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## THE AGE OF LODGE No. 119.

CONSIDERABLE excitement has been caused among Freemasons in the north of England, in consequence of a controversy which has been carried on for some time past as to the actual age of the Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, of Whitehaven. The Lodge is in possession of a Centenary Warrant, granted by the Grand Master in 1885, and this fact alone should have been sufficient to convince the world that the Lodge had a just claim to antiquity, for the authorities of Grand Lodge are as particular in the matter of granting Centenary Warrants as in any part of the business they have to transact, but private historians have in this case challenged the action of Grand Lodge, and have sought to prove that the Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge only dates from 1807, instead of from 1768, as claimed by the Lodge itself, and confirmed by Grand Lodge.

The controversy on the subject has been a lengthy one, and the opinions of the brethren who sought to upset the traditions of No. 119 are no doubt of a character deserving careful consideration. This they have received, with a result which clearly proves them to have been based on erroneous ideas, and we hope that they will accept the verdict, now that it has been delivered against them by the highest authority from whom an opinion could have been secured. This verdict is contained in a letter from the Grand Secretary, of which the following is a copy:—

United Grand Lodge of England,  
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.  
13th January 1890.

SIR AND BROTHER,—With reference to your letter of the 13th November, requesting information as to the actual antiquity of Lodge No. 119, Whitehaven, respecting which a serious question has recently been raised.

In the first place, I have to refer you to the Centenary Warrant, granted to the Lodge by the M.W. Grand Master in the year 1885, wherein you will find the actual history of the Lodge and its date of formation; and in the second place, I have to inform you that having, in consequence of the controversy which has arisen, carefully reviewed all the facts of the case, and having consulted the records of the Grand Lodge and the old minute book of your Lodge, no doubt whatever remains in my mind as to the fact that, as recorded in the Centenary Warrant, the present Lodge is the same that was established in the year 1768, and that the old Lodge was not erased and the warrant handed to a new Lodge in the year 1807 as alleged.

I am returning your minute book to-day.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

(Signed) SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Col., G.S.

The W. Master Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge,  
No. 119, Whitehaven.

The settlement of this disputed question is of itself a satisfactory event in English Freemasonry, but it also opens up questions which are not of quite so satisfactory a character. The Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge has been fiercely assailed, and it is only because its members included some energetic and zealous Masons that victory has been secured. In many quarters the evidence that has been adduced would have frightened the members into submission,

and the question naturally arises if our historians have been proved to be wrong in this particular case, in how many more are their rulings open to amendment? Grand Lodge has very justly stepped in and authoritatively settled the matter in a way we should like to see adopted in connection with other subjects which at present appear confusing to the general body of the Craft, and no doubt the action of the Whitehaven brethren will prove an incentive to others to appeal to the ruling power of the Craft in all similar cases of disagreement, should they unfortunately arise.

The members of the Lodge itself are naturally pleased at the result of their efforts to maintain the reputation of their Lodge, and are somewhat concerned to know why the attack was ever made on their claim to Centenary honours; however, all's well that ends well, and now they are congratulating themselves, and particularly their Bro. R. W. Moore, who has really upheld the claims of the Lodge, on the result arrived at, and which we hope they will live to enjoy for many years to come, while for the Lodge we wish a continuance of its past long period of prosperity.

## GOSSIP ABOUT FREEMASONRY; ITS HISTORY AND TRADITIONS.

*A Paper read by Bro. S. Vallentine, P.M. and Z.  
No. 9, to the Brethren of the Albion Lodge of  
Instruction, 2nd November 1889.*

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IN addition to this he had not hesitated to alter the scriptural version. Thus in Genesis iv. 9 and 10 we read, "And the Lord said unto Cain, where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." Now let us read from Josephus, "God knowing what had been done, came to Cain, and asked him what was become of his brother, because he had not seen him of many days, whereas he used to observe them in conversation together at other times. Cain said first, that he was himself at a loss for his brother's disappearance. God, in return, convicted Cain as having been the murderer of his brother, and said, I wonder at thee that thou knowest not what has become of a man whom thou thyself hast destroyed."

Notwithstanding the strong opinion against me, I do not think that Cain was the monster of iniquity such as he has been represented. That the murder of Abel was a cruel and wicked deed cannot be denied, but there is no Biblical evidence that Cain was by nature a cruel man, nor except in this particular instance impious; indeed, reading Genesis iv. 6, 7, we find that after the sacrifice God deigns to remonstrate with Cain, even as a parent would to a child whom he wished to save from falling into error, in words more persuasive than threatening. I take Cain to have been a moody and discontented man; discon-

tented because he was old enough to regret the Paradise that had been lost, and to attribute that loss to his mother's error. That Eve apparently had no great love for Cain we may infer from Genesis iv. 25, "and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew." Her thoughts here are wholly for dead Abel—not one for the then wandering outcast Cain. With an unhappy home, as Cain's may have been, I can imagine that his mind may have dwelled on the endeavour to earn from God his love and favour, until he became filled with a religious fanaticism and fear, that goaded him into a morbid state approaching insanity lest God's favour had departed from him and been given, as Eve's love had been given, to his brother. Had Cain not loved God, and had wilfully insulted him by offering the worst of his produce, it could have mattered but little to him as to whether his offering were accepted or rejected; nor, in alluding to the terrible denunciation against him, would he have placed foremost of its dreaded evils, "And from Thy face shall I be hid." Those were the words of a wretched but not thoroughly wicked and impious man. God is merciful, "And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any one finding him should kill him."\*

I cannot but think that some important portion of our ceremonies substantially took their rise from allusions to this event in some ceremony or mystery established commemorative of the death of Abel, either by Cain when his wanderings had cessation, or by Enoch. Common and all but universal opinion has determined, and I think rightly, that the mark was placed by God on the forehead of Cain, that part on which the fatal blow probably fell upon Abel; but, according to Dr. Oliver, this conclusion has not been quite unanimous, for as he writes, "Some think he had a mark on his forehead, others that he was blasted by lightning, others that he was consigned to perpetual drunkenness and tumbling about—a butt, for the mirth and derision of all beholders. Some believe that he was haunted by his brother's ghost, and hence it has been a uniform opinion throughout all antiquity, and is not yet extinguished, that all murderers are haunted by the ghosts of their victims." I have expressed my belief in the mark having been placed on the forehead of Cain, but I also believe that such mark was the Tau, a mark apparently considered of no great import at the present time as regards Craft Masonry. I say apparently, because the squares worn on the aprons of every W.M. and P.M. are not only squares, but are absolutely Taus inverted. Respecting the Tau, I again quote Dr. Oliver (though I had formed my opinion long before I read his), "I have seen," says he, "as I find by a memorandum made many years ago, an account of a monumental stone which Adam erected to the memory of Abel, covered with geometrical figures and Masonic Hieroglyphics together with an explanation of the Tau, which was then said was the mark God placed on the forehead of Cain lest any one should destroy him." Josephus states the mark was put upon him lest wild beasts should devour him. I find that among the Ancient Egyptians the Tau was an object of reverence. It was carried by their Priests in their sacred processions. At the Temple, at Luxor, there are a row of Sphinxes, each of which has between its forelegs a mummy-shaped figure, with its hands crossed on its breast, and in each hand the Tau. In a Pictorial Bible there is a representation of the several Egyptian deities, and almost all of them have the Tau in their hands. The Tau has also been found in Egypt supporting a circle, the Tau simplifying life, the circle eternity, and together symbolising eternal life. The Gods Amabis and Horus also hold the squares and compasses.

Mitzraim, the first monarch of Egyptian Chronology, and there named Menas, was son of Ham, and consequently grandson of Noah; he may have made this mark familiar to the Egyptian people. He has been claimed by early Masonic writers as a Grand Master of the Craft, noticing that he built numerous edifices—the colossal statues of the Sphinxes, and many famous pyramids. Mitzraim, like his nephew Nimrod, must have deserted the religion of the Noachidæ for idolatry, for according to Herodotus he erected a Temple to Vulcan, who was said to have been Tubal-Cain deified. Mitzraim, in these early days, must

have been of more importance to their history than would appear from the slight notice of him in the Bible, and to this day Egypt is found in the Hebrew set down as the "Land of Mitzraim."

But, resuming, in respect to the placing a mark on the forehead, we notice that in Exodus xxviii. 36, 38 it is written, "And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, 'Holiness to the Lord.' And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord." I see in these injunctions a connection between the Cain and Abel sacrifice; Cain's was rejected, because his impure thoughts while sacrificing destroyed the purity of the sacrifice, there was no intercessor for Cain that his offering might be accepted, his jealous thoughts (though that jealousy may have arisen from the fear that God's love had been taken from him and given to another) mingled with the savour of his offering, and it was rejected. God now decreed, as I humbly imagine, that the plate on the forehead of Aaron should in remembrance of this event, and with Aaron's prayers, hallow the sacrifice even of the sinner, and render it holy and acceptable to the merciful Lord. This idea pervading me, I am confirmed in my belief that the mark was one of mercy and not of punishment. In Ezekiel ix. 4, the man with the writer's inkhorn is directed to set a mark upon the foreheads of those who were to be saved. Revelations vii. 3 says, "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." In Deuteronomy vi. 8, the commandments "shall be as frontlets between thine eyes," an injunction that is obeyed by all Israelites to this day.

It has sometimes occurred to me that even in antediluvian times the form of the Tau had a certain influence. Children are imitative, and the intelligence of man was in its childhood and he was imitative rather than original. It is an admitted belief that the man who built the first ship adopted his principal ideas from the formation of the breast bone of the aquatic bird. So do I think man took many hints for the formation of his instruments of labour from the form of the Tau. The smith's hammer is an adaptation of it, and the hammer itself was accepted as emblematic of power, and as authority is generally derived from power a small form of this instrument may have been used to mark that of the rulers of those assemblies from which afterwards Masonic Lodges sprang. The emblem of the Scandinavian deity Thor was a hammer, and Charles Martel was said to have derived his cognomen not from the "Martel de-fer" he wielded so vigorously but from a small hammer he wore in token of authority. The pick-axe is an adaptation of the Tau; the handle of the spade, in its old form called the crutch-handle, would be a type of the Tau; the skirrett is suggestive of the Tau; the T square is a perfect resemblance; the level is an inverted Tau; and, as I have remarked, the squares on the Masons' aprons are inverted Taus; the Nilometer, an instrument for recording the rise and fall of the Nile was Tau-shaped. In Genesis, iv. 17, we read Cain's wife conceived and bare Enoch, and that Cain "builded a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch." This city he dedicated to God, and, I believe, within this city, such as it was, the principles of Freemasonry came forth; in the first instance, perhaps, simply the worship of God as God, and faithfulness to their fellow men as brothers. Cain, in his repentance, and surely he gives evidence of his repentance by the dedication of the city called "by his son's name," looked upon every man that owed allegiance to the Supreme Being that had been so merciful to him as his brother, and by his aid and protection of those whom he had so adopted, he may have hoped in some measure to atone for his great crime. The city, in all probability, was the first city of refuge, and therein, I suggest, that Cain established, under Enoch's ruling, a periodical commemoration of Abel's death, thus keeping before him, and also before his followers, his heinous guilt and his deep and continued repentance. Even thus early in the world's history, idolatry would appear to have been practised to no small extent. Maimonides writes—"In the days of Enos" (I think Enos or Enosh the son of Seth was cotemporary with Enoch the son of Cain) "men fell into grievous errors, and even Enos himself partook of their infatuation. Their language was that since God had placed on high the heavenly bodies and used them as his ministers, it was evidently his will

\* For certain reasons, which may be readily guessed by Freemasons, the next few lines differ from those forming a portion of the paper as read.

that they should receive from man the same veneration as the servants of a great prince justly claim from the subject multitude." In expressing the belief that Enoch and Enos were cotemporaries, I am brought in front of the strange discrepancy between chapters iv. and v. of Genesis as regards the generations. In chapter iv. we are presented with a direct succession from Cain to Noah; in chapter v. all references to Cain and Abel are omitted, and Enoch is placed midway in the generation, there given as from Seth to Noah. Eliminate chapter iv. and we have not the slightest evidence that either Cain or Abel ever existed; indeed, without this chapter it would appear rather that they were not, than that they were; we do not find mention of them either in Genesis v., nor in the 1st of the 1st Book of Chronicles; nor in St. Luke iii. can these discrepancies be accounted for; perhaps I am presumptuous in the belief that they can. Few of us, when we take up the volume of the Sacred Law, give one thought of the strange vicissitudes through which it has passed, even since the days of Solomon. Violated by that king's idolatry in his later days, neglected during the unhappy disputes between Israel and Judah, persecuted and then forbidden the very Temple in which it had been uplifted to the pious gaze of multitudes, defiled by the wickedness of Manassah and then lost, for that none dared study it until Josiah, though but a youth, put down idolatry and resolved on restoring the Temple, which by that time had become ruins. During these repairs a copy of the Law was found by Hilkiah the priest, as we read in 2 Kings xxii. 8, in relation to which the statement of Dr. Prideaux is valuable. He writes, "in the time of Josiah, through the impiety of the two preceding reigns of Manassah and Ammon, the book of the Law was so destroyed and lost, that besides that copy of it which Hilkiah found in the Temple there was then none other to be had: for the surprise which Hilkiah was said to be in at finding of it, and the grief which Josiah expressed at hearing of it read, do plainly show that neither of them had ever seen it; and if the king and the high priest, who were both men of eminent piety, were without this part of Holy Scripture, it can scarcely be thought that any one else then had it."

(To be continued.)

### MASONIC HOSPITALITY.

WE have heard some severe criticisms lately in the neglect sometimes found in Lodges to welcome in a proper manner those who may be present as visitors. The Lodge room is the family room, and from it should be banished all stiffness and formality. Every brother admitted to its sacred precincts should feel that he is "at home," or visiting in a family where he is a welcome guest. If he has been "properly vouched for," and has been deemed worthy to sit in the Lodge, he is Masonically equal to every one present. It matters not what his position in the "world of classes" may be; in this society, devoid of rank or caste, he is the peer of every one present, and is entitled to as much consideration as the wealthiest brother.

It sometimes happens that a brother visits a Lodge and is a stranger to every one present; but he should not be allowed to leave the Lodge room a stranger. The brethren, and certainly the Master and Officers, should see to it that he is made to know that the mystic kinship is not a myth, but a reality. If a brother is announced as a "Worshipful," he is usually received with proper recognition, and invited to participate in the meeting, which is right and proper. If, however, he chooses to let his position remain unknown to the Lodge, he is seated with the brethren, and this is right. But whether a brother honoured by the Craft, or an humble quarryman, he should feel equally at ease in a Masonic Lodge.

The lack of Masonic hospitality was particularly noticed in a recent Lodge meeting. Three brethren, "vouched for," were announced. One of them was Master of a flourishing Lodge, meeting not far from the one he visited. Modestly led him to conceal his official position, in order to avoid any ceremonious reception. The brethren were recognised by the Master and took their seats. It happened that all three of them were strangers in the Lodge room. They listened with interest to what was presented, and when the time for refreshment came they naturally expected to become acquainted with some one in so old

and well-known a Lodge, but they were mistaken. They remained in the room during the meeting (about two hours), in which time several occasions of freedom were allowed, but although the Master and Officers passed and repassed them several times, even brushed against them, there was not a sign or word of greeting offered, and the brethren left as totally strangers to their "brothers" as before they entered the room. Is it any wonder they said they would never visit that Lodge again? Had they not a right to feel indignant at such treatment?

Hospitality is a good thing every where. The lack of it stamps a man as a churl. To have friends, one must show himself friendly.

"Hope not to find

A friend, but what has found a friend in thee."

A slight may be overlooked, may be buried in the mind, but it hurts all the same. There is a sting in indifference that poisons it to hatred. A very light cause may move dissensions between hearts that love. Although the discourtesy may not be intended, yet unexplained it rankles in the heart until it breeds its own venomous disgust, which leads to even greater bitterness and determined resentment. There can be no excuse for slighting a stranger in a Lodge room. The guest of the family should be made welcome, and his visit so pleasant that he carries away only pleasant recollections. Friends and friendships are scarce enough in this world at best, and every effort should be made to keep them.

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried  
Grapple to thy soul with hooks of steel."

This friendliness and hospitality are the secrets of success, and those bodies that are careful to receive and entertain visiting brethren properly, will gain reputation and never lack for helpers when they are in need. There is a warmth in the very atmosphere of some Lodge rooms, that makes it delightful to be present. All should be so.

Make all strangers welcome. Abraham, in exercising this noble trait, entertained angelic beings without knowing their celestial character. So it may be among us. Some of the brightest jewels of the Craft may come in unawares, and if properly treated, the intercourse will doubly repay any effort on our part to entertain them.—*The Dispatch*.

### AN APPEAL TO R.W. BRO. D. M. LYON.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

IN the last issue of the Quatuor Coronatorum Proceedings, on page 168, Brother Gould called attention to the following paragraph in Bro. Lyon's History of the Edinburgh Lodge, pp 22 and 23, viz. :—

"If the communication by Masonic Lodges of secret words or signs constituted a *degree*—a term of modern application to the esoteric observances of the Masonic Body—then there was, under the purely operative régime, only one [degree] known to Scottish Lodges, viz., that, in which under an oath, apprentices obtained a knowledge of the Mason Word, and all that was implied in the expression."

To which Bro. Gould added, "Now the point is, what are we to understand by the phrase 'the purely operative régime?' " and added that "Each student must supply his own answer, for no two are likely to agree in a definition of it."

Now, with all due respect to Brother Gould, I think the question is of too much importance to leave it undecided; and as Brother Lyon is still, thank God, in the land of the living, and as he never refused to answer my questions, and as I am not aware that I have forfeited his former friendship, I appeal therefore to himself direct for the solution of that puzzle, which I am sure he will not refuse to do, for the following reasons. 1st. Because it will save disputes among Masonic students for all time coming; 2nd. Because it will enlighten the Craft at large over the whole globe; and 3rd. For vindicating his own character from a misunderstood idea, that he was an ambiguous writer. I could, indeed, have solved Brother Gould's puzzle myself, but I think it will be more satisfactory to all parties concerned to have Brother Lyon himself explain his own meaning of the phrase in question.

This being now understood, I respectfully appeal to Brother Lyon to explain his meaning of the phrase, viz. : "The purely operative régime."

Boston, U.S., 14th January 1890.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., the installation meeting was held at the Castle Assembly Rooms, Hastings. There was a good number present. The installation ceremony was ably performed by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Rev. J. Puttick, assisted by Bro. Markwick, who gave the addresses. The newly installed W.M. invested the following brethren with the collars and insignia of office:—Bros. Edwards S.W., Rowell J.W., Rev. Puttick Chaplain, F. Rossiter Treasurer, Pearce Secretary, Walmsley S.D., Gage J.D., C. W. Duke D.C., Muscat Organist, C. J. Ticehurst I.G., Jukes Steward. Bro. C. W. Duke was unanimously re-elected Charities Steward. The first pleasing duty the W.M. had to perform was to present a pin jewel to Bro. J. Puttick for his valued services to the Lodge during the past year. The recipient suitably acknowledged the honour, and thanked the brethren for the kind assistance he had received from all during his term of office. The business of the Lodge being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where a capital dinner was served up in a very satisfactory manner by Bro. Boyd. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the evening was spent in a very hearty manner. The musical arrangements were carried out under the direction of Bro. Russell.

## LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 75.

THIS Lodge recently held its annual festival, at Falmouth. There was a large attendance, and the spacious Lodge-room presented a pretty appearance when all the brethren were seated. The W.M. elect Bro. Tom R. Grylls was ably installed by Bro. S. M. Carne, assisted by the retiring W.M. Bro. W. Anderson, and in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. William Anderson I.P.M., J. M. Carne S.W., R. C. M. Pooley J.W., W. F. Newman Treasurer, C. Deeble Secretary, J. T. Williams S.D., H. Tacker J.D., W. H. Pinhay D.C., J. H. Lake A.D.C., W. J. M. Goding Organist, J. F. Dingle I.G., W. G. Blight and Harry Young Stewards, J. N. Francis Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared by Bro. R. Carter.

## FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

THE annual meeting was held on the 13th inst., at the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, when Bro. Samuel Edgcombe S.W. was installed W.M. for the year ensuing in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. Spinney I.P.M., J. W. Sweet S.W., H. A. McBrydo J.W., S. Jew Chaplain, A. W. Spinney Treasurer, C. H. Cooper Secretary, T. W. Soper S.D., C. Luke J.D., S. H. R. Gibbons I.G., R. R. Rodd jun. D.C., T. G. Taylor A.D.C., A. T. Lidiard Organist, W. D. B. Symons Assistant Organist, F. R. H. Ivey Senior Steward, W. T. Lewis Junior Steward, F. Maitland Assistant Steward, Phillips Tyler. The representative selected on the Committee of Petitions was Bro. Emdon; Charity Steward Bro. G. Horswill. The annual festival is fixed to take place at the Farley Hotel, on Wednesday, the 29th inst.

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

THE annual banquet was held on the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Forty brethren were present, including Bros. T. Parker, the W.M., who presided; W. H. Mitchell, W. E. Chapell, W. Thomas, H. F. Hearle, W. K. Michell, E. G. Hayward, W. J. Newell, A. B. Manley, C. S. Stebbing, C. H. Widger, A. Hopkings, S. Jenkins, P. S. Snel, W. V. Jones, R. Greet, T. B. Luke, W. H. Phillips, F. G. Night, P. B. Clemens, S. Kessel, D. Box, J. Little, the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon 189 P.P.G. Chap. P.P.G.J.W., J. R. Lord 1247, Capt. S. Stode Lowe 1855, Sam. Edgcombe W.M. 105, J. W. Parson 105, H. E. Sitters 1205, R. C. Wyatt 1247. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Michell, in recognition of his zealous services during his year of office. The catering was very satisfactory. A capital musical entertainment was furnished, and a very pleasant evening passed. Among the contributors of vocal music were Bros. A. B. Mauley, W. E. Chapell, P. B. Clemens, S. Kessel, H. E. Sitters, C. Watts, R. Tothill.

## ANTIEN UNION LODGE, No. 203.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, whose history extends over 120 years, was held on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, and was a numerously attended and enthusiastic one. The chair was taken by Bro. T. Wood. Among the influential contingent of visitors were Bros. J. Pilling, J. Grierson P.M. 1756, C. P. Higson W.M. 724, E. Pierpoint P.P.G.W., C. Johnson S.W. 1756, W. Bushell J.W. 1756, John Whalley P.P.G.D.C., W. Rawsthorne S.W. 1182, &c. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. E. Johnson and Rowson, and the ceremony of installation was given by Bros. Wood and Hounsell. The following Officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. Thomas Wood I.P.M., G. J. Clough S.W., James Clarke J.W., Jno. H. Hounsell P.M. Treasurer (re-elected), Jno. M'Ewen Secretary, Dr. H. R. Powell S.D., Joseph Worthington J.D., J. G. Highfield I.G., F. J. Fisher Senior Steward, Robert Craig Junior Steward, J. P. Bryan Organist (by proxy), B. W. Rowson D.C., and P. Ball was re-elected Tyler. Bro. Casey, House Steward, afterwards catered in an admirable manner for the brethren, and a very pleasant evening was spent. During the after dinner proceedings, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged by

Bro. Wood. The music and recitations were admirably given by Bros. W. Lewis, James Wylie, J. A. Muir, E. J. Clough, and others, and contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the meeting.

## FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual meeting and soiree was held on the 15th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Devonport. The popularity of this Lodge, one of the largest in the Province, and the only one in the Province whose members invite their lady friends to their entertainments, has always caused its festivals to be well attended. On Wednesday 160 members and their friends were present. An elegant banquet was served in the ball room, and the orchestra was occupied by an excellent band, under the direction of Bro. Riddle. Bro. A. Maddock, the W.M., presided. The county borough members, Sir J. H. Puleston and Capt. J. E. Price, R.N., were present, besides a very large muster of the members and visitors of the Lodge, with their lady friends. Bros. Herbert, R. Penberthy, and Hooking sang songs, and subsequently with Bro. Orchard and others improvised a concert in the tea room while the younger spirits enjoyed a dance in the ballroom. The festival was by all pronounced even more successful than the many which had preceded it.

## UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when Bro. the Rev. F. W. Aveling Senior Warden was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Elso Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Somerset; the newly installed Master afterwards appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. G. S. Strawbridge S.W., W. H. Wake J.W., J. Showers Treasurer, A. Hammett Secretary, H. S. Hume Chaplain, T. H. Chaffin S.D., R. W. Hartnell J.D., J. Lewis D.C., C. Barrett I.G., F. W. Baker Organist, F. W. Roberts, W. Potter, J. G. Loveday, E. Goodman, and C. Bere Stewards, T. Tidbury Tyler, W. Jones C.S.

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 272.

THE brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John and installed Bro. G. Hall as W.M. for the ensuing year at the Masonic hall, Mainridge, Boston, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. There was a large attendance, several brethren from the Franklin Lodge being present. Before Bro. Lucas, the retiring W.M., vacated his position, Bro. W. Appleton, on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, presented a Past Master's handsome gold jewel, together with a beautifully illuminated and framed address, to him in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge during the year. The jewel was of a handsome and costly character, and the address, the work of Bro. T. Sharp and Mr. E. E. White, was a truly artistic production. The decorations included a *fac simile* of the jewel at top, whilst at the bottom was an open book, on the pages of which were inscribed the names of the subscribers. The address, which was signed by the Officers of the Lodge, was as follows:—

To BROTHER CHARLES LUCAS—WORSHIPFUL SIR,—We, the brethren of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 272, Boston, cannot allow you to retire from the chair of this Lodge without offering to you for your acceptance a Past Master's Jewel in fraternal recognition of your services as Worshipful Master during the year 1889.

That you may live many years to wear it as an emblem of the respect and esteem entertained for you by the brethren is the earnest wish of the subscribers.

Signed in open Lodge by the Officers on behalf of the subscribers this 14th day of January, A.L. 5890, A.D. 1890.

Bro. C. R. MORTON I.P.M.  
W. G. B. DICKINSON S.W.  
D. STEPHENSON J.W.  
Rev. G. W. LOWE P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain Chaplain.  
JAS ELEY P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer.  
C. POCKINGTON P.M. P.P.G.S.D. and S.W. Secretary.  
J. PADLEY P.M. P.P.G. Sword B. D.C.  
H. SWINN S.D.  
H. TYLER J.D.  
JAS. ATKIN I.G.  
F. FOUNTAIN and F. BLANSHARD Stewards.  
T. WARD Tyler.

The following inscription was placed on the back of the jewel:—

"Presented to W. Bro. Charles Lucas by the brethren of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 272, in fraternal recognition of his services as W. Master during the year 1889."

Bro. W. Appleton, in making the presentation, said:—Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I have a very pleasing duty to perform, which is none other than that of presenting to you, Worshipful Sir, a Past Master's jewel, in fraternal recognition of your valuable services to Freemasonry, and to this Lodge in particular. Accompanying this jewel is an address, signed by your Officers containing a subscribers' record which the Worshipful Secretary will perhaps kindly read. I may tell you that this jewel has been subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge with the greatest possible unanimity and goodwill. I have had many pleasant things to do in my lifetime, and I have spent many happy moments in this Lodge, but believe me, Worshipful Sir, when I tell you that nothing has ever fallen to my lot which has given me greater pleasure than presenting you with this Past Master's jewel on behalf of the brethren, and, in doing so, I wish you a long life, health and every happiness to wear it. Bro. C. Lucas acknowledged the presentation in very feeling terms, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to know that it was the unanimous gift of all the brethren of the Lodge. He said he should prize the jewel and the address as one of his choicest treasures, and by them should ever be reminded of the happiness he had enjoyed whilst presiding over their meetings. The



installation was impressively performed by Bro. C. Pickering P.M. The W.M. subsequently invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bro. C. Lucas I.P.M., D. Stephenson S.W., H. Tyler J.W., the Rev. G. W. Lowe Chaplain, C. R. Morton Treasurer, C. Pocklington Secretary, F. Blanshard Organist, C. Pickering D.C., C. F. Anderson S.D., T. Beulah J.D., J. Lucas I.G., T. Sharp and T. Lanea Stewards, and T. Ward Tyler. The annual banquet took place at the Peacock and Royal Hotel, in the evening, Bro. R. H. Clemow catering with unlimited liberality. Bro. G. Hall W.M. presided, and Bro. D. Stephenson S.W. occupied the vice-chair, and there was a good attendance, several visiting brethren being present. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

#### SINCERITY LODGE, No. 292.

THE members held their festival of St. John on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, Lime Street, Liverpool. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, and the ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. W. Wensley, assisted by Bro. Wadsworth. The W.M. Bro. W. C. Briggs invested the following Officers:—Bros. H. D. Foulkes S.W., G. A. Henser J.W., W. Hughes Treas., Thomas Vernon Secretary, R. Cobb S.D., J. Dean J.D., Thomas Carter I.G., F. T. Foulkes D.C., Chris. Wadsworth Charity Steward, A. Read, Gregory, Maw, and H. Read Stewards. At the close of the ceremony, the I.P.M. Bro. J. W. Wensley was presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, as a token of esteem and appreciation. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, served in the ball-room, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. During the latter proceedings the members again showed their regard for the I.P.M. by presenting to him, for Mrs. Wensley, a useful and beautiful piece of plate, as a souvenir of his successful year of office.

#### BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 303.

AT the monthly meeting held at Teignmouth, on the 13th inst., Bro. F. C. Hallett was unanimously elected W.M. by the brethren, as a mark of their high appreciation of a well-merited honour conferred on Bro. Hallett by the Provincial Grand Master in appointing him P.G.S.D. Bro. Hallett has for many years installed the Masters of this Lodge in a very able manner, and he has been most assiduous in his attention to Masonry. He is well known in this and the daughter Lodge at Dawlish as being most well versed in the Ritual. Bro. John Whidborne was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. H. Huggins re-elected Tyler.

#### NOAH'S ARK LODGE, No. 347.

THE annual festival and installation was held on the 17th inst. Bro. John Mills was installed Worshipful Master for the year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Powell. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested the following brethren to the duties of the Lodge:—Bros. E. H. Smith I.P.M., Alexander Smith S.W., W. H. Smith J.W., William Brown P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Fellows Secretary, E. W. Smith S.D., George Bott J.D., James Powell P.M. D.C., Richard Mason I.G., W. Mobberley Steward, G. H. Nowns Assistant Steward, J. Tofty Tyler. There was a large number of visiting brethren present.

#### FAITH LODGE, No. 581.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Church Inn, Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. Present:—Bros. J. H. Keighley W.M., J. Wainwright S.W., S. Whittaker J.W., J. M. Frost Secretary, G. H. Barnes S.D., John W. Aspinall J.D., John Greenup P.M. D.C., J. Sutcliffe I.G., W. Dawson P.M. Tyler, William Ray I.P.M., J. T. Richardson P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Thomas Tyers P.M., B. Swift P.M., J. Fitzgerald, J. C. Brown, W. T. Alder, Joseph Lever, H. Harrison, W. Jones, F. W. Lord, J. Gilbert, W. Taylor, H. Antonio, J. Pollett, and G. Ashworth. Visitors—W. Robinson 678, J. A. Jones 104, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317. The Lodge was opened at 7.45, and the minute of the installation meeting read and confirmed. In the second degree Bro. J. Wainwright S.W. delivered an explanation of the second tracing board to Bro. W. Jones. Bro. Wainwright is to be congratulated for his distinct enunciation and good memory. Bro. Jones being desirous of taking his third degree was interrogated by the W.M. as to his efficiency in the second, and having satisfactorily answered, withdrew. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. William Ray I.P.M., who raised Bro. Jones to the degree of a Master Mason in a most satisfactory manner. The working tools were presented and explained by the J.W., and the acting W.M. concluded the ceremony by expounding the traditional history. Altogether the work was well done, but we would suggest to the W.M. the advisability of commencing the Lodge business earlier, say at 7 o'clock, for the convenience at any rate of those brethren who live at a distance. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.20.

#### CONCORD LODGE, No. 632.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Silver Street, Trowbridge, on Thursday, the 16th inst., and as the object was to instal Bro. W. R. Brown as W.M. for the ensuing year, considerable interest was evinced in the proceedings and numerous brethren attended from neighbouring Lodges, as will be seen by the following names:—Bros. Sir G. Goldney P.G.W. England, D.P.G.M. Wilts; M. S. Ironside 132, Thomas H. Holroyd P.M. 973, F. Sloper S.W. 663, F. C. Kent P.M. 1295, A. P. Hall J.D. 2227, H. W. Pinniger J.W. 2207, S. Anderson Secretary 2227, W. H. Read 2227, H. R. Watts 2227, N. Browne W.M. 355, A. Beaven P.M. 1271, H. Bevir P.M. 355 P.G.S., W. Salisbury 2227, A. W. Moore S.W. 973, J. Chaudler P.M. 355, James Sparks P.M. 1271, J. J. Trask S.W. 2227,

A. G. Hayman P.M. 973, and others. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. J. Pocock, and after the usual business, which included the election of two new candidates, the ceremony of installing the W.M. effect was performed by Bro. Sir G. Goldney, ably assisted by Bro. G. Ll. Palmer. The ceremony being concluded, the new W.M., in an impressive manner, appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. W. Selke S.W., H. Chapman J.W., T. Wood Chaplain, W. J. Mann Treasurer, T. S. Hill Secretary, H. White Assistant Secretary, H. Mundy S.D., A. Cox J.D., G. Ll. Palmer D.C., F. Garlick I.G., J. Lansdown Organist, G. Snailum Steward, H. Bailey Tyler. The charges to the Officers were given in an able manner by Bro. F. Kelland. Before closing, the new W.M. tendered the thanks of the Lodge to Bro. Goldney for his presence among them that day, to which Sir Gabriel suitably responded. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. H. Millington. The brethren then adjourned to a most enjoyable banquet, provided by Fortt and Son, Bath, and held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. W. Roger Brown W.M., and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and suitably responded to.

#### WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on the 17th inst., when there was a good attendance, amongst the Visitors being Bros. W. S. Bambridge P.M. 1533 P.P.G.O., Pocock P.M. 632 P.G.P., and A. F. Brereton W.M. 1271. The outgoing W.M. Bro. H. J. Johnson opened the Lodge, and after the usual preliminaries installed his successor the S.W. Bro. Frederick Sloper, the whole of the ceremony being conducted in a very impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. H. J. Johnson I.P.M., Rev. W. Humphreys S.W. and acting Chaplain, B. W. Cress J.W., F. S. Hancock P.M. Treasurer, T. C. Hopkins P.M. Secretary, J. P. Martin S.D., F. G. Billingham J.D., H. Howse P.M. D.C., H. H. Baker Organist, F. Reynolds I.G., W. Young and D. Owen Stewards, and C. R. Barnes Tyler. After the usual routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet at the Bear Hotel, which was supplied in first class style by Bro. Reynolds, and to which Bro. Watson Taylor had, as usual, sent a supply of venison.

#### INDEPENDENCE LODGE, No. 721.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated by the members at Chester, on the 13th inst. There was an unusually large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Bro. W. H. Finchett was installed by the retiring W.M. (Bro. J. Humphreys) into the position of Worshipful Master, and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. J. Humphreys I.P.M., E. Rush S.W., W. Peers J.W., G. F. Adams S.D., John Bonnett J.D., T. Browne I.G., Alfred Wild S., C. Stanyer O., A. Stephenson Treasurer, Thomas Knowles Secretary, J. W. Hall Tyler, W. M. Richmond Almoner, W. Johnson D.C. The brethren, to the number of 90, afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bolland and Sons.

#### HAULEY LODGE, No. 777.

THE annual meeting was held at Dartmouth, on the 13th inst. Bro. W. J. Way S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Lodge was tyled at 3 p.m., and the ceremony ably performed by Bros. E. Chapple and W. H. Goodridge. After the ceremony of installation had been gone through, the new W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. A. Benson I.P.M., J. B. Husband Treasurer, W. H. Goodridge Secretary, F. A. Davson Chaplain, J. Bovey S.W., G. Elliott J.W., Caleb Evans S.D., C. Oldrieve J.D., H. Moxey I.G., Chapple D.C., Wilton A.D.C., J. Knox and Hine Stewards, and W. Putt Tyler. Bro. Fredk. A. Davson was unanimously elected as the Lodge's representative for petitions. The brethren afterwards assembled at Bro. M. Whittle's, Commercial Hotel, where the annual banquet was held. An admirable repast was supplied by the host, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The remainder of the evening passed convivially.

#### ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 993.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Midway Hotel, Levenshulme. Present:—Bros. R. Goddard W.M., C. D. Cheetham jun. P.M. P.P.G.J.D. acting S.W., G. R. Armstrong Treasurer, R. E. Walker Secretary, W. H. Bibby Secretary, F. Williams J.D., Joseph Allison P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, W. H. Peake P.M., G. Vagmonr, H. Chalon, F. Mottram, Chas. Mitchell, Thos. Plumptre, J. Kennedy, R. Dottie P.M., J. Dottie, H. J. Jones H. G. Ward, J. H. Halliwell, C. F. Green, and C. H. Mitchell. Visitors:—Bros. George Beard P.P.G.D.C. Warwickshire, E. L. Evans 249 1756, and R. R. Lisenden J.W. 317. The Lodge was opened at 6.15, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. C. H. Mitchell having answered the necessary questions leading from the first to the second degree retired. Bro. C. D. Cheetham then took the chair of K.S., and passed Bro. C. H. Mitchell to the degree of F.C. Bro. J. Halliwell, being a candidate to be raised to the third degree, was interrogated by Bro. W. H. Peake (who occupied the chair at this stage), and having given the replies in a very satisfactory manner, withdrew. Bro. Peake then proceeded to raise Bro. Halliwell to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, which he accomplished in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on himself and the Lodge. The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren subsequently supped together, after which the health of the newly passed and raised brethren were proposed and responded to. Bro. Joseph Allison P.M. Prop. G. Treasurer proposed the health of the Visitors in eulogistic terms, and invited each most cordially to repeat his visit. Altogether a pleasant though short evening was spent.

## SOUTH SAXON LODGE, No. 311.

THE installation of Bro. James W. Broad as Master was performed on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, in the presence of a numerous assemblage of brethren. The ceremony was conducted in an able manner by Bro. Smith Stone, to whom a Past Master's jewel was presented for his services during the past year. Bro. Broad invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. Wright S.W., W. Stone J.W., A. Russell D. of C., G. Lloyd Secretary, J. Adames Treasurer, J. H. Ball S.D., J. Peters J.D., W. Flint I.G., Starnes Organist, Hall Tyler. The appointment of Charity Steward was conferred on Bro. J. C. Lucas. A banquet afterwards took place at the Crown Hotel, the catering of Mr. Farnan giving every satisfaction. The company numbered about 50. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the toast of the W.M., proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. T. R. White (Mayor of Lewes), being especially well received. The enjoyment of the evening was considerably added to by some excellent vocalisation contributed by Mrs. J. W. Broad, Miss Edith Welling, and Mr. J. Farncombe, Mr. A. Jackson accompanying. The duties of Stewards were entrusted to Bro. A. Russell and Bro. G. Holman. Several apologies were received at the last moment of guests unable to attend through indisposition.

## STONELEIGH LODGE, No. 725.

THE members held their annual Festival of St. John on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Craven Arms, Coventry. There was a large attendance, Bro. Collins D.P.G.M. of Warwickshire being present. Bro. Richard Croydon was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and elected the following as his Officers:—Bros. A. W. Hitchin S.W., A. E. Cleaver J.W., John Townsend S.D., S. G. Wootton J.D., E. Turrall I.G., T. Hartley Tyler, T. W. Whitley Secretary. Afterwards the brethren dined together.

## REPOSE LODGE, No. 802.

THE anniversary of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on 6th inst. There was a good attendance of brethren from Derbyshire and the surrounding Provinces. The Worshipful Master for the ensuing year (Bro. George S. Smith) was installed in the chair by his immediate predecessor Bro. John Ryley, and after the transaction of some formal business the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Ryley I.P.M., T. Oldham S.W., A. Eaton J.W., R. Slater Treasurer, D. W. Bardill Secretary, G. G. Dennis Assistant Secretary, F. H. Huggins S.D., H. Slater J.D., W. P. Edwards D.C., Tom G. Taylor Organist, N. Twigge and H. A. Morley Stewards, T. Day Tyler. The congratulations of the Lodge were tendered to Bro. Ald. Roe, M.P., upon his appointment as Provincial Grand Treasurer, and on the motion of Bro. W. J. Piper, a vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. the Marquis of Hartington P.G.M. of Derbyshire, an old member of the Lodge of Repose, in the illness that had overtaken him, and an earnest desire was unanimously expressed that he might be speedily restored to health. The brethren subsequently dined together, the usual Masonic toast list being gone through.

## SHIRLEY LODGE, No. 1112.

THE brethren met on Monday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. W. Pearce S.W., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the I.P.M. Dr. Chamberlain. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Mainer S.W., Harfield J.W., Rev. Norton Chap., Sharp Treas., Edginton Sec., Robertson S.D., Dixon J.D., Mayoss D.C., Greenslade P.M. Organist, Stride I.G., Bassett and Pope Stewards, and Vane Tyler.

## ELMS LODGE, No. 1212.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting at Home Park, Stoke, on the 15th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. Bassett, was installed by Bro. Joseph Bassett, assisted by Bros. J. J. C. Elliott, J. Bray, F. Hooper. The board of Installed Masters also included Bros. W. Fowler, A. H. Whidden, W. W. Wiggin, R. H. Burt, E. Murch, R. Pike, J. Griffin, J. Westaway, W. R. Evans, T. D. Deeble, E. R. Doney, R. Salmon, S. Panter, W. J. Foster. The Officers invested were:—Bros. W. W. Wiggin I.P.M., J. J. Leonard S.W., W. Sweet J.W., A. H. Whidden Treasurer, W. Bickle Secretary, J. Berry S.D., W. Ferguson J.D., A. Goad D.C., H. Weare Organist, E. Craze I.G., J. Taylor, Roskelly, and Knight Stewards, J. Rashbrook Tyler. Bro. R. Bassett was elected the representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. F. Hooper was re-elected the Charity Steward.

## NORMAN LODGE, No. 1334.

ON Wednesday, the 15th inst., a meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, for the purpose of installing the newly-elected W.M. (Bro. Councillor W. Sanderson) for the ensuing year. The Lodge was very largely attended, and several visitors were also present. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Jas. Laidler. The newly-elected W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. J. Chambers I.P.M., E. Jepson S.W., Jas. Willan J.W., W. Gray Treasurer, T. Gowland Secretary, T. Westrope S.D., E. White J.D., J. M. Leonard I.G., Rev. G. R. Bulman Chaplain, I. F. Hiller D.C., S. Wilkinson Organist, E. Hodgson Steward, J. Steele Tyler. After the ceremony of installation and other Masonic business, a banquet in celebration of the festival of St. John the Evangelist was held.

## ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Northallerton, on the 14th inst., when Bro. Charles Waistell, was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Charles Hubert Backhouse. After the installation, the Worshipful Master invested the following Officers: Bros. T. Russell I.P.M., W. Bell S.W., J. Ward J.W., M. Walmisley

P.M. Treasurer, G. J. Robinson P.M. Secretary, C. Tweedy S.D., Dr. J. A. Hutchinson J.D., J. T. Naylor I.G., Dr. J. S. Wolton P.M. D.C., W. S. Charlton Senior Steward, J. Henrici Junior Steward, and Eli Wilkinson Organist. Visitors were present from the Eboracum (No. 1611), North York (602), Restoration (111), Lambton, Barnard (1230), and Falcon (1416) Lodges. Afterwards the banquet was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, when several toasts were drunk, and a pleasant evening spent. During the evening it was announced that Past Masters J. S. Winn and Thomas Russell had both presented framed photos of themselves to the Lodge; these were hung up in the banqueting-room.

## CASTLE LODGE, No. 1621.

A BALL took place under the auspices of this Lodge on Thursday, the 16th inst., in the Agricultural Hall, Bridgnorth. The walls of the building were draped, and the hall was converted into as pleasant a ball room as could be desired. Emblems of the Order were arranged on the platform—which was tastefully decorated—and banners and presentation addresses were suspended at intervals round the room. A full quadrille band, under the direction of Mr. Hudson Davis (Shrewsbury), occupied the recently constructed gallery at the east end of the hall. The ball was in aid of the Royal Masonic Charities, and held under the patronage of Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Lieutenant-Colonel Foster Gough, R. G. Venables, A. F. Godson, M.P., W. H. Spaul, Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. Wakeman, the Mayor of Bridgnorth (Bro. R. C. Smith), and R. Jasper More, M.P. The list of stewards was a fully representative one, and comprised brethren from Shrewsbury, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton, Madeley, Ludlow, Bresley, Newport, Cleobury North, Stourbridge, Monkhoppton, and Bridgnorth. The general arrangements were under the supervision of the honorary secretaries, Bros. T. Whitefoot jun. (ex-Mayor), and Godfrey C. Cooper. Bro. C. Ensor (Crown and Royal Hotel) was entrusted with the catering for the company, which numbered about 160.

## ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

ON Wednesday, the 16th instant, the annual Ladies Banquet and Ball took place at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, after the ordinary Lodge business, which included the working of all three degrees of Craft Masonry. Bro. E. Grant Hooper, the justly popular and able Worshipful Master of the Lodge, presided, and the other principal Officers present were Bros. William Weston S.W., Charles Leo J.W., Isaac Isaacs Treasurer, Alfred J. Bignold S.D., and John Gritts J.D. Others holding office or prominent in the Lodge were—Bros. Frederick Arnold, William Sanel, George Messenger, Henry Giddings, James Dotterill, Sidney Pope, W. Holland, Chilcott, T. Cocks, Delevante, Haylock, Nice, Roberts, Pugh, &c. The prevailing epidemic was responsible for the non-attendance of some well known brethren and ladies who have been present on former occasions, but the number dining closely approximated to 150, and the arrangements made for the comfort of such a large party reflected the highest credit on Bro. Bertini, the Criterion Manager. The dinner was every thing that could be wished for, and the splendid *salon*, in which the dancing took place, was a decided improvement on the large dining-room adjoining it, which in former years was cleared for the purpose. On this occasion it was available as a retiring and refreshment room. After the banquet, the Worshipful Master briefly gave a few toasts, announcing that the presence of so many ladies, enjoined the necessity of keeping this part of the programme as short as possible. Speaking of the Prince of Wales the Grand Master and the other distinguished Grand Officer, the Worshipful Master said that but for their efforts Masonry would not occupy the position it now did in England, and not merely in England, but all over the world. The toast of the Worshipful Master, proposed by Bro. Ray, was received with great enthusiasm, and other toasts honoured were the Past Masters of the Lodge. Those present being Powell, Jones, Bottle and C. Taylor, and the Officers. In addition to the response by the Warden and Treasurer, Bro. Beckham, the indefatigable Secretary, also replied. He claimed for Freemasonry a lasting impression of good, and said that the noble institutions it fostered were Charitable asylums of which they were justly proud. The Ladies and the Visitors given as one toast by the Worshipful Master in very felicitous terms was duly honoured, and Bro. Holland replied for the ladies. The other part of the response was entrusted to Bro. Bond, the visitors present including Bros. George Saunders, Balchin, Alfred Booty, Franks, Woodrow, F. W. Smith, G. Horton, &c. The ball was kept up with unflagging spirit until the early hours of Thursday morning.

## COLERIDGE LODGE, No. 1750.

THE annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. was held at the Masonic Hall, Clevedon, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when the D.P.G.M. of Somerset and Grand Deacon of England Bro. R. C. Else ably performed the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect Bro. E. G. Rivers for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed and invested Officers:—Captain A. F. Rose S.W., Major-General Montague, C.B., J.W., T. Barnes Treasurer, J. Jupp Secretary, A. B. Wickenden S.D., C. A. Hayman J.D., Dr. Sawyer I.G. pro tem, W. Somerton Organist, F. J. Saunders and H. Amos Stewards, R. Stephens Tyler. The banquet was subsequently held at the Royal Pier Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., and an enjoyable evening was spent.

## ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

THE anniversary dinner and installation of the Worshipful Master took place on Saturday, the 11th inst., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. officiating as Installing Master. After the opening of Lodge in due form, Bro. Ward S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Martyn. On

the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. invested his predecessor with the collar of I.P.M., and, having discharged the pleasing duty of presenting to him a handsome Past Master's jewel, the gift of his brethren of the Royal Clarence, proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Boa S.W., Freeman J.W., Rev. B. B. Syer Chaplain, Barnes Treasurer, W. B. Stokoe Secretary, Campion S.D., Bardwell J.D., Vincent Dir. of Cers., Sorsbie I.G., D. F. Glazin Tyler. The Installing Master then addressed the W.M., Officers and Brethren on their respective duties, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the Half Moon Hotel, where the banquet was provided by Mr. Fish. The W.M. was supported on his right by the Installing Master, and on his left by Bro. Wayman I.P.M. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was passed, some capital songs being contributed by the musical brethren present.

#### EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922.

THE installation meeting of this successful Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday afternoon, the 13th inst., the Lodge being opened at five o'clock by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Charles Sims (who is a present Governor of the Licensed Victuallers' Schools), supported by his Officers:—Bros. Chas. Sims W.M., W. G. Cannon I.P.M., J. Milsted Spencer W.M. elect, John G. Albert J.W., A. Runacres P.M. and Treasurer, R. J. Taylor P.M. and Secretary, L. C. Shipton S.D., S. W. S. Burridge J.D., R. Clare I.G., J. W. T. Chapman P.M. D.C., A. J. Clarke A.D.C., G. W. Evans P.M. Organist, W. C. Codman and A. Blenkarn Stewards; also Bros. C. R. J. Evans P.M., J. Beale, R. Caley, J. German, J. Cooper P.M., R. M. Gatliff, J. K. Boddy, H. Gill, F. H. Mathews, T. Moss jun., F. Byrne, R. Peachey, E. J. James, J. A. Gaze, W. F. Fletcher, and T. Bowler Tyler. Visitors: Brothers E. Witts P.M. 144, R. Barham P.M. 144, E. L. Horne P.M. 227, W. Wingham P.M. 25, J. H. Stunt P.M. 1641, F. Hilton P.M. 1475, W. J. Hobern 1158, G. Treacher 1475, T. J. Kinsley I.G. 144, G. E. Muddyman 1558, W. A. Smith 1669, J. Start I.G. 1742, G. Phillips 157, and Rushton Edell Organist 2077. The minutes of the regular Lodge meeting in December last were read and confirmed, and the Lodge duly opened in the second degree, when the I.P.M. Bro. W. G. Cannon, at the request of the W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and in an able manner installed the W.M. elect, Bro. John Milsted Spencer, therein, in accordance with ancient custom. After the Board of installed Masters had been closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and Bro. Spencer duly proclaimed and saluted by them (under the direction of Bro. J. W. T. Chapman P.M. and D.C.), Bro. Spencer appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—John G. Albert S.W., L. C. Shipton J.W., A. Runacres P.M. Treasurer, R. J. Taylor P.M. Secretary, S. W. S. Burridge S.D., R. Clare J.D., W. C. Codman I.G., J. W. T. Chapman P.M. D.C., G. W. Evans P.M. Organist, A. J. Clarke A.D.C., A. Blenkarn and R. M. Gatliff Stewards, T. Bowler Tyler. The three addresses were then given by Bro. P.M. Cannon, in a manner showing that this brother is well acquainted with the Ritual, and is an excellent worker. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and a ballot was taken for a joining member, Bro. Henry Thomas Gill M.M. 1599, which proved unanimous in his favour. A ballot was also taken for the admission into Freemasonry of Mr. Alfred Frederick Janes and Mr. Henry Candall, which proving unanimous, and they being present, were duly initiated in impressive form by the new W.M., whose working proved him to be a most efficient brother, and speaks well for the future of the Lodge, and his being able to worthily follow his predecessors in the chair, this Lodge being noted for the excellency of its working. We may mention that the founders of this Lodge having now severally passed the chair, Bro. Spencer is the first initiate who has occupied the same. A letter from the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom R.W. D.G.M. was read, regretting his inability to attend, in consequence of having a prior engagement; also similar letters from W. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, N. G. Phillips P.G.D., &c., and other brethren. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned until 10th March next. The brethren then repaired to the banquet table, where the usual toasts were duly given and responded to. A handsome Past Master's jewel (with diamond centre) was presented to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Charles Sims. A selection of music was performed by Bro. Rushton Odell, assisted by Madame Florence Venning, Madame Merton Clarke, Mr. Townsend Clarke; Bro. J. K. Boddy gave a recitation.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7 p.m. Present:—Bros. S. Dancyger W.M., B. da Costa S.W., J. Dancyger J.W., H. Saqui Secretary, B. Cohen S.D., London J.D., E. Ansell I.G., Emanuel, Dewsnap; Visitors:—Bros. H. Lichtenfeld, Munley, Holbrook, Harris; Bros. Rosenberg, A. Cohen, Lockstone, Friedlander, Franks, Poppmacher, Marks, Samuels, L. Isaacs, Singer, J. Abrahams. The fifteen sections were worked by the following:—First Lecture—Bros. Saqui, H. Lichtenfeld, Emanuel, B. da Costa, J. Dancyger, J. Dancyger, H. Lichtenfeld. Second Lecture—Bros. Saqui, J. Dancyger, B. da Costa, L. Simmons, B. da Costa. Third Lecture—B. da Costa, J. Dancyger, H. Harris. The following brethren were made members of the Lodge:—D. Walter, Samson Barnett, Cohen, L. Simmons, H. Goodwin, A. Jacoby. The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks being accorded the W.M., S. and J.W., and brethren who had assisted with the sections.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, No. 1269.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge took place at the Fox and Hounds Hotel on Wednesday, the 15th inst., Bro. Thomas Grant in the chair. The usual Lodge work was executed in Bro. Grant's best manner. One brother was elected as joining member, and Bro. R. Hunt was elected to occupy the chair on the next Wednesday. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 10 p.m. The Lodge meets every Wed-

nesday evening at 8 o'clock punctually, under the Preceptorship of W. C. Page.

Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, on Tuesday. Present:—Bros. Greenway Preceptor, Berry W.M., Welsford S.W., Hunter J.W., Swan Secretary, Graham S.D., Grimes J.D., Groves I.G., Dunsterwald and Mogford. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The first section of the first lecture was worked by the Preceptor Bro. Greenway, the questions being answered in rotation. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the first section of the lecture worked by the same Brother. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and sections worked by Preceptor. An interesting discussion on matters concerning the welfare of the Lodge took place. Bro. Welsford was elected to the chair of W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed Officers in rotation. After other Masonic business Lodge was adjourned until Tuesday, 28th inst., at the hour of 8. Visitors will be made heartily welcome.

The Board of Benevolence held its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening. In the absence of the President, Bro. James Brett Senior Vice-President occupied the chair, while Brother C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice-President acted as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod as Junior. The Board having confirmed grants at the December meeting to the amount of £380, proceeded to consider the petitions of 41 applicants, hailing from London, Cheshire, Berks and Bucks, Cornwall, West Lancashire, Bombay, West Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, and other Provinces. Of these 41 cases, one was dismissed, four deferred, and 36 relieved, with grants amounting in the aggregate to £775, namely, three with grants of £50 each, three of £40, seven of £30, five of £20, five of £15, 11 of £10, and two of £5 each.

The annual ball in connection with the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1529, took place at the Red Lion Hotel, St. Columb, on Friday evening, the 10th inst. Dancing commenced about nine o'clock, and was kept up with spirit for several hours. Herr Freund's String Band was in attendance.

Bro. S. Dacombe S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, at the meeting held on Thursday, the 16th instant.

On the 10th inst. the annual ball in aid of the Masonic Charities was held in the Victoria Hall of the Dewsbury Town Hall, under the patronage of the Worshipful the Mayor of Dewsbury (Bro. George Clay W.M. 208), the R.W. the Prov. G. Master (Bro. T. W. Tew P.G.D.) and the Deputy Prov. G.M. (Bro. Henry Smith P.G.D.)

We understand that Her Majesty the Queen has consented to give her patronage to the bazaar which is to be held in the end of the year in behalf of the Annuity Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. At the January meeting of the Annuity Fund Board there were 43 applications submitted, and 16 annuities of £10 each were granted to Freemasons or widows of Masons.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 31st day of January 1890, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:—

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By W. Bro. J. LEWIS THOMAS, V.-Pres. (P.G.A.D.C.):—

"To alter the existing Law, No. 71—in the 3rd paragraph thus—'No Candidate shall be eligible for the office of Secretary unless he be a Master Mason and under the age of forty-five years, &c.'"

2. By W. Bro. MAJOR A. DURRANT, Life Governor:—

"That in consideration of the 14 years Head-Mastership of Dr. Morris at the Boys' School, this Court do vote a sum of £150 in recognition of his valuable services to the Institution."

3. By W. Bro. J. H. HAWKINS, Life Governor:—

"To reconsider, and if thought necessary or expedient, to rescind the resolution as to Persons declared to be carried at the last Court."

By W. Bro. E. V. GREATBATCH, Life Governor:—

4. "That in Law, No. 31, page 9, in the Book of Laws, the words 'elect, suspend or remove the Secretary' be rescinded."

5. "That the whole of Law 71 (page 18 in Book of Laws) be rescinded."

6. "That a new Law, No. 71, as under, be made, viz.: That the election and removal of the Secretary be vested in the Provisional Committee."

7. "That the Provisional Committee are hereby empowered to give Bro. Binckes such honorarium as they may deem expedient, not exceeding the sum of £1000, out of the funds of the Institution, on his retirement from the office of Secretary."

To consider, and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the General Committee:—

"That Thirty Boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, 27th April 1890, from an approved List of 63 Candidates, subject to the decision of the Court on two cases deferred for final consideration."

The chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon, precisely.

By Order,

FREDERICK BINCKES (V.-Pat., P.G. Steward, P.G. Sword Bearer),  
Secretary.

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.  
16th January 1890.

## The 92nd ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL TAKE PLACE IN JUNE 1890,

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Grand Patroness:  
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 1st February 1890, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for the Election in April next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider the following notice of motion:—

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

By Bro. CHARLES HAMMERTON, P.G.S.B., Hon. Patron, Chairman of the Centenary Committee:—

"Any Lodge, Chapter or Society having contributed upon the List of a Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Institution shall, in recognition thereof, be entitled, on the payment of the sum of £13 to cover the cost, to place (under the superintendence of the Architect of the Institution), a Memorial in one of the lights of the Windows or on the Wall framing the Centenary Hall. And shall be further entitled, in respect of the same, to two Votes in perpetuity, or to four Votes in perpetuity, should the Lodge, Chapter or Society be a Vice-President of the Institution prior to the time of such payment."

"The right to place a Memorial under this resolution shall cease at such time as the Centenary Committee by resolution shall determine."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.  
25th January 1890.

## The 102nd ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD

ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY 1890.

R.W. Bro. COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.

P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, in the Chair.

The Services of Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are very earnestly solicited.

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Brethren are earnestly solicited to accept the Stewardship upon this most important occasion, and to forward their names, with full particulars, to

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Hon. Sec.

17th December 1889.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 5.30 o'clock.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective ranks (Masonic mourning).

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.M.,  
WM. G. BRIGHTEN P.M. P.P.G.S.W., &c.  
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

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9th January 1890.

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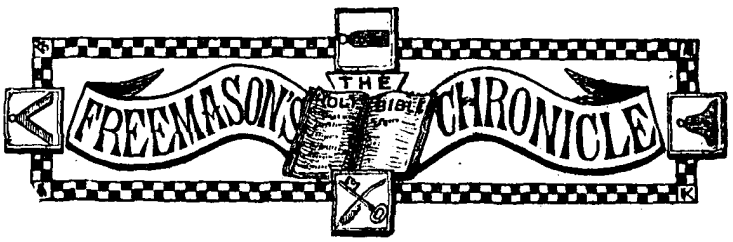
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SATURDAY, 25TH JANUARY 1890.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### SINCERITY LODGE, No. 35.

**THE** members held their annual meeting at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on the 6th inst. Two brethren having been advanced to this degree, Bro. Frank R. Thomas S.W., was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing by Bros. Charles Croydon and Francis Crouch, assisted by a Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. W. M. Robins I.P.M., S. H. Hare S.W., G. Digby Danut, R.N. J.W., W. Blight M.O., J. B. Moulder S.O., C. Massey J.O., Rev. T. W. Lemon P.M. Chaplain, A. W. White Treasurer, John Parker Secretary, C. Croydon Registrar of Marks, G. Jackson S.D., John Chapman J.D., T. Walker Coffin D.C., A. W. Moore A.D.C., J. J. McCullen, R.N., I.G., and J. Gidley Tyler. The W.M. said he was sorry to announce that Bro. R. H. Rae P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer had, on account of increasing age, found it necessary to resign the office of Secretary, which he had held for over thirty years. His services had been most invaluable, and while they felt that they could not get any one to worthily fill his place they had the satisfaction of knowing that they would have the benefit of Bro. Rae's advice, counsel, and assistance as a member of the Lodge, he hoped, for many years to come.

### HENRY LODGE, No. 216.

**THE** annual meeting was held on the 15th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Frizington, for the purpose of installing Bro. Henry Hartley W.M. for the ensuing year. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Craig W.M., and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. George Dalrymple was invited to the chair. Bro. Hartley was presented and duly installed, and invested the following as his Officers, viz.:—Bros. Wakefield S.W., Stout J.W., Robinson M.O., Lowery S.O., Kitchen J.O., Rev. G. B. Armes Chaplain, Harper Treasurer, Cross Reg. of Marks, Dalrymple Sec., Heathcote S.D., Gordon J.D., Craig D.C., Barwise I.G., Bland Tyler. With other business and a hearty vote of thanks to Bros. Dalrymple and Craig as Installing Masters, the Lodge was duly closed.

### ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 383.

**THE** annual meeting was held on the 3rd inst., at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, Stonehouse. Bro. R. Brickwood S.W. was installed W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was well rendered by Bro. F. Crouch. The Officers invested were:—Bros. J. T. Bond I.P.M., W. J. Pengelly S.W., C. G. Withell J.W., H. Reynolds M.O., J. E. Weale S.O., L. Wells J.O., W. T. Bone Chaplain, James Harvey Treas., John Griffin R. of Marks, F. Crouch P.M. Secretary, T. G. Taylor S.D., F. P. Full J.D., E. Aslat I.G., F. M. Somerville D.C., L. Peake A.D.C., J. H. Bannermau Org., A. Roberts S. St., J. May J. St., J. Prout A. St., and James Gidley P.M. Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Masonic Club, Plymouth, where they sat down to an excellent supper. A capital evening was spent, the recitation by Bro. J. Meade of an unpublished poem, by Bulwer Lytton, given with much pathos and power, being much appreciated.

An interesting meeting was held in connection with St. George's Lodge, No. 431, on Monday, the 6th inst., when the Lodge met for the purpose of installing Bro. Alexander Anderson as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year.

Bro. J. E. Shaud P.M. Sec. 1563 and 2030, who has been prostrate for the last 14 days with the influenza epidemic is now, we are glad to hear, making favourable progress. We hope that he will soon regain his usual good health.

## THE DANGERS OF THE "ROYAL ARCH."

THE mysteries of Freemasonry have always fascinated the popular imagination. They have loomed large through a mist of ignorance, and have been regarded by the uninitiated with something approaching awe. Whispers have been heard of ordeals enough to appal the stoutest heart; of fearsome oaths that must be kept under terrific penalties; of elaborate ceremonials which few know and fewer comprehend. How much of this is founded on fact and how much exaggeration no profane outsider must know. A paragraph, however, just transmitted by cable from America, will deepen the apprehensions of the public mind as to the dark and perilous character of the rites that attend initiation into some of the higher orders of the great Brotherhood. It simply reads: "Mr. Johnson, a Methodist Episcopal parson in the Southern States, has been killed while taking the Royal Arch degree. He dropped into the vault." "Killed!" that's all. No explanation is given. Who killed him? What killed him? What is a Royal Arch degree? Were the ceremonies so severe, so exorcising, that flesh and blood could bear them no longer? Did some of the ministering subordinates make a mistake? Was the torture-chamber—if it is a torture-chamber—made too hot or too cold? Were the menacing swords—or are they daggers?—pressed too closely on the victim's breast? Then he "dropped into the vault." What vault? Romeo falls upon the ground, "taking the measure of an unmade grave," and criminals as they walk to the scaffold sometimes see their own grave dug? But why was there a vault? Is it to bury the secret or the man? Does it symbolise the speedy funeral of the postulant if he fail to fulfil the high and stern duties of the Royal Arch degree? Was the incident part of the programme? There are Roman Catholic ecclesiastics in America who will regard the event as a judgment. For "the Church" is opposed to all secrets not confided to itself, and regards Freemasonry as one of its deadliest rivals and foes. No true son of Rome can retain allegiance to the mystic fraternity, and some sensation was caused a few years ago, when the Marquis of Ripon, on becoming a Catholic, gave up the high position he had up to that time held amongst English Masons. It is quite possible that he might have not agreed in the view taken of "the Craft" by his new masters; but prompt obedience is the first virtue of a Roman Catholic, and he renounced his connection completely and at once. Now all the Bishops and priests in the United States will use the accident to the Methodist parson as a new text to emphasise their denunciations of Protestantism and Freemasonry as twin errors which, sooner or later, ensure a "judgment." For, according to pious people the evil that happens to them "is a trial," while the sufferings of their neighbours and friends are "judgments."

Freemasonry in England comes before the public in two garbs. There is a great deal of feasting connected with it in the social form of Lodge gatherings and in larger banquets that bring in the magnates of the land. Most of the members of our Royal Family have been distinguished Masons for many generations, and the fact certainly implies that nothing revolutionary or subversive can attach to the English section of the world-wide brotherhood. Abroad it is said by Roman Catholic opponents of the Fraternity that the Lodges are really the haunts of Atheists, Red Republicans, conspirators, and cut-throats of every degree—men sworn to pull down the Altar, the Throne, the Family, and so on. All this is the common form of clerical railing, and may be taken with many grains of salt; but there is no doubt a certain basis of truth in it. In those countries where the Church of Rome has held sway for centuries in connection with the old time rulers of the land, it has lost a great deal of its moral influence with the majority of educated men, though still retaining the women of all classes and the bulk of the peasants. Therefore many French, Italian, and Spanish Freemasons are most likely not only enemies to the Pope, but more or less pronounced Agnostics. Then in the epochs of Bourbonism in France and of Austrian domination in Italy the Freemasons' Lodges were probably used as rallying-places for Republicans and Revolutionists. All this, however, is clearly alien to the spirit of Masonry. Its rites may be secret, but its general purposes are not. It is based ostensibly on belief in and homage to the Great Architect of the Universe, and English Masons have refused to recognise French brethren who denied the existence of God. Then it certainly proclaims the brotherhood of man, and, if powerful enough ought to be the greatest Peace Society in the world. For in the spirit of the Order no Frenchman can hate a German nor delight in plundering or ill-treating him. Indeed, some of our soldiers fighting in India were said to have been saved from murder in cold blood on the battle-field by giving their enemy the Masonic sign. As far as the charity that begins at home is concerned, England is honourably distinguished. The manner in which our Masons cling together and subscribe handsomely for the widows and orphans of deceased members is one of the best public signs of the good spirit that animates the Craft. It may be that they are too sociable. More wine may be consumed at their banquets than Sir Wilfrid Lawson would approve. Husbands are kept out too late occasionally, and there are wives who regard the Society with a jealous eye. The Schools, the Charities, the pensions, and the Benevolent Institutions generally of the Order are, however, striking testimonies to the fact that the members do not spend all their time in discharging elaborate ceremonies nor all their money on gorgeous feasts. There are profane people who say that "the secret" has been well kept because there is no secret at all. And it certainly seems strange, in these days when nothing is sacred to the inquisitive, that the mystery of the Masons has not been unveiled by any interviewer, male or female. A misogynist might say that the explanation arises from the fact that here is the one secret never confided to mortal woman, and it is therefore the only secret since Adam that has never been told. That, however, is a morsel of male insolence which may be dismissed. There is a legend—but we know nothing as to its truth—that once in Ireland a curious lady concealed herself in a clock-case, witnessed the dreadful rites of the Lodge, and was then discovered. Her husband and her brother were members, but they, with others, voted that she should be immediately

put to death—for that is the penalty of unhallowed intrusion. The majority, however, leaned to mercy, and they offered to spare her life if she consented to become, there and then, a Freemason. She consented, went through and survived the appalling ordeals and fearsome rites, and lived to a good old age—the one woman in the world who "knew all." She never told the secret; she "died, and made no sign"—at least, no sign that a non-Mason could comprehend.

In India there are many English Masons, and the ceremonies powerfully affect the popular mind. The natives of these countries abjectly believe in magic of all kinds, black and white; and when the dusky attendants are shut out, and know that their masters are engaged in some secret work, the wildest beliefs are whispered as to the character of the incantations. On one occasion a ceremony of a rather exalted kind had to be gone through by English Freemasons in India. Men travelled many miles to a small Mofussil station, and the only place where the business could be transacted was a large tent. Therein everything was gravely and secretly prepared, and no native servants were allowed to take any part in the work. This excited considerable curiosity all round, and when the night came and the Sahibs were seen to enter the tent and close it up, the excitement of the people increased to fever-heat. Women whispered in terror that perhaps one of their babies would have to be sacrificed; others looked for some awful calamity falling on their own heads. Inside the tent lights moved about; outside was a crowd of awe-struck natives drawn by curiosity, but kept distant by fear. Suddenly wild cries arose from inside—the tent had taken fire, and the Sahibs rushed out arrayed in strange and diverse garments of the most unearthly character and cut. The natives fled howling, believing that this was part of the rite, while the Englishmen, convulsed with laughter, hastened to their rooms to put off their Masonic costumes and re-assume civilian dress. Happily the accident led to nothing worse; the tent was burned to the ground, but no life was lost. The incident in America is more painful; but we presume nobody but Freemasons will ever learn how a man climbing up to the Royal Arch Degree was killed by dropping into "the vault." Does this kind of thing occur often? Do many escape the ordeal? And if a Mason dies thus in the discharge of dangerous duty do his widow and orphans receive an extra allowance? In England there would be a coroner's inquest, and then we should know the worst. In the Southern States the thing will probably be hushed up, but it may serve as a warning to ordinary Masons not to aspire too readily to the "bad eminence"—if it is an eminence—of the obviously rather perilous Royal Arch Degree.—*Daily Telegraph*.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, on Saturday, the 25th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. The Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock. Bros. J. Greenway W.M., J. Paul S.W., J. Hemming J.W. First Lecture—Bros. J. Scheu, W. Hoggins, W. F. Hughes, W. Dickeson, W. Goldfinch, J. Paul, J. Hemming. Second Lecture—Bros. Marx, W. J. Burgess, W. Cleg-horn, C. Corby, G. Wood. Third Lecture—Bros. R. Cursons, J. Kow, J. C. Smith.

The Freemasons of New Zealand have temporarily abandoned the proposal for a Grand Lodge, which has for some little time been agitating the minds of Antipodean brethren. Nevertheless, the foundation of such an establishment at some not very remote date is tolerably well assured. How the Craft in the Colonies will benefit by a severance from their respective Grand Lodges it is very difficult to see, for they certainly gain a fair share of benefits from the Masonic Charities existing in this country.—*St. Stephen's Review*.

In the Freemasons' Hall, in Dantzic, a large and handsome chandelier, hanging from the ceiling for 18 lights, is made of the most extraordinary material. The lead which is fastened on every wine or champagne bottle has been collected for years by the members of the Freemasons' Club, and has now been melted into a fine chandelier, of which the gentlemen are very proud.

St. Clement's, Eastcheap, one of Wren's Historical Churches, has received an addition to its stained glass, of an east window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street, with the subject of the Agnus Dei, carried out in Renaissance style, under the direction of Mr. Butterfield, the architect, who has just completed the re-decoration of the Church.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza, the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the over-gorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of escaping from suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which the health of so many is seriously and permanently injured in most countries.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

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**Garrick.**—"La Tosca" continues to hold the boards at the Garrick, and should do so for a long time to come, if there is any drawing power in the most accomplished acting to be seen in town at the present time. The plot of the story need not be told. Four persons stand out in the play and engross the spectator's attention—Floria Tosca, Baron Scarpia, Count Mario Cavarodossi, and Cesare Angelotti. Mrs. Bernard Beere's rendering of Floria Tosca is almost above criticism. Whether as a jealous woman who madly loves a husband she unconsciously betrays to his doom, or as a loving woman who overwhelms her husband with caresses, or as a hating woman who goads Scarpia into fury by her sharp-tongued repartee, or as the murderess who stabs Scarpia to escape the dishonour of his lust, or as the despairing woman who joins her dead husband by throwing herself over the ramparts of the castle,—her acting is magnificent. Here we see the whole range of human passion—love, hate, jealousy, despair—and the spectator can only say, "She does not *act* Floria Tosca, she *is* Floria Tosca." The strain of the part, both on mind and body, must be tremendous. Mr. Forbes-Robertson, as Baron Scarpia, reaches a height to which he has never before attained. He completely realises the character—earthly, sensual, devilish—of the Governor of the Castle of St. Angelo. One criticism suggests itself. His manner shows a refinement which we should hardly expect in a man like Scarpia, who has admittedly risen from the ranks. Mr. Lewis Waller's performance as Count Cavarodossi is unequal; he is, however, exceedingly good in the torture scene. Mr. Herbert Waring, as Angelotti, is disappointing—his enunciation is much too rapid to be clear, and there is no need for the slurring of words. The caste as a whole is very strong. For the acting of the small part of Gennarino, Miss Bessie Hatton deserves a word of commendation. "La Tosca" ought not to be missed by the playgoer who likes to see good acting, and whose nerves are strong enough to enjoy the succession of horrors which Sardou has weaved into a most enthralling story.

**Terry's.**—Miss Annie Irish, a young actress of much promise, gave a *matinée* here last Tuesday, when she produced her new play entitled "Across Her Path." The play is founded on the novel by Miss Annie S. Swan, and points the moral that to ensure happiness there must be perfect confidence between husband and wife. Owing to the concealment of certain circumstances, trouble overtakes Barbara Dale after her marriage with Sir Adrian Severne, as a different interpretation is placed upon her conduct by Jasper Leigh, which might have been averted had she confided in her husband. Of course all comes right in the end, but the story is much too slight for four acts, and will require considerable condensation before it can be submitted with any hope of success to an evening audience. Miss Irish displayed much power in her portraiture of the heroine. Mr. Oscar Adye was Sir Adrian, and Mr. Henry Pagden played with care and earnestness the uncomfortable part of Jasper. A well written character, Elspelt Carmichael, was depicted by Mrs. E. H. Brooke in so admirable a manner that she shared the honours of the afternoon with Miss Irish, and Miss Le Thiere was also well placed as genial Lady Bassett. The front of the house was as usual well looked after by Bro. H. T. Brickwell, the acting manager.

**Crystal Palace.**—The pantomime of "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp" has now extended its course into the fifth week without showing any sign of decrease in popularity; and this is hardly a matter for astonishment when we reflect upon the care that has been taken in every department to make the production a success. In the first place the book, written by Mr. Horace Lennard, is entirely free from vulgarity yet causes roars of laughter; the music, by Mr. Oscar Barrett, played by a magnificent orchestra, is bright and jovial; while Mr. F. Fenton illustrates the story by a series of beautiful pictures that call forth the rapturous applause of the audience. The fancy of the costumiers appears to have had free scope, for there are hundreds of costly dresses, glowing with colour, that fully realise the eastern magnificence described in the ever popular tale. The ballets, invented by Signor Francesco, are perfectly charming, and well deserve the encomiums bestowed upon them. Finally, but by no means of the least importance, there is a capital company engaged for its representation, which includes Miss Edith Bruce, who could hardly be surpassed for a dashing Aladdin, Miss Emma D'Auban the graceful dancer, Miss Susie Vaughan, Miss Minnie Irish, Miss Alice Mori and Messrs. Mat Robson, Hogarth, Inch, Kitchen and the spritely John D'Auban. Altogether it is an amusing and brilliant spectacle, and as there is always the afternoon performance it is a capital place for Paterfamilies to take the boys and girls without keeping them out beyond their usual bedtime. The directors delicately hint that the best new year's present is their guinea season ticket, which, as it affords amusement for twelve months, is certainly cheap at the price.

**Empire.**—It cannot be denied that the usual programme at most music halls is capable of improvement, neither can it be concealed that the most ardent supporters of the variety entertainment have frequently expressed their opinion that it is capable of brighter and better things. We can therefore congratulate Bro. George Edwardes on the honourable sentiments by which he has been actuated in breaking away from the old lines and presenting an item that appeals equally to the sympathies and intelligence of his audience. We refer to the engagement of Miss Amy Roselle, the talented and popular actress, who has been induced by Mr. Edwardes to give a series of dramatic recitals, the subject matter being constantly changed. The brilliant reception accorded to Miss Roselle sufficiently justifies the prognostications of the genial manager, though we may perhaps be excused if we intimate that one piece is hardly sufficient to satisfy the audience. The fanciful spectacle of "The Paris Exhibition" and the gorgeous "Dream of Wealth" are

still included in the programme, which this week has also included Marinelli, the man serpent, a wonderful contortionist, the clever Craggs acrobats, the sisters Watson, Chas. Godfrey, T. W. Barrett, Bonnie Kate Harvey and the vivacious Vanoni.

"Cyril's Success," by H. J. Byron, will be reproduced at the Criterion to-night (Saturday). The cast includes Messrs. David James, Leonard Boyne, Arthur Elwood, H. Saker, Scott Buist, G. B. Phillips, H. Maxwell, G. Stanton, G. Fredericks; Mesdames Olga Brandon, Compton, F. Frances, E. Brunton, E. Vining.

Mr. George Alexander will commence a season at the Avenue on Saturday next, 1st February, with a one act drama by Mr. F. W. Broughton, entitled "Fool's Mate," and an adapted French farcical comedy by Mr. Hamilton Aidé, which will be called "Dr. Bill." Mr. Alexander will be supported by Messrs. Frederick Terry, Natcombe Gould, Benjamin Webster, G. Capel, H. Grattan, R. V. Shone, and Chevalier; Mesdames Robins, Carlotta Leclercq, Marie Linden, Mary Kingsley, Gracie Muriello, Laura Groves, Edith Kenward, and Fanny Brough. Mr. R. D'Albertson will, as usual, look after the front of the house.

Mrs. Langtry, who has secured another lease of St. James's, will reopen that theatre on Tuesday next, the 28th inst., with Shakespeare's delightful comedy, "As you like it."

Piccolo's successful comedy, "Sweet Lavender," will reach its 683rd and final performance this (Saturday) evening.

Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, Miss Cissy Grahame will be the sole lessee of Terry's during Mr. Terry's eight months' absence, and will commence her season, about 1st February, with a new three act farcical comedy, by Jerome K. Jerome, in which Messrs. W. S. Penley, W. Lestocq, F. Kerr, Oscar Adye, Mesdames Gertrude Kingston and Cissy Grahame will appear. The above will be Miss Grahame's own venture, and she has secured the services of Mr. H. T. Brickwell to look after her business interests.

Our good friend and Brother Dr. Corrie Jackson, F.R.C.S., has organized a concert and entertainment, which will be given under the patronage of the Very Worshipful Bro. Richard Eve and Very Worshipful Bro. F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, in St. Andrew's Hall, Newman Street, Oxford Street, W., this (Saturday) evening, 25th January, at eight o'clock. The following artistes have kindly consented to give their services:—Mesdames. Atkinson, Norman, Marsh; Messrs. Richard Evans, Franklin Olive, Pascal Taylor, Walter Lindo, Rutter; Polytechnic School Choir (Mr. Egerton Choir Master), Mr. Charles Bertram and Mlle. Patrice, the celebrated drawing-room illusionists. Professor Arnstein (Violin). Mr. Edward R. Terry will preside at the Piano. Tickets—5s, 2s 6d, and 1s.

The first of the series of exhibitions to be held at the Crystal Palace in 1890 will be the Stanley Show of Cycles, which opened, for eight days, on the 24th instant, to 1st February inclusive. Last year the exhibition occupied the whole of the grand central nave, as well as the north-western courts, and was unanimously pronounced to be the largest and finest show of cycles ever held. This year's show, however, will be still larger, the demand for space being so great that it has been found necessary to utilise the concert room also. The pantomime "Aladdin" will be performed every afternoon, and also on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings.

## Obituary.

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## BRO. JOHN KEARSLEY.

GENERAL regret has been caused in Ripon by the announcement of the death of Bro. John Kearsley, J.P., which occurred on the 14th instant, after an attack of enteric fever extending over 28 days. The progress of the disease has been watched with great anxiety by his family and a great circle of friends. The deceased was exceedingly popular in Ripon, and won the esteem and respect of all classes by his liberal support of all institutions which tended in any way to improve the people. He was a son of the late Mr. John Kearsley, of Prospect House, Ripon, and a member of the firm of Messrs. R. Kearsley and Co., the well-known varnish manufacturers. Bro. Kearsley was a member of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge, No. 352. He was 45 years of age, and a widower; he leaves a son and daughter.

The mayor of Reading, Bro. J. T. Dodd, was last Tuesday afternoon installed as Worshipful Master of the Union Lodge, No. 414, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, in the presence of several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, and a numerous body of members and visitors. The ceremony was performed by Brother R. C. Mount.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## Saturday, 25th January.

- 1679 Henry Muggersidge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1871 Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court  
1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

## Monday, 27th January.

- 4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
28 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.  
28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
79 Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich  
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
902 Burg yne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
905 D. Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1608 Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn  
1615 Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, W.  
1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1745 Farrington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1828 Shepherds Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk Rd. W.  
R.A. 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 188 Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street  
R.A. 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 1237 Enfield, Court House, Enfield  
M.M. 5 Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.  
48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead  
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
999 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1177 Teaby, Tenby, Pembroke  
1694 Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
R.A. 189 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, E. Stonehouse  
R.A. 210 Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
R.A. 241 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 310 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
R.A. 331 Loyal Cornucopia, Masonic Hall, Truro  
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham  
R.A. 1205 Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse  
R.A. 1222 Inkerman, M.H., Weston-Super-Mare  
M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford  
M.M. 146 Moore, Athenaeum, Lancaster

## Tuesday, 28th January.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
165 Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel  
186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.  
260 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.  
1153 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.  
1348 Ebury, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.  
1411 Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
2103 Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly  
R.A. 21 Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
R.A. 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 1275 Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton  
253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
299 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
310 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
673 Poet's Paradise, Sussex Hotel, Hove, Brighton  
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1353 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton  
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
1606 Elington, Town Hall, Maidhead  
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1675 Albert Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse  
R.A. 47 Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham  
R.A. 94 De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland  
R.A. 103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bistol  
R.A. 124 Concord, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham  
R.A. 199 Peace and Harmony, R. yal Oak, Dover  
R.A. 418 Saffordshire Knot, F.M.H., Hanley  
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulm, Manchester  
R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
M.M. 262 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
K.T. 114 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds

## Wednesday, 29th January.

- 898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, P. plir  
1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 435 Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, E.C.  
86 Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancaster  
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley  
996 S. mides, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
1083 Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Manchester  
1095 Hartington, M.H., Gower Street, Derby  
1110 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
1218 Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Manchester  
1219 Strangways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester  
12-3 Hyburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge  
1953 Providence and Industry, George Hotel, Somerset  
R.A. 236 Zealand, M.H., Duncombe Street, York  
R.A. 625 Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Gosport  
M.M. 21 Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray  
M.M. 24 Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Rochester  
K.T. Alpess, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## Thursday, 30th January.

- General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H., 4  
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
2192 Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.  
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

- 111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington  
116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
208 Three Grand Principles, M.H., Dewsbury  
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Chelmsford  
283 Amity, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslington  
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
337 Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
341 Wellington, Iniquity Ports Hotel, Rye  
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
636 Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
659 Bligh, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe  
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich  
994 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
996 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek  
1000 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend  
1161 Elliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall  
1313 Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southampton  
1576 Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
R.A. 129 Kendal Castle, 12 S. ramondgate, Kendal  
R.A. 266 Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Heywood  
R.A. 303 Ben volent, Holland's Road, Teignmouth  
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of S. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton  
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham  
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
K.T. 34 Albert, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale

## Friday, 31st January.

- Quarterly Gen. Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 14  
K.T. 26 Faith and Fidelity, Cannon St. Hotel, E.C.  
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby  
800 Cranston, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
1143 Royal Donbigh, Council Rooms, Donbigh  
1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
1395 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
R.A. 242 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.  
R.A. 897 Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, St. Helens  
R.A. 945 Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abington

## Saturday, 1st February.

- Quarterly Gen. Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12  
General Committee Boys' School, F.M.H., 4  
112 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
1550 New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross  
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1919 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.C. 67 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.  
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
1458 Truth, Wheatheaf Hotel, Manchester  
1466 Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 25th January.

- 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7  
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1864 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7-30  
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

## Monday, 27th January.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7-30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
190 St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air St., W., 8  
249 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7  
332 Royal Union, Caquer's Hotel, Uxbridge  
549 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7-30  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6-30  
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8  
1445 Prince Leopold, 212 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7-30  
1547 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7-30  
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8  
1614 Kilburn, 46 South M. ton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, New Market Hot, Smithfield, 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8-30  
1707 Eleanor, Seven Siste's Hotel, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Pe severance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., 7  
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8  
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

## Tuesday, 28th January.

- 21 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle, 7-30  
25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7  
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 8  
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30  
1-8 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Motte Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
463 East Surrey of C. n ori, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 7-45  
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7-30  
753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hall, 8  
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7-30  
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threaneedle St., 7  
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8  
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex

- 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7-30  
1446 Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, 7  
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1549 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8  
1634 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8  
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8  
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Sarbiton  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 8-30  
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finbury Pavement, E.C., 8

## Wednesday, 29th January.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Bartsbury, 8  
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7-30  
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7  
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
720 Panmure, Balram Hotel, Balham, 7  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7-30  
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8  
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
902 Bargoynne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8  
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8-30  
1475 Peckham, 514 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Hackney, 8  
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lowisham, 8  
1694 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7-30  
1662 Beaconsfield, Caquer's, Walthamstow, 7-30  
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
1791 Creation, Wheatheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7-30  
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7-30  
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

## Thursday, 30th January.

- 87 Vitruvian, White Hart, Lambeth, 8  
144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7-30  
147 Justice, Browne Bear, Deptford, 8  
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7-30  
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8  
704 Camden, 305 High Holborn, 7  
751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road  
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7-30  
1278 Burdett Counts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
1361 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7-30  
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6-30  
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
1571 Leopold, 7 London Street, E.C., 7-30  
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8  
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing D. n, 7-45  
1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7-30  
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5-30  
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9  
1741 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7-30  
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

## Friday, 31st January.

- Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6  
General Lodge Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8  
453 Chigwell Pub, Ha. Station Rd., Loughton, 7-30  
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30  
749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, J. rmyu Street, W., 8  
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8  
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
1046 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30  
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
1294 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8  
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7-30  
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
1642 E. Carnarvon, Lambrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Clounmont Rd., Peckham, 8  
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7-30  
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8  
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland St., W.  
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall  
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7-30

## Saturday, 1st February.

- 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Rd., N., 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 7  
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
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R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

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## ST. THOMAS'S CHAPTER, No. 142.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, the 18th inst. Present: Comps. J. A. Gartley as Z., R. M. Jones H., J. Glass J., C. F. Hogard S.E., F. W. Levan-P.Z., G. Motion P.Z., A. V. Haines P.Z., R. Martin P.Z., J. Lichtenfeld P.S. 205 as a visitor. Many of the members were unfortunately unable to attend through serious indisposition, amongst the regretted absentees being Comps. W. J. Nicholls M.E.Z., J. W. Lambert P.Z. Treasurer, and A. Gravatt Assist. Soj. Comp. J. Glass having very kindly offered to represent the Chapter at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the sum of five guineas was placed on his list from the Charity Fund of the Chapter. Comp. R. Motion called attention to a circular which had been issued by the Provisional Management Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys asking for subscriptions to the Pension Indemnity Fund, with the view of raising a sum of £2500 in lieu of granting a pension to Bro. Frederick Binckes, the object of which is to relieve altogether the Institution from any charge on its funds, and at the same time to recognise the very valuable services of Bro. Binckes and provide some means for his honourable retirement from the office of Secretary after upwards of 28 years' service, and he moved that the sum of £2 10s be voted from the general funds of the Chapter towards that purpose. This having been seconded by Comp. Gartley, the acting M.E.Z., was carried unanimously. The Chapter having been closed, the companions partook of a banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

## ALEXANDRA CHAPTER, No. 993.

THE bi-monthly convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, 13th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. This is the second time the Chapter has been held in the Freemasons' Hall, which may justly be called the headquarters of East Lancashire Freemasonry. The Chapter has not of late been very flourishing, so far as admitting new members is concerned, as when held at the Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, and a change of residence was ultimately decided on, with undoubtedly beneficial results. There were present on Monday, Comps. John Stovold M.E.Z., Alfred Hirst H., C. D. Cheetham jun. J., A. B. Outram S.E., E. A. Ehlinger S.N., James Cookson 1st Asst. Sojourner, W. H. Bibby 2nd Asst. Sojourner, A. H. Jefferis P.Z. P.P.G. Asst. S.j. Treasurer, Carr and J. Kirk Janitors. Visitors—John Marshall P.Z. 611 and 1283 P.P.G.P.S. West Yorks, Thos. Uttley J. 307, S. J. Lewis P.S. 615 and R. R. Lisenden late 317. The Chapter was opened in due form at 6.30, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Comp. W. H. Peake as a re-joining member, and declared successful. Comp. Peake was subsequently admitted, the M.E.Z. Comp. Stovold expressing his pleasure and satisfaction at welcoming so highly esteemed a Companion back to the Chapter. The ballot was next taken for Bro. W. T. Allitt P.M. Alexandra Lodge, 993, and W.M. Avon Lodge, No. 1633, and was announced favourable. Bro. Allitt was subsequently exalted to the Holy Royal Arch degree by the M.E.Z., assisted by his Officers, during a part of the ceremony, and afterwards Comp. A. H. Jefferis P.Z. occupied the M.E.Z.'s chair, and concluded the ceremony in an efficient manner. Comp. S. J. Lewis, of the Hampshire Chelham Chapter, proved a veritable *tour de force* as P.S., and was most deservedly congratulated for his valuable services later on at the social board. Various alterations in the bye-laws were read by Comp. A. H. Jefferis P.Z., and the Companions signifying their approval of them, a proposition was made and carried that they become law. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors and the Chapter was closed in peace and harmony at 7.50. The Companions afterwards sat down to supper, which when finished, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The health of the re-joining member, Comp. W. H. Peake, was proposed in eulogistic terms by the M.E.Z., and drank most heartily. Comp. C. D. Cheetham jun. proposed the health of Comp. W. T. Allitt, and referred to his valuable services in the Craft, and expressed a hope he would make similar progress in the Royal Arch. Comp. Allitt having responded, the toast of the Visitors was proposed and responded to. A pleasant meeting terminated with the Janitor's toast.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 3rd instant, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, Comps. Grummant M.E.Z., Marsden H., G. L. Moore J., H. Martin S.N., Captain Vincent S.E., F. Hilton P.S. and Preceptor, Towers A.S., Addington, Patrick, and Bruty. Comp. Hilton ably worked installation of H. Ceremony of exaltation rehearsed, Comp. Addington candidate. Comp. Marsden H. elect 1369 was elected a member.

On Friday, 10th inst., Comps. Capt. Vincent M.E.Z., G. L. Moore H., Patrick J., Stone S.E., Towers S.N., Grummant P.S., F. Hilton Preceptor, and J. Warren. Chapter regularly opened by Principals. Conclave of Second Principals formed, and Comp. Addington was installed as H. by Comp. Captain Vincent. Ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Warren as candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Proposed and carried unanimously that the Chapter be placed at the disposal of the Companions of the Sphinx Chapter for Friday, 24th inst.

On Friday, 17th inst., Comps. G. L. Moore M.E.Z., Marsden H., Hill J., Stone S.E., Meierhoff S.N., Stone P.S., Fleck, F. Hilton Preceptor, Captain Vincent, Addington, Patrick, Dove, Whiteman. Ceremony of exaltation rehearsed, Comp. Fleck as candidate. Comp. Whiteman 1623 and Dove 72 were elected members. Comp. Marsden elected M.E.Z. for 31st Jan.

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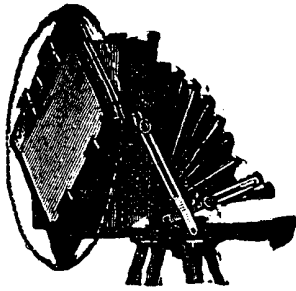
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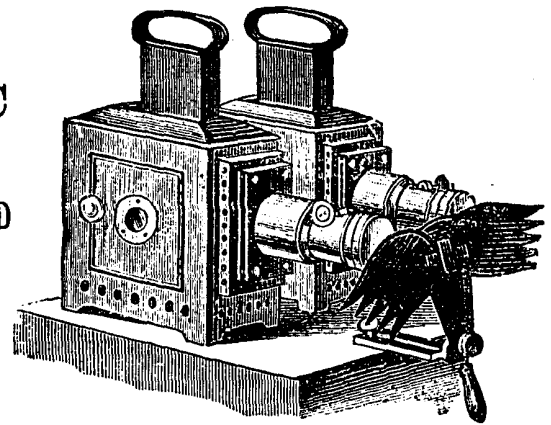
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