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SOME PECULIAR PHASES OF FREEMASONRY.

THERE seem to be even more advantages associated with membership of the Masonic Order than we had been accustomed to recognise, but the latest addition to its many benefits which has come under our notice is one hardly likely to be generally taken advantage of, although it is some satisfaction to know that Freemasons are entitled to some special privilege in this particular direction, in case of dire necessity. If we are to credit a provincial contemporary, "there used to be a very curious belief amongst a great many people, both in England, America, and the Colonies, that a Freemason never had been, and never would be hanged;" the idea, which is still believed in to some extent, says the writer, being "that the influence of the whole Masonic fraternity would be exercised to ensure the reprieve or escape of any Mason sentenced to death, whether he were guilty or not." Here is an opportunity for the cold-blooded wretches who feel they can only be relieved by the murder of their victims. It would seem they have only to secure admission to Freemasonry to escape the last penalty of the law, provided they should be so unfortunate as to come within its clutches; but, adds our contemporary, needless to say, this very romantic theory finds credence only in the minds of those who know nothing whatever of Masonry—its objects and obligations. But that it does exist, even in one of the principal towns of enlightened England is vouched for by a Birmingham journalist, who overheard a conversation outside one of the shops of the Midland capital, and who states that "among the dozen or so who were gloating over the pictures of the Rainhill murderer, were two men whose appearance of intelligence was belied by the remark of one, in which the other concurred,—'Oh, well, he's safe from the scaffold anyway—a Mason never was hanged yet, and never will be!'" We are not aware the Masonic Brotherhood enjoys the distinction of numbering this monster among its members, but even if such be the case we are convinced that no claims of Brotherhood would be entertained on his behalf, much less that any strenuous effort would be made by the Craft to save him from well merited punishment. On the contrary, we should expect association with Freemasonry to be a reason for the exercise of greater severity rather than of leniency, just as the American judge did in the case which we remember having seen recorded some years back. It seems a prisoner had been found guilty of the crime with which he was charged, and the judge was hesitating as to what sentence he should pass. The prisoner knew that the judge was a Freemason, and being himself an old member of the Order, he made a sign to the president of the Court. "Oh," said the judge, "you are a Freemason, I see?"

"Yes", said the prisoner, "I once had the honour of attending the same Lodge as yourself," and he hoped the recollection of that day would impress the judge in his favour. "Ah, I was just wondering," replied the judge, "whether you fully appreciated your position when you were tempted to commit the crime of which you now stand convicted; in fact, whether you had been properly educated to know how much wrong you were doing at the time; but your avowal of Masonic membership has convinced me on that point. As a Mason you have been taught what is right in this direction, and can have no excuse for the course you adopted. The sentence of the court therefore is, that you be imprisoned to the fullest extent allowed by the law, and I can only regret that as you have been educated so as to fully understand the enormity of your crime, it is not possible to punish you even more severely." Here was a case where association with Freemasonry could hardly be said to have resulted in benefit to the person concerned, unless the lesson taught by the judge on that occasion had such an effect as to change the course of the man's life, and lead him to act up to the true principles of Freemasonry in the future. The event may or may not have happened, but it is just as likely to be true as otherwise, and in any case may be taken as a fair exemplification of Masonic sentiment. Under such circumstances, then, we need hardly say that we do not believe in the likelihood of any effort being made by the Masonic Brotherhood to save a convicted murderer from the extreme penalty of the law, and we even go so far as to express our surprise that, even among the lower classes of Birmingham, such a possibility should be entertained for a moment.

Having disposed of this somewhat gruesome subject, we now turn to another recent newspaper extract, wherein a lady, "Inquirer," asks an editor whether it has ever struck any of the readers of the paper concerned "that Freemason husbands close their pockets to their wives *more* even than the generality of men do?" The writer considers that "Masonic teachings lift up men *too* much, and places women *below* everything." Here is another strange theory in regard to Freemasonry. Who would have imagined that a fair "Inquirer" could have been led to believe that Freemasonry placed women below everything? Is there anything in any part of the Masonic system that could have given rise to such an opinion? Is it not rather the fact that Freemasonry teaches reverence for the weaker sex, and enjoins its members to show them every respect? But it is always difficult to imagine how these peculiar ideas are formulated, and we must confess we are unable to solve the mystery associated with this particular idea. Fancy Freemason husbands "closing their pockets to their wives, more even than the generality of men do." This must be a mistake, for as is well known to those who are associated with the Order, all money and metallic substances are ignored in Freemasonry, and we imagine it is money and metallic substances

particularly referred to by "Inquirer" when she speaks of husbands closing their pockets against their wives. We may not be thanked for our interference, but we would advise "Inquirer" to accept the first offer she receives from a Freemason—if he is fairly eligible in other respects—and we think there is little fear she will ever have occasion to repeat that "Masonic teachings lift up men *too much*, and place women below everything." We hope she will discover that Masonic teachings can, and do, lift up the men who listen to them, and that they are not lifted up at the expense of the women; rather that the men are lifted up, and so they more fully recognize their duties and responsibilities towards those members of the opposite sex with whom they are associated.

We have not, however, heard the last of "Inquirer." She wishes to know if "any one ever heard of a good Freemason leaving all, at his death, to his wife, in his unbounded confidence and love for her?" She fears not, but will be glad to know if she is wrong in thinking this. If she is really sincere, and can believe us, she will find considerable pleasure in our contradiction of her peculiar fancies. A Freemason is as likely to make provision for those he may leave behind him as any one else—even more so, we might say; but if he so far neglects his duty in making the provision which lies in his power it is no unusual occurrence to find other members of the Masonic Order ready to come forward and help to repair the mischief, not because they wish to shield the name of the departed brother from the effects of his neglect, but rather because they recognise his wife or daughters as sisters, who have been lifted up to their own level by the teachings of Freemasonry, and the association of their husband or father with the Order. In conclusion, we would ask "Inquirer" to bear this controversy in mind, and should she at any time be in the position to judge how far Freemasons act up to their professions of Brotherly relief and assistance, she will not hesitate to acknowledge the error of her present ideas—provided she is convinced they are wrong; and, given the opportunity, we believe she will be convinced on this point.

