, alluded to by Brother Norton in the CHRONICLE, No. 722, I felt that I ought to make an effort to satisfy the scruples of those friends who have not the opportunity of personally inspecting the original records. Accordingly, a few days ago I paid a visit to Sir Albert Woods (Garter King at Arms), our Grand Director of Ceremonies, to whom I am already under many obligations, and who is at all times most willing to assist me in my researches, both Masonic and otherwise. Sir Albert at once pointed out to me, in the official records, three different ways of spelling the title of the nobleman in question, viz., "Blesington," "Blessington," and "Blesinton." He also informed me that the Will of the Countess of Blesinton was proved in the year 1774 (her husband died in 1769), and suggested that I should go to Somerset House, and ascertain how she spelt the name. He was also good enough to say that he would write to Ireland, and endeavour to obtain further information on the subject.

It really ought not to be necessary to remind a person of Bro. Norton's erudition that considerable license formerly existed in regard to the spelling of the family names of some of our nobility, and that what was generally deemed the most correct mode was the way the owner spelt it himself.

Bro. Norton in his "Comments" has given an example of this license in the name of "Heseltine," Dermott's formidable opponent,—which I find he persists in spelling *Hesseltine*, whereas I have adopted the same method as the owner. In my opinion it would be almost as absurd on my part to suggest that Bro. Norton purposely misspelt this name, in order to avoid an indictment for forgery, as it is for him to suggest that Dermott misspelt the name of Lord Blessington for a similar reason.

I found, on examining the Will of the widow of Lord Blessington, that she invariably signed it "E. Blesinton," and that wherever her late husband is mentioned in the document the name is spelt in the same way; this I take to be pretty conclusive evidence that Dermott was not, in this instance at all events, a forger. If this is not sufficient to satisfy Bro. Norton, I have much pleasure in presenting him with *facsimiles* of the signatures of Lord Blesinton. The one of 1759 is copied from the Warrant of that date, and the other is copied from his lordship's will, in Dublin.

Blesinton. 1759.

Blesinton. 1769.

I sincerely hope, for the credit of our Order, that we have now heard the last of this pitiful slander, which, originating in malicious rivalry more than a century ago, Bro. Norton has done his utmost to perpetuate, for want, I presume, of a more solid argument with which to support his peculiar views.

Bro. Norton seems to have taken an infinite deal of pains to prove that Laurence Dermott was a lying impostor and a forger, and that he and his associates "had no right to pretend to antiquity, or to the name of Ancients;" indeed this is the substance of the whole of his "Comments." I cannot find one word either in support of the old "Secession fiction," or in opposition to my new theory of the "origin of the Ancients;" hence I am placed in a somewhat difficult position, for I am at a loss to know whether he assents to that theory, or whether he rejects it. I am sure Bro. Norton will pardon me if I do not attempt to follow him through all the maze of figures, dates and references by means of which he tries to fortify the position he has taken up as to the non-antiquity of the "Ancients," for, as previously remarked, I attach very little importance to the adoption of this title by the organisers of the Grand Lodge of 1752; they probably applied it in a different sense to what Bro. Norton does, and merely intended to imply that they practised the old customs, not those of the "Modern" Lodges. Indeed, I doubt very much whether they had any knowledge of the Ancient Masonry to which Bro. Norton refers. And so far from making myself responsible for all the sayings of Dermott to be found in my book, why I should just as readily undertake to be answerable for the assertions of Anderson, Preston, Oliver, and the rest of our historians;—they all more or less drew upon their imagination when at a loss for direct evidence;—and, moreover, I have distinctly expressed my doubts as to the correctness of some of his statements, and others I say are "scarcely worth a moment's consideration." Bro. Norton seems to forget that my non-secession theory is not based upon anything said by Laurence Dermott, or any other individual, but chiefly upon official documents now in existence, and other evidence of a perfectly independent character, quite unknown to former writers. In determining the plan of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," I thought, whether rightly or wrongly, that the best and fairest way would be to examine, in the first instance, the records of the older Grand Lodge, and extract every item of intelligence that could possibly be construed into having the smallest bearing on the origin of the "Ancients." To do this effectually it was necessary that I should give their views as to the origin and character of their rivals. My next step was to go through the same process with the records of the opposition body, leaving my readers to draw their own conclusions as to the existence of reliable evidence of "secession." In neither case could I find a particle of evidence to justify any such conclusion; and if Bro. Norton, or any one else can,

I should be glad to have it pointed out to me. There is, undoubtedly, plenty of chaff, but very little wheat, and Bro. Norton appears to have carefully selected the former, and utterly discarded the latter. The *real* evidence on which my theory is founded is contained in the last three chapters of the book, and these he has not thought worthy of notice.

I will now endeavour to deal with some of Bro. Norton's objections and assertions, in the order in which they appear in his "Comments." First, as to the adoption of the word "York." I say, in opposition to an assertion of Preston's, that the "Ancients" pretended they were acting under the sanction of the Grand Lodge at York, that they "never pretended that they were acting under any such sanction." * * "What they really did was this. They found Anderson's York tradition where it was of no particular use to any one" (probably in the Irish book of Constitutions, as it is there; and Dermott took that book as the model of his first book of Constitutions); "and, with their usual foresight, they probably conjectured that identifying *their* Institution with the Grand Lodge, said to have been held at York in the year 926, would give them an advantage over their 'Modern' rivals, especially amongst the Masons abroad; they annexed the story accordingly, and embellished their Warrants with it." But this was an after thought. Bro. Norton says, "It is evident therefore that before the revival of the York Grand Lodge he (Dermott) claimed authority from York." I want to know how it is evident, for at present I cannot see that adopting the name of "York Masons" is evidence of their having "claimed authority" from York? If it can be shown that application was made by the "Ancients" to the Grand Lodge at York for authority or recognition, or even that they knew of the existence of a Grand Lodge at York, prior to 1761, other than the traditional one of 926, I am prepared to admit that there is something in Bro. Norton's assertion; but bearing in mind how little was known in London of the real history of the old Lodge at York, even by the present generation of Masons, until they were enlightened by Bros. Hughan and Whytehead, it seems to me most unreasonable to conclude that Dermott had any knowledge of a Grand Lodge, or even a Lodge of any kind at York prior to its revival in 1761. Bro. Norton ought to know that, figuratively speaking, York was as distant from London in 1756 as New York is at the present time, and as far as I can see, this old York Lodge was a "Grand Lodge" in name only, and if it had ever been known to the London Masons, it was probably forgotten before Dermott's time. Even Preston (and of course Bro. Norton will believe Preston) says the "York Constitution was entirely dropt in 1717." The most charitable view to take of his assertion is that the author of it believed he was correct, because he knew nothing to the contrary. I shall therefore, for the present at any rate, stick to my text, but if it be any satisfaction to Bro. Norton, I will readily admit the "Ancients" *had a pretence*, which was in posing as *English Masons*, when, as a matter of fact, they were *Irish*; but I think it not unlikely that when Dermott stated "there were numbers of old Masons then in (and adjacent to) London, from whom the present Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons received the old system, without adulteration," he was under the impression that certain alterations, which I am of opinion were made in 1730, were really made in 1717, and that it was from these old, or ante-Grand Lodge Masons that the Masons in Ireland derived their knowledge. I trust I shall be excused if I omit to notice in detail Bro. Norton's references to "Masters' Words, and degrees, Spratt's Constitutions," &c., for however much they may be opposed to the statements of Laurence Dermott I am unable to see that they have any bearing on either my theory or my evidence; I must, nevertheless, take exception to some of his assertions and arguments. For instance, he says that "Dermott was initiated in Dublin in 1746;" I should like to know his authority for that statement. I have been under the impression that the brother in question was initiated in 1740, and it is best to be correct when we can. Again, I must beg to differ from my friendly critic in his assumption that in 1730 the Dublin Masons *must* have known if any material alteration had been made in the English working in or after 1730, subsequent, in fact, to Lord Kingston's connection with the Grand Lodge of England. Neither can I see that a Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1739, on Anderson's new Constitutions, must necessarily be cog-

nisant of any difference not appertaining to the Laws and Regulations between the two systems. Indeed, I think it highly probable that some of the *English Lodges* at a distance from London were many years before they were made acquainted with alterations in the ceremonies at that early period. It appears to me that Bro. Norton hardly realises the great difference, both socially and Masonically, between the years 1730 and 1888.

(To be continued).

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AND
DISPENSARY FOR WOMEN, SHADWELL, E.

THE Tenth Festival Dinner in aid of the Funds of this Charity is arranged to take place at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Thursday next, the 20th inst., on which occasion Charles A. Prescott, Esq., Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management, has kindly consented to preside. This Hospital was opened by Dr. and Mrs. Heckford in two old houses at Ratcliff Cross on the 28th January 1868, with ten beds. Before the end of the year the number of beds increased to 35. The present building was opened by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck, on the 2nd of May 1877, and contains 102 beds. Since the opening of the hospital in 1868, 197,912 cases have been treated—being 124,193 out-patients, 61,522 casualty cases, and 12,197 in-patients (children). The number of children under 13 years of age in the district, according to the last Census, is 92,870, and the population 390,595, all of whom are poor. Applications for treatment annually increase, and, on an average 60 applicants apply daily, of whom 20 to 30 have to be refused treatment for want of more accommodation. The in-patients are taken from the out-patients. They are selected on this principle: Is there a bed vacant? Is this the worst case of the day? the admission being entirely in the discretion of the medical attendant. Out-patients attend with orders from Subscribers, who receive two letters or orders for each annual subscription of a guinea. A donor of ten guineas in one sum is a Life-Governor, and is entitled to five letters of recommendation annually. Our Brother, Charles Lacey P.M. and Treasurer Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, has again undertaken a Stewardship on behalf of this deserving Charity. He tells us "there never was a time in the history of the hospital when its need of increased support was more urgent." We sincerely trust the appeal of the Committee will be liberally responded to on Thursday next.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Once more London will have the opportunity of seeing that charming little play, "The Real Little Lord Fauntleroy." This time it will be played at the Opera Comique, every afternoon, except Saturdays, commencing on the 17th instant. Vera Beringer will once more be the little Lord, while the rest of the cast will be sustained by the following:—Messrs. C. W. Somerset, Canninge, Girardot, Hendrie, Branscombe and Hughes; the Misses Mary Rorke, Helen Leigh, and Fanny Brough. The piece will be produced under the direction of Mrs. Kendal.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., Messrs. George R. Sims and H. Pettitt's new and original drama, entitled "The Silver Falls," will be produced at the Adelphi. The scenes are laid in England, near the Thames, and in Mexico. Mr. William Terriss will be the hero, and will be supported by the Misses Millward, Olga Nethersole, and Clara Jecks; Messrs. Charles Cartwright and J. L. Shine.

Mr. Richard Mansfield opens his season at the Globe on Saturday, the 22nd inst., with "Prince Karl." It will be preceded by "Editha's Burglar," with Mr. Lionel Brough as the Burglar.

The Christmas bill of the Princess's will include the production at daily matinées, except Saturday, of "Oliver Twist," in which drama Miss Grace Hawthorne will appear as Nancy Sykes. These matinées will commence on Monday, 24th inst. "Hands Across the Sea" continues in the evening bill.

The Annual Benefit of Miss Annie Parker, the popular elocutionist, is announced for the evening of the 17th instant, at the French chamber, St James Hall. An interesting programme will be submitted.

In our notice of the Tenth Annual Brewers' Exhibition, recently held at the Agricultural Hall, London, we referred to the Oakhill Invald Stout as a wholesome and palatable beverage that would meet a want that had long been recognised by almost all heads of families. At the time of writing no arrangements had been completed for pushing the sale of this Stout in the Metropolis, but now we learn that Messrs. Jillard, Spencer and Co., the well-known brewers, of the Oakhill Brewery, near Bath, have appointed Mr. Hubbard, of 1 Finsbury Square, E.C., as their Agent. "The Oakhill Invald Stout" has long enjoyed a high reputation in the West of England for its nourishing qualities, and now that it can be readily obtained in London, we anticipate its special qualities will soon win for it more general approval. It is manufactured in a most careful manner, at one of the largest breweries in the West of England, from the very best malt and hops, in pure air and from pure water; but, above all this, it is bottled with more care and attention than is usually bestowed on so-called bottled "Stouts," "Coopers," "Porters," and other beverages supplied to the public—a most important consideration when questions of health are taken into account.

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THE EVENING STAR LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I had the pleasure of receiving an invitation to the recent installation meeting of the Evening Star Lodge, but, perhaps, at the time it reached me I had misgivings as to the "class" of men I was to meet there:—I may tell you I had read in a public journal that this Lodge is a hot-bed of jobbery and corruption. Still, I decided to avail myself of the opportunity of personally judging, if possible, whether such a charge was justified. I need hardly tell you, Bro. Editor, that I found the members of the Evening Star Lodge as true gentlemen and as sincere Masons as could be desired, and I think it a pity that the name of the Lodge, or any of its constituent members, should have been mixed up with a supposed scandal, or in any way associated with general misdoings in the gas world.

Among the members of the Lodge I found Bro. James Glaisher, an octogenarian, but as genial a Craftsman as ever donned an apron. I felt that in such a frame it was impossible for "treason to lurk." I gathered that it was in the course of a trip to cloud-land that Bro. Glaisher expressed the wish to become a Freemason, and he ultimately induced Bro Magnus Ohren to propose him. This alone would, I think, entitle Bro. Magnus Ohren to the thanks of the members of the Evening Star Lodge, but he has other claims on their regard, not the least of which is his persistent desire to promote the welfare of the Masonic Charities. His efforts in this respect had a happy issue on the evening of my visit, inasmuch as the services of Stewards for each of the Masonic Institutions were secured at the meetings for the Festivals of 1889. I, for one, should like to see a few more Lodges following the example of the Evening Star, and if their only reward for so doing was to create envy in the outside world, they would at least have the gratification of knowing they had done something to attract attention.

I remain, yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

IRISH COTTAGE WORK AS PRESENTS FOR THE SEASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—The announcement that the Old Irish Market Place would be kept open at the Winter Exhibition at Olympia has been hailed with delight by the peasant workers in all parts of Ireland, and within the last few days hundreds of parcels have been received containing beautifully executed and cheap articles, made principally in cottage homes.

Kindly permit me to suggest to your readers that by visiting the Market Place and purchasing some of the Irish work for Christmas and New Year's presents, or for charitable distribution, they will not only get good value, but encourage and materially help the industrious Irish peasantry and poor gentlewomen who are dependent upon the work of their hands for their daily bread. A careful selection of Irish work would be returned in exchange for a cheque for any amount.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ISHBEL ABERDEEN, President.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. presided, and there were present Bros. James Brett P.G.P., J. Newton, Samuel Brooks, W. A. Scurrah, Charles Kempton, A. H. Tattershall, Alexander Forsyth, M.D., Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., C. H. Webb, W. Hilton, Hugh Cotter, H. M. Hobbs, J. J. Berry, and James Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of three annuitants (two men and one widow), and the Warden's report for the past month was read. The Committee took into consideration the petitions, which were 15 in number, ten being from males and five from females, the result being that seven of the former were accepted, two rejected, and one deferred, while four of the latter were accepted, and one was rejected. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This 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.

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, 15th DECEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Dentford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sini Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 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)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbrooke Hill, Notting Hill
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

- 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 822—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 955—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congressbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 246—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
 R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lynde

TUESDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 66—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bluffs, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 17—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 18—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 829—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhoasic, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalton at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)

- 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cannon Row
 1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Park
 1446—Mount Edgerly, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Channon, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 164—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hill, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Buralav
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Halesley
 445—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 897—Loyalty, Fleeco Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 1006—Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Seacroft, Cornwall
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Shrooress.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Calve Lane, Scarborough
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkbeck, Caesars
 1290—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Duastable
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1638—Browrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norwich, at 8. (Instruction)
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton-on-the-Hill
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
 2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
 R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
 M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 M.M. 380—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

WEDNESDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mirr, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Bury, at 8. (Inst)
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leade Hall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 225—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 731—Mercury Navy, Silver Tavern, Barrett-road, E. (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst. etc.)
 92—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glebe Hill, Cliffe Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
 1624—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. (In)
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1662—Beaconfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1681—Loudesborough, Berrie Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 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. 935—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Lodge, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Cushtaan
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-houses, Croydon
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hysa, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Gyles, L.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigam
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Donon
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Lower and Upper, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 274—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newmarket, at 7.15. (Inst.)
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Leazes
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford

- 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
- 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
- 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
- 423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
- 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
- 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
- 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
- 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
- 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
- 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
- 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
- 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
- 750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Clockheaton
- 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Warrle, near Rochdale
- 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tanbridge Wells
- 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
- 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
- 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
- 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
- 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
- 1246—Holke, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
- 1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
- 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
- 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
- 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
- 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsea, Hull.
- 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
- 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
- 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
- 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
- 1797—Southdown, Hurlpierpoint, Sussex
- 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
- 1988—Mawdack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
- R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
- R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
- R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
- R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
- R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
- R.A. 1367—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Collyer-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
- 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
- 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Ches. er St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Banard Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
- 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1330—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (In-t)
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
- 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, (Instruction)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
- 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Cannon-row. (Instruction)
- 1625—Friedegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
- 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
- R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canningbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M.—Bon Accord, 9a Red Lion Square, W.C.
- M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dulston, at 8. (Inst.)
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- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
- 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
- 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
- 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslington
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- 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Room, Starke-street, Preston
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- 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Church-street, Blackburn
- 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
- 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Southbridge
- 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Outrea-street, Clitheroe
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- 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
- 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Church-street, Leicester
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- 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northampton
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- 1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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- K.T.—William de la Moro, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
- 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
- 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 517—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cannonwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 9. (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)
- 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 1036—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1135—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1238—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
- 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 2030—The Aubrey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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- M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
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- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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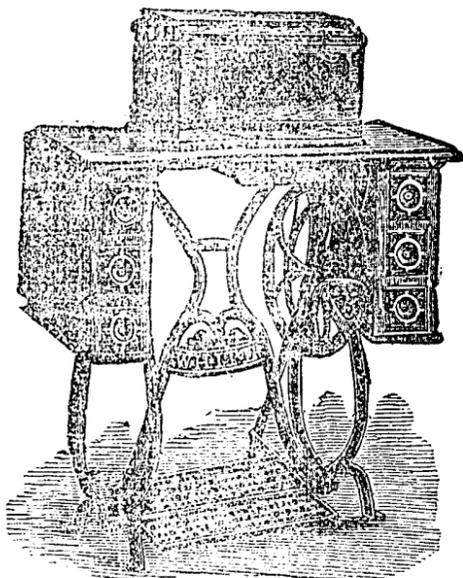
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