We have yet another subject for discussion under this head. A well known metropolitan contemporary last week gave a portrait and sketch of the new Vice-Chairman of the London County Council—Bro. Hutton—and stated, among other qualifications, that he "is a Freemason and a teetotaler, a combination which is by no means common." It is this latter observation we object to, and we desire to defend the Craft against the evident intention of the writer to cast a slur upon it. Is it such a very rare occurrence to find a Freemason who is also a teetotaler that it should be specially referred to in the public press? Certainly not, and the writer displays a considerable amount of ignorance of what is going on around him when he endeavours to imply that Freemasonry and teetotalism are not in unison with each other. It may be the association of the two matters and the writer's comment upon them was made in this instance without any intention of casting a slur upon the Masonic Brotherhood, but we think the writer will agree with us that his comments bear an unfavourable impression, and we are of opinion that most of his readers will accept the remarks as implying that teetotalism is, so to speak, unknown in connection with the Masonic system; whereas, as a matter of fact, there are now several Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England membership of which is restricted to teetotalers, and the members of which are held in as high esteem as any association of brethren to be found in the country. Had the writer the opportunity of attending meetings of our Lodges, and had he availed himself of that opportunity he would long since have discovered that it is not at all uncommon

to find brethren attending the banquet who share with Bro. Hutton the dual qualification of Freemason and teetotaler, and it may be some satisfaction to know that the number of such brethren is constantly on the increase, the force of example being strong in this respect, as in most others. We may personally regard the Masonic virtue of temperance as more desirable than the bigotry of total abstinence, but that is no reason why we, as Freemasons, should differ with those who think otherwise. It is a notable characteristic of the Order to be tolerant to minorities, and teetotalers will receive the same treatment in this respect as others. They are at present in the minority without doubt, but they are not so very uncommon as to justify special notice when one of their number comes prominently before the public.

THE THREE JEWISH TEMPLES.

"Said David to Solomon, with heart full of love,
Since we are thus chosen by the high powers above,
We'll build Him a Temple; all fair it shall stand
On the top of Moriah, near Jerusalem."

—Ancient M. E. M. Hymn.

SEPARATED from legendary, mythical and traditionary befogment, the story of the three temples which severally occupied the summit of Mount Moriah, is a subject of intense interest not only to Masonic readers, but to the student of Bible history and Jewish antiquity. While we have a profuse description of King Solomon's temple in all its architectural beauty and sublime forms of service, and while the temple of Zerubbabel, erected upon the ruins of that built by the son of Bathsheba—widow of Uriah and wife to King David—is briefly touched upon, in its building and final dismantlement, but little or nothing is said about the building of the third temple, which was in its full glory and magnificence in the days of our Saviour—who, upon a false accusation regarding its destruction, was condemned to death. This article, therefore, proposes to very briefly dwell upon what is known regarding these three edifices, but more especially the latter two.

The first temple, known as that of Solomon's, was the joint work of the latter and his father David. The work of building a "House of the Lord" had occupied the mind of King David during the latter years of his reign, and to this end he had accumulated much material in crude form, such as gold, silver, brass, wood, and cloth for the uniform of the priests and Levites, But David had been a "Man of War," and he had been divinely informed that he would not be permitted to build the "House," because his hands were "red with blood." So, to the wise son was therefore relegated the labour of building the first grand temple possessed by the Jews. The nation, after long years of intestate and foreign wars, was now at peace. The union effected by David of the feudal separation of Judah and Israel, now under one king and government, had served to unify and strengthen the kingdom to such an extent that when Solomon assumed the dual crown, universal quietude and attendant prosperity marked the commencement of the golden era for God's chosen people.

The Gentile nations contiguous to the borders of Solomon's kingdom had been taught by David and his generals that Israel was mighty in battle. Respect born of continued success in the field had taught the so-called heathen round about to seek alliance with the young ruler whose magnificence, wisdom and wealth had been heralded to the then "ends of the earth."

Among the ardent admirers of Solomon was the rich and influential king from the Mediterranean shore with whose territory that of Judah was contiguous. Hiram of Tyre was a man of generous instincts and thought. His kingdom being adjacent to that of Solomon's, commercial and even social and religious intercourse was clearly established between them, as is evident from the alacrity with which he united with Solomon in the building of the temple.

The work was therefore commenced in the fourth year of the reign of Solomon, 1012 B.C., and under the most favourable auspices, both human and divine. Out of the

profusion of the illimitable resources of the Jewish monarch the work began, and in 1004 B.C., the mighty structure which crowned the top of Mount Moriah was dedicated. It is not here intended to enter upon an elaborate description of this wonderful edifice, nor to dwell upon the work of "the son of a widow, a daughter of Dan," and a Tyrian father, in that of the great builder and artificer in metals, Hiram Abif. Nor can space be given to tell the many vicissitudes through which this "wonder of the world" passed till its final destruction. It was several times partially ruined and dismantled. First: thirty-three years after its dedication, by Shisak king of Egypt. Second—after its restoration by the good Josiah—by Abaz king of the again revolted tribes from Judah; and finally its complete demolition by Nebuchadnezzar, 412 years after its first dedication, when the "70" years captivity was inaugurated. All these details can be found recorded in history, to which the curious reader is referred.

There is every reason for believing that the first temple was totally destroyed and not a stone left upon another from cope to foundation. The glory had indeed departed from Israel, and the disunion caused by their civil wars had finally borne fruit in leaving them a prey to the ruthless spoiler. Thus for fifty-two years, or from the conquest of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar to the victory of Cyrus over Belshazzar, Jerusalem lay a heap of ruins, together with its once magnificent "House of the Lord." The people were enslaved and the very nationality of Israel wiped out—save for the clandestine element in Samaria, who still inhabited the mounts of Gerizim and Ebal. It was then that the young scion of the Jewish priesthood in Babylon, Zerubbabel, became the bosom friend of Cyrus, and companion of young Darius. The result of the attachment was to cause Cyrus to issue his celebrated edict which sent Zerubbabel back to desolated Jerusalem as the leader of 42,360 emancipated captives, with Joshua as Captain of the Host and Haggai as Scribe. The work of rebuilding the city and temple was prosperously continued till the ascension of Artaxerxes—known in history as Cambyses—to the throne of Cyrus, when, through the machinations of the envious Samaritans and evil-minded enemies of the Persian court, the work was stopped and the further immigration of the remaining Jews from Babylon prevented; and it was not till the reign of Darius that Zerubbabel was permitted to resume the work, twenty years after its commencement, when the final dedication took place.

While the second temple was about a third larger than that of King Solomon's, it lacked very much in the richness of architecture and furnishing, but was still a glorious structure when, twenty-eight years later, the conqueror Alexander, led by the Jewish High Priest, followed by a vast procession of priests and Levites, bowed before the High Altar and worshipped Israel's Jehovah, leaving precious gifts behind him in honour of the event.

Through many vicissitudes this temple stood, till the time of Herod, when, owing to the intestine wars and repeated rebellion of the Jews, it was nothing better than a ruin (see Josephus). But Herod was a Jew of the Jews, a direct descendant of Solomon. Thus, while under the dominion of Rome, still he had ambition enough to see the worship of the God of his fathers restored, and in a temple equal to its predecessors. However, it must not be supposed that Herod built an entirely new temple. He simply repaired the old one, built by Zerubbabel. Herod's work began four years before the birth of Christ, and was finished four years after that event.

That it was a grand edifice, however, Josephus gives us full evidence. It not only was a temple, but also a fortress connected by a great viaduct with the city proper, forming a broad road across the valley of Jehoshaphat, on an incline plane, to the top of Moriah, where the temple stood.

The final destruction of this temple, in the memorable siege of Jerusalem, by Titus, A.D. 70, is well known to our readers. And we close by remarking, that around this sacred mound—now crowned by a Mahometan Mosque—has for over 3000 years centred the thought of Jew and Christian alike. On this mount the awful spectacle of a father about to sacrifice his only son was witnessed. Here the great, the immeasurable religious zeal of countless millions have found vent in prayer, praise, and sacrifice. Here, even to-day, the voice of lamentation is lifted up, at beholding the ruin of what was once the grandest nation and "House of God" on earth.

About this sacred spot tradition has woven its spells.

It is related that three weary sojourners, known as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came to assist Zerubbabel in "rebuilding the House of the Lord," and their zeal was rewarded by the discovery of the "Crypt," where the "first illustrious three" deposited the "sacred treasures." From this has come down what Masonry holds in its Capitular teachings, and it is left for us to wonder: will ever again a mighty temple to Jehovah take the place of the other three on Mount Moriah?—*The American Tyler.*

The claims of Masonic Benevolence find no warmer reception than at the hands of our country brethren. As far as their resources permit, it is invariably found that substantial and hearty support to all deserving calls can be relied upon from the Lodges which meet outside city and suburban boundaries. A pleasing illustration has lately been afforded in a case submitted to the generous consideration of the Craft by two well-known brethren in Adelaide who, vouching for the genuine and deserving character of the case, made application for assistance. The result shows that while the city and suburban Lodges have done well—as they ought, seeing that it in a sense was a city claim—yet for their means and resources the country Lodges have done splendidly. This is the more to be commended, seeing that in a great measure our country brethren, by reason of their distance from the centre of Masonic life in this colony, are more or less isolated, and are bereft of the sweet influences of common sympathy and frequent intercourse which form so significant a privilege among the many enjoyed by metropolitan brethren. In fact, the advantages of the latter are of so lavish a nature as contrasted with the scanty privileges of the country brethren as to make it necessary to ask ourselves the question whether, in the disposition of the Craft honours, sufficient thought is given to the brethren who labour hard—and often under most discouraging circumstances—to keep alive in the country districts the sacred fire of Masonic enthusiasm? There is too great propensity to divide the good things among those who are at hand to scramble for them, and far too little thought for those at a distance, and who, probably, owing to the adverse surroundings and scanty resources, are doing very much better work; for given good material, well-primed tools, and the emulating tendency of numbers, it should be no small shame were the results found to be slovenly, shoddy, and wasteful. It is, however, but poor consolation to the conscientious workman, devoid of such advantages, to find that his very poverty forms a reason for dividing all honours among his more-favoured kith. We want to see less thought for self, and considerably more for others, in the disposal of Grand Lodge rank, for instance. It is perfectly true that in the cases of the important offices the occupancy must perforce be limited to brethren who can readily attend to the required duties, and we fear that under present arrangements country brethren cannot reasonably expect a chance. There are, however, other offices of minor importance which might most easily be allowed to faithful brethren labouring in country districts, for even if distance and means prevented the holders from attending in their places regularly, yet the *bon accord* which would necessarily follow such a distribution would go far to cheer our country brethren and stimulate them to renewed efforts. Just now we are approaching the period when the occupancy of Grand Lodge offices for the ensuing twelve months will be considered. Let it be distinguished as an occasion of self-abnegation and honourable action on the part of town and suburban brethren.—*South Australian Freemason.*

No visitor in Pennsylvania can demand to see the Warrant of a Lodge previous to his examination, nor has any one the right to show it to him. If he does ask for it, he should be promptly refused. He no doubt wants to visit the Lodge. There can be no Lodge without a Warrant, and when it is absent from the Lodge there is no Lodge. If the request was for one moment granted it would give the visitor greater powers than any member of the Lodge, as by taking it from the Lodge Room to show him the Lodge closes. Half a dozen visitors to be examined, each asking to see the Charter, would mean half a dozen closings. Let the visitor take his time to examine it in the Lodge room after he has been examined and admitted to the body of the open Lodge, but not before. Again, if he does examine it, how does he know whether it is a regular Charter or Warrant or not?—*Keystone.*

We regret to have to announce that the eldest son of Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. met with a fatal accident, on Thursday, through the explosion of a gun, at the residence of his grandfather, Sir George Elliot, M.P., in Park Street, Grosvenor Square.

Bro. E. P. Delevanti, with the aid of his pupils, will give a performance of "The Mikado," in the Assembly Hall of the Institution at Wood Green, N., on Friday, 6th May next.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1034.

THE annual supper was held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The W.M., Bro. John Hutley, and the following Past Masters were present:—Bros. E. Gowers I.P.M., T. Aldham, D. J. Wright, F. Bird, W. H. Decaen, and J. Sadler. About 26 sat down to supper, and after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, songs were contributed by Bros. F. Bird, P. M. Beaumont, J. Gozzett, E. Gowers, C. F. Rush, R. Orttewell, and others. At the Lodge meeting held previously, Messrs. Albert and Ernest Brown, of 28 Great Eastern Street, London, were initiated, and Bro. J. Gozzett was passed. The ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M. Bro. R. G. Hughes (son of the Rev. J. G. Hughes), of Bow River Lodge, Canada, was present as a visitor.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052 (MANCHESTER).

THE installation of Bro. P. W. K. Start took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, on Saturday, the 23rd inst. The usual meeting night is the fourth Tuesday, but a dispensation was obtained to hold this particular meeting, the Saturday being more convenient for the majority of brethren. The following were present:—James Campbell P.M. acting W.M., P. W. K. Start S.W., J. Smith J.W., Seth Wrigley P.M. Treasurer, A. B. Outram P.M. P.M. Secretary, Thorpe S.D., Leech J.D., White P.M. D.C., Robert Williams Organist, Brierley I.G., Lisenden P.M. Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. A. Williams, Ernest Jones, Walker; Bros. Stuart, Entwistle, T. T. Hardicker, Morvell, Grocock, Roworth, Levy, and Reilly. Visitors—Bros. Beresford P.M. 104 P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire, Leathley P.M. 1126, J. H. Sight W.M. 1609, Savage P.M. 1609, Howorth P.M. 350, Buckley Carr P.M. 1161 1458, Berra W.M. 2109, John Parker P.M. and W.M. 993, Gibson P.M. 324, E. Nathan P.M. 1798, Dr. Looker S.D. 993, J. L. Wood P.M. 350 2216, Chas. Mackay 2231, Frank Mea 163, K. M. Stewart 1140. Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Owing to a change in his business relations, the W.M. Bro. Lofthouse was unable to be present until towards the close of the business, or otherwise he had intended to perform the installation himself; as it was, however, Bro. James Campbell P.M. occupied the chair of K.S. for that purpose. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Start was presented to the Installing Master, and with all due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing twelve months, and on the re-admission of the lay members Bro. Start was proclaimed to and saluted by them in the customary manner. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as Officers, and they were addressed and placed in their respective positions by Bro. Seth Wrigley:—Bros. Lofthouse I.P.M., John Smith S.W., W. Thorpe J.W., Seth Wrigley P.M. Treasurer, A. B. Outram P.M. Secretary, J. W. Leech S.D., J. Brierley J.D., R. White P.M. D.C., R. Williams Organist, T. Stuart I.G., R. R. Lisenden P.M. Tyler. Bros. Breakell, Reilly, and Roworth Stewards. The three addresses were delivered by Bro. J. Campbell, who concluded the installation ceremony. Hearty good wishes having been expressed by the visitors, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 4.45 o'clock. The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet that gave thorough satisfaction, owing without doubt to the extra staff of waiters that Bro. and Mrs. Phillips engaged. Paradoxically there was no waiting, with the result that the dinner was practically over in considerably less time than has usually been the case. The W.M. proposed the preliminary Loyal and Masonic toasts, and Bro. Seth Wrigley sang "God save the Queen," and Bro. Roger Walker "God bless the Prince of Wales." Brother J. Beresford responded for the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Lofthouse, who was most cordially, not to say enthusiastically received, rose to propose the health of the W.M., and in the course of his remarks eulogised the admirable manner in which Bro. Start had performed the various duties allotted him during his connection with the Lodge; he had very little doubt but that the important office of W.M. would be filled with the same success that had preceded his former efforts. Bro. Lofthouse said he well remembered the remarks that fell from Bro. Start on his initiation, viz., that he hoped one day to become the W.M. of the Lodge, and would do all in his power for the welfare of the Lodge and perform any duty he might be asked to fulfil to the best of his ability. Bro. Lofthouse said he felt sure the Lodge would suffer nothing under such able hands as Bro. Start's, and in wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office he felt sure he was echoing the sentiments of every brother present. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Seth Wrigley P.M. sang "Here's to his health," with great success. Bro. Start returned thanks in appropriate language, and then proposed the health of Brother Lofthouse I.P.M., who had given the greatest satisfaction during his year of office by his admirable and careful working, and his genial and kindly manner. No W.M. ever before had won such golden opinions or was better liked, and it must be a source of great gratification to Bro. Lofthouse to know that his efforts had been so successful and were so highly appreciated. Bro. Start, continuing, said it was perhaps a very slight acknowledgment of such services to present Bro. Lofthouse, on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, at the same time he did so with a vast amount of pleasure, hoping he might be spared for many years to come amongst them. He asked the brethren to rise and drink to the health of the I.P.M. The invitation was promptly responded to, and Bro. Lofthouse returned thanks. The health of the Installing Master (Bro. Campbell) was proposed in eulogistic terms, and heartily drank. The toast of the Visitors was proposed in an able speech by Bro. Ernest Jones P.M., and responded to by Bro. Sight W.M. and Bro. Savage

P.M. of the Dramatic Lodge, Liverpool, Bros. Wood P.M. 2216, Berra W.M. 2109, John Parker W.M. and P.M. 993, and Buckley Carr P.M. 1161 1458. The other toasts were the P.M.'s and Officers, a very pleasant evening being spent. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with songs and recitations, by Bros. Kenneth Stewart, Howorth, Hardwicker, Williams, Wood, Lisenden. Bro. Seth Wrigley's remarkable performance on the autoharp was much appreciated and encored.

DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1161.

A MEETING took place on Wednesday, 20th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, when amongst those present were Bros. Wilson W.M., W. H. Anderton jun., Ashworth J.W., Moss P.M. Secretary, Forknell S.D., Leebell J.D., Burgess P.M. Dir. of Cers., Wood I.G.; P.M.'s Aransberg P.P.G.P., Anderton, Cowen, Lewis, Buckley Carr, Hurst and Ehlinger; Bros. Vlies, Jones, Stoddart, Lawton, and others. Visitors—Bros. Sparkes W.M. 163, MacCallum W.M. Wolseley Lodge, John Marshall P.P.G.S.B. West Yorks, Francis Long J.W. 1496, Allitt P.M. 993 1633, R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Sobofield, and being announced favourable, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. This being the night for electing a new W.M. the choice of the brethren fell unanimously on Bro. W. H. Anderton jun., who returned thanks in appropriate terms for the honour. Bro. Job Irlam was re-elected Treasurer and Bro. Cantillon Tyler, and after discussing some Lodge business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at nine o'clock.

THE FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

THE annual festival of this popular Lodge took place on Monday afternoon, the 25th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C., when the Worshipful Master (Bro. J. De Casseres) presided, being supported by Bros. George Gardner P.G. Standard Bearer Bucks, B. de Costa P.M., W. Musto P.M. Treasurer, Lelaw P.M., Hogg P.M., H. Marks P.M., Thomson P.M., E. S. Friedeberg P.M. Secretary, Thos. Dupree W.M. 1851, Joseph Gaskell P.M. 1076, A. J. Probyn P.M. 11, J. Oxley P.M. 1306, Orton Cooper W.M. 211, C. N. Fox S.W., A. Jacobs J.W., Eschwege, A. Cohen, Henry Harris, Bagler, Corper, Goodman, Topping, D. Shuter, &c. Lodge having been opened by the W.M., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Henry Hyams, previously balloted for and approved, was brought before the Lodge and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. E. S. Friedeberg P.M. The chair was next occupied by Bro. B. Da Costa, for the purpose of raising Bro. Wood, and this ceremony was also satisfactorily given. Bro. J. D. Casseres again resumed the chair, when Bro. Charles Nash Fox, having been elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, was introduced by Bro. W. Musto, and signified his assent to the usual conditions. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed and Bro. C. N. Fox was placed in the chair of K.S. with customary ceremony by Brother J. D. Casseres, whose rendering of the ritual, and especially of the subsequent addresses gained the high appreciation of the brethren. The newly-made Master was next saluted in the three degrees, and afterwards proceeded to appoint and invest the following Officers:—A. Jacobs S.W., Eschwege J.W., W. Musto P.M. Treasurer, E. S. Friedeberg Secretary, A. Cohen S.D., David Shuter J.D., Henry Harris I.G., M. Da Costa D.C., Goodman Organist, I. Corper and H. Hart Stewards, Young Tyler. The P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge was fastened to the collar of Brother De Casseres by the W.M., and in addition a very magnificent Masonic emblem, set with diamonds, privately subscribed for by the members, was presented by Bro. Da Costa. The I.P.M. suitably returned thanks, and the Lodge was duly closed, after which the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where a high class menu was submitted for their delectation by Bro. E. Ashby, the courteous manager. At the termination of the repast, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured by the brethren, and as a desirable brevity in the speeches obtained during the evening, it will perhaps be better to describe what followed than give the usual report. Thus the worthy I.P.M., in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the W.M., which the latter modestly acknowledged, and in his turn submitted the toast of the Installing Master. "He has had the most successful year of office since the formation of the Lodge; no less than twenty-one candidates having received the privilege of initiation at his hands." Surely praise could go no further, but the remark proved that the above-mentioned jewels had been thoroughly well earned, and were properly awarded. Brother De Casseres, greatly confused by the storm of applause which greeted him when he rose to reply, referred to the fact that the Friars Lodge expected their Masters to instal their successors, so that had he not done so he should consider that he had failed in his duty. Still he was proud to find that his work had given satisfaction, and the two beautiful jewels would ever recall pleasant memories of his year of office. P.M. Harry Marks next rose to compliment the Visitors, for whom Bro. Geo. Gardner responded, but the impulsive brethren insisted that each guest should say a few words, though these were necessarily a reiteration of Bro. Gardner's remarks. The Initiate was next complimented, and suitably returned thanks for being admitted into the Brotherhood, expressing the modest hope that he might be able to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. The W.M. then enumerated the virtues of the Past Masters, who had in their time done the Lodge much service, and again the brethren remained unsatisfied until each and every one had responded. Last, but by no means least, the Officers of the Lodge came in for their share of delicate flattery, and all expressed their pleasure at receiving promotion. Thus everybody appeared satisfied, and, in the words of the "Mikado," "they are right, and we are right, and all is right as

right can be; so that when the Master's double knock summoned the Tyler to propose the final toast, it was felt that a very pleasant evening had been spent.

BROWNRIGG LODGE, No. 1424.

THE second annual ball of this Lodge took place in the Public Hall, Old Brompton, on the 20th inst., and was a great success. The hall was made to look very attractive by means of tastefully hung drapery, and a number of lounges and settees added much to the comfort. About seventy ladies and gentlemen were present, including Bro. Varren P.G.S.D., &c., who may be described as the father of local Masonry, Bros. Wisdom, Baldwin and Griggs of Lodge 184, Robins of Lodge 20, Cox of Lodge 552, Kennedy of Sheerness, Sergt.-Major Snelling, Sergt.-Major Kerswell, Savage and Nye P.G.P. Bro. Earl Amherst P.G.M. granted a dispensation whereby the brethren present were able to wear regalia, and this contributed much to the effectiveness of the scene, and still more so when, soon after midnight, the gentlemen transferred their decorations to the ladies. The music was provided by several members of the Royal Engineer Band, under Sergt. Chapman. Messrs. Haslam and Hunt were M.C.'s. The catering by Bro. Cabburn, of High Brompton, was quite up to the high reputation he has in that particular line of business. The Stewards for the dance, who are to be complimented upon its success, were Bros. Chalfont W.M., Long S.W., Munro S.D., Burrell I.G., Presnail Dir. of Cers., Maynard Organist, Haslam, Knight, Salt P.M. Treasurer and Browne P.M. Secretary.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

AN ordinary meeting was held at the Victoria Hall, Ealing, on the 13th inst., Bro. Pooley W.M. presiding. The business of the meeting consisted in passing a candidate and the initiation of two new brethren, Mr. Sidney Thorne and Mr. Montague A. Cooke. The ceremonies were very carefully performed by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Bellerby Senior Warden was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. E. J. Acworth was re-elected Treasurer. After routine business, including the voting of 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Lodge closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet well catered for by Mr. Brown, of the Broadway.—The annual dinner of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction took place at the Feathers Hotel, on Monday, when an excellent menu was served by Messrs. Stephens. Bro. John Tidmarsh P.M. 2163 occupied the chair, and Bro. A. Pooley W.M. 1612 the vice; about 25 brethren were present.

WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2135.

BRO. George Leigh Worshipful Master-elect was, on the 13th ult., installed in King Solomon's chair, in the presence of a large gathering. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Mackaill P.M. P.P.G.S.B. The following were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Greenwood I.P.M., Strickland S.W., Haller J.W., Turner Chaplain and Treasurer Benevolent Fund, Meanwell Treas., Keyworth P.M. Almoner, Belt Secretary, Wilkinson S.D., Kemplay J.D., Belt Dir. of Cers., King Organist, Eckles jun. I.G., Charter, Steward, Smith, Heelas, Neal, Egts, Schartmann, Peacock, Ward, Hall, J. Smith Assistant Stewards, Gillett P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Tyler.

DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on the 22nd inst., the Worshipful Master (Bro. Folkard) initiated Messrs. J. T. Nash and Wilfred Stracey into the Order. At the banquet which followed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. It was pointed out that the first Master of the Lodge (Bro. Samuel Cochrane) would be nominated for the post of Grand Treasurer of England for 1893. This announcement was received with very great enthusiasm by the members, who have much respect for Bro. Cochrane, who is not only a member of various Lodges, but also of the Board of General Purposes, and has done much for the good of the Order and its Charities.

CORNISH LODGE, No. 2369.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge took place at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., on Saturday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. J. Robe W.M., N. J. West I.P.M., Belgrave Ninnis S.W., W. St. Aubyn J.W., W. Lake Treasurer, Greenwood Secretary, C. V. Burgess S.D., C. Rawe J.D., R. Bullen and Geard Stewards, T. Hawke I.G., E. Richards, T. H. Richards, Sergeant, Long, Jas. Thomas, Tyrrel, Redman, Pool, James, Rogers, Mabley, Widger, W. Richards, Hill, W. H. Hockin, Williams, Brailey, Moody, Dale, and Symons. Visitors—Bros. Stone W.M. 65, Hudson W.M. 409, Brown P.M., Atkinson P.M. 1648, Harlow S.D. 65, Hamley 111, T. Bullen 354, Harbord 1541, and Heney 144. Brothers Henry Richards and E. W. B. Roger were raised; Bros. W. Nettle P.M. 510, and R. Rowe W.M. 1544, were elected as Cornwall members, and Messrs. Ernest Day and Edward Symons were initiated into Masonry. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern to dinner, under the presidency of the W.M. The toast of the Worshipful Master was in the capable hands of the I.P.M. Bro. West, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the work of the W.M., and of the excellent progress which the Lodge had made during its short existence. The great mission which Masonry was destined to fulfil in the world, and the peculiar value of Lodges such as the Cornish, were dilated on by Bro. West, and the toast was most heartily received. Bro. Roberts, in his reply, congratulated

the brethren on the success that had followed their efforts, success which was beyond their most sanguine anticipations. In proposing the health of the candidates, the Worshipful Master spoke of the pleasure he had experienced in introducing two such representative Cornishmen into Masonry, and predicted for them a useful and honourable career in connection with the Craft. Bros. Day and Symons having replied, other toasts followed, that of the Treasurer and Secretary being responded to by Bros. Lake and Greenwood, the latter stating that the Lodge now numbered close on 50 fully subscribing members, besides Cornwall members. The musical arrangements were again kindly undertaken by Bro. R. Bullen, who, as on previous occasions, succeeded in bringing around him several of his musical friends, much to the satisfaction of those present.

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PRINCES LODGE, No. 607 (GLASGOW).

A SPECIAL meeting was held on the 21st inst. in the Queen's Rooms. The attendance was very large, and included a number of visiting brethren. Brother Major F. W. Allan R.W.M. presided, and supporting him were Bros. Colonel J. W. Reid D.M. acting S.W., A. Elliot Black J.W., James Boyd S.M. acting S.D., J. Dalrymple Duncan, and J. D. Hedderwick P.M.'s, Hugh R. Wallace D.P.G.M. Ayrshire, J. M. Martin P.G.M. Dumbartonshire, L. Mackersy, General Boswell D.P.G.M. Roxburgh and Selkirk, and four brethren from England—namely, Bros. G. Noel Money, H. D. Anderson, N. G. Philips, and H. S. Burney. The Lodge having been constituted on the third degree, the following brethren were admitted and instructed in the degree by P.M. Bro. J. D. Duncan:—Bros. Hon. Lord Provost John Muir, E. P. Tennant, W. Beardmore, G. S. MacLellan, John H. Kerr, and John Neilson; Bro. Rees Price was obligated as an affiliated member. Before the close of the Lodge the R.W.M. made a few remarks of welcome to the new members, to which Bro. Muir replied. The brethren re-assembled in the Grand Hotel, where dinner was provided by the Steward, Bro. W. Guilford. Bro. Major Allan presided, and the croupiers were Col. Reed and Major Black. Supporting the chair on the right was the Hon. Lord Provost Muir and the English guests, and the visitors from the Provincial Grand Lodges of Scotland. The Queen, the Prince of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family were proposed from the chair. In giving the Grand Lodge of England, the Chairman thought they should regard this as the toast of the evening. He referred to the Benevolent Institutions of England, and referred to the presence of Bros. Money, Philips, Sanderson, and Barney. Bro. Sanderson gave the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. Mackersy the Provinces of Glasgow, Ayrshire, Dumbartonshire, and Roxburgh and Selkirk. Bro. Hedderwick proposed the City of Glasgow, coupled with the name of the Hon. Lord Provost. The music during the evening was supplied by Bro. Emile Berger.

RELIGIOUS AND MILITARY ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

ON the 20th inst. a very elaborate ceremonial took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the occasion of the installation of the Marquess of Breadalbane as Grand Master of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple. The late Earl of Rosslyn, who long occupied the position of Grand Master of the Order, had several times arranged to have the installation performed in a style of grandeur hitherto unknown, but owing to his Lordship's indisposition the function was not carried out, and this was the first that has taken place for very many years. The preparations and decorations were in gorgeous style. The throne, fitted up in the large hall, was a beautiful work of art, filling all the East end of the building. The following were the new Office Bearers, all of whom, except Lord Kintore, were present, and were installed into their respective offices:—The Marquis of Breadalbane Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore Grand Seneschal, G. F. Russell Colt of Gartsherrie, Grand Preceptor and Grand Prior of Scotland, H. T. D. Copland Grand Constable and Mareschal, J. T. Spence Elliot of Wolfe, Grand Admiral, Dr. George Dickson Grand Hospitaller and Almoner, J. Dalrymple Duncan Grand Chancellor, Lindsay Mackersy W.S. Grand Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar, Rev. W. W. Tulloch, D.D., Grand Prelate, James H. Balfour W.S. Grand Provost, Major F. W. Allan Grand Beauceniffer, Sir James Buchanan, Bart., Grand S. Bearer, D. Murray-Lyon Grand Chamberlain, Charles Baxter W.S. Grand Steward, Lieut.-Colonel Campbell Aide-de-Camp, Colonel T. M. Mathie Morton Aide-de-Camp. There was a large attendance of the members of the Order, including, besides Office Bearers, Lord Saltoun and several visitors from the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree of England and of the London Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order. After the ceremonial the members dined together in the Board-room—the Marquess of Breadalbane in the chair.

The Alliance Lodge will hold their next meeting at the Guildhall Tavern, on the second Wednesday in May.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasure or pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless permit it to sap the spring of life.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

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

BUSINESS.

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

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th January to the 19th April 1892, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

£	s	d		£	s	d	
Balance Grand Chapter	614	17	3	Disbursements during the quarter	749	15	7
Unappropriated Account	198	16	4	Balance	323	5	8
Subsequent Receipts	457	15	0	„ Unappropriated Account	198	7	4
	£1271	8	7		£1271	8	7

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

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

1st. From Companions the Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., as Z., Charles Letch Mason as H., Tudor Trevor as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Prudence, No. 2069, Leeds, to be called "The Prudence Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, in the County of York, Western Division.

2nd. From Companions Maskell William Peace as Z., John Henry Smith as H., James Brindle as J., and thirteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Peace Lodge, No. 2269, Wigan, to be called "The Peace Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, King Street, Wigan, in the County of Lancaster, Western Division.

3rd. From Companions The Rev. Alfred Cyril Hervy as Z., Henry Harbor as H., George Herbert Swansborough as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Shalden Lodge, No. 2016, Alton, to be called "The St. Lawrence Chapter," and to meet at the Assembly Rooms, Alton, Hampshire.

4th. From Companions James Terry Past Grand Standard Bearer, as Z., Robert Favell Brickdale as H., James Knight as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, Cheshunt, to be called "The James Terry Chapter," and to meet at the Hall, Crossbrook Street, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.

5th. From Companions Hugh Mackintosh as Z., The Rev. Arnold Whitaker Oxford as H., William Stevenson Hoyte as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, London, to be called "The Royal Somerset House and Inverness Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Companions of the Palladian Chapter, No. 120, Hereford, Herefordshire, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a Centenary jewel, in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have further received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

The Star Chapter, No. 1275, Greenwich, from the "Ship" Greenwich, London District, to the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, in the City of London.

The University Chapter, No. 1118, London, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Café Monico, Piccadilly Circus, London.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) HENRY GARROD,
Acting President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
20th April 1892.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:—

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Robert Gray, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has

presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year."

(Signed) HENRY GARROD,
Past Assist. G.D. of Cera.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES FOR THE ENSUING TWELVE MONTHS.

The "Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1892, with the days and months of meetings of Lodges and Chapters, including the names of Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, can be had at the Office of the Grand Scribe E., price 2s.

The Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Scribe E. immediate notice of any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters.—Vide Book of Constitutions, Articles 169, 170, and Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 86.

AFFABILITY CHAPTER, No. 317 (MANCHESTER).

THE bi-monthly convocation was held on Thursday, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, when there were present Comps. Akorman Z., Jesse Tymms H., Vultoboff J., Bushell S.E., Kay S.N., Staton P.S., Chesworth acting 1st Assist. Soj., Read 2nd Assist. Soj.; P.Z.'s Stewart P.P.G. 2nd A.S. Cheshire, Dawson P.P.G. 1st A.S. E.L., and I. Garside; Comps. Whitehead, Wm. Garside, Holland, Statham, and others. Visitors—E. G. Harwood P.Z. 221 P.P.S.N., Stovold P.Z. 993 P.G. 1st A.S., Gillman P.Z. 1496 P.P.G.S. West Lancashire, Burslem P.Z. 1496, Armstrong Z. 935, Eldershaw P.Z. 204, and Lisenden. The Companions met at six o'clock, when the Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Alfred Allen I.G. of the Affability Lodge, 317, and Bro. Dyson of the Alexandra Lodge, 993, and was declared favourable in each case. The Comps. then adjourned for tea, and on re-assembling in the Chapter Bro. Allen was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch degree by Comp. James Dawson P.Z. P.P.G. 1st A.S. Comp. Stewart delivered the Historical and Symbolical Lectures, and Comp. Dawson the Mystical. The whole of the work was splendidly done, and well deserved the encomiums passed upon it later on by the visitors. It is seldom Royal Arch working is seen to such advantage and performed in such a painstaking manner, and the members may well be proud of two such experts as Comps. Dawson and Stewart. The other candidate not having put in an appearance, the Chapter was closed in peace and harmony, at 9 o'clock. At the social board the health of Comp. Allen was proposed in laudatory terms by the M.E.Z., who had known him for many years, and had the pleasure of proposing him for, and initiating him in the Affability Lodge. The M.E.Z. said Comp. Allen had taken a deep interest in the Lodge from the very beginning, and most carefully performed every duty allotted him. He was a credit to the Lodge, as he would doubtless be in the Chapter, and trusted he would be spared to come amongst them, and achieve the highest positions in both Lodge and Chapter. The toast was heartily drunk, and Comp. Allen replied in a few well chosen sentences. Companion James Dawson proposed the Visitors, and Comps. Burslem, Gillman, Harwood, Armstrong, and Stovold replied, each bearing testimony to the admirable manner in which the work had been performed. The health of the three Principals, the Officers, &c., was proposed and responded to, a very successful meeting terminating shortly before 11 o'clock.

The installation of Bro. Alderman Davies as W.M. of the Bishopsgate Lodge has been postponed until Monday, 2nd prox.

To the new edition of the late Dante Gabriel Rossetti's "Dante and his Circle," just published by Messrs. Ellis and Elvey, Mr. W. M. Rossetti contributes a preface, in which, among other topics of interest, he reminds us of the peculiar views of their late father Gabriele Rossetti on the subject of the great Italian epic poet. Mr. Rossetti, the elder, who, exiled from his own country, spent so many years among us, devoted himself to Dantesque studies, and was, as his various works on this subject show, a firm believer in an inner and secret significance in the "Divina Commedia." Gabriele Rossetti, however, went much further than those who claim to have discovered in the "Commedia" a political allegory. In all this learned and subtle commentator's writings on the subject, the dominant conception, as his son observes, is that the great Florentine and other writers, his contemporaries and successors, were religious and political reformers, leagued together in a secret society having some analogy to Freemasonry. Consistently with this, he held that their writings have an esoteric significance and value widely different and divergent from their exoteric meaning. "Whether," adds the writer of the new preface, "he was right or wrong in this view, I shall in no wise debate, but will affirm that he was, at any rate, ingenious, subtle, and laboriously diligent."

At Johannesburg, on Wednesday, 3rd March, Brother Thomas Sheffield, of the Star, was installed Worshipful Master elect of Lodge 2313. Brother Sheffield is a native of Kidderminster.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The MASONIC MIRROR contains invaluable advice on an important subject to men contemplating marriage. Information in matters you ought to know. Send for it to-day. Gratis and Post Free. Address, THE SECRETARY, 4 Fitzalan Square, Sheffield.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—No useful purpose would be served in criticising such a play as "Alone in the World," by Mr. Prentiss Ingram, which was submitted to public notice last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Ingram is correctly named, for he is certainly a neophyte to dramatic literature, and has not learned even the most principles of the art. As an unintentional burlesque upon the sensation melodrama, the piece was amusing, but even Miss Louise Litta, who sustained the part of the heroine, assisted to make it more ridiculous. When we mention that the kidnapped damsel, who suddenly finds herself in a thieves' kitchen, joins in a "flash" chorus, and entertains the rogues by pirouetting—it could not be termed dancing—about the stage; is placed in a mechanical bed, is supposed to be smothered, turns up again at a picnic, and fights a duel with swords, a fair idea of the plot may be imagined. How anybody could be found to produce such rubbish is in itself a marvel; but while "friends in front" will vociferously applaud, and hand up beautiful bouquets to the leading lady, we presume somebody obtains satisfaction and is willing to pay for the privilege. Our sympathy is with the actors engaged to interpret it.

Adelphi.—Having suffered purgatory in the afternoon, it was with mingled feelings that we betook ourselves to Messrs. Gatti's handsome house in the evening, for the purpose of witnessing a new romantic drama, entitled "the White Rose," by Messrs. G. R. Sims and Robert Buchanan, which these experienced writers have founded upon Sir Walter Scott's novel "Woodstock." The new play is a distinct advance upon the popular Adelphi drama, and forcibly reminds us of those delightful pieces produced by Mr. Fechter at the Lyceum some years ago. Immediately upon the rise of the curtain we find ourselves at the Gates of Woodstock Chase, with the maypole and village green, and enter at once into the romantic and interesting period of the Protectorate. Markham Everard is a colonel in the Cromwellian army, but is in love with Alice, daughter of the ardent old royalist Sir Harry Lee, and is forced by his position to assist at the ejection of his friend from Woodstock Chase, which has been sequestered. Here he joins issue with Colonel Yarborough, who, having been rejected by Alice, makes use of his authority to vent his spite. Everard however delays the ejection, knowing that two royalist refugees are in the house, one of whom is Alice's brother. We are next introduced to Cromwell, at Windsor Castle, and doubtless differences of opinion will be expressed as to the line taken by the authors with respect to this character, but the more humane side of the man is represented, and in the hands of Mr. Charles Cartwright becomes a most effective part. In the next act the second fugitive is discovered, making violent love to Alice, when Markham arrives, and upon expressing his intention of chastising the presumer, is informed that the aggressor is the King (Charles II.) Thereupon the gallant colonel assists him to escape, but is detected by Yarborough, who betrays him to Cromwell, with the result that Markham is ordered to be shot. Through the influence of Elizabeth Cromwell, herself in love with Markham, he is at the last moment pardoned, and the play ends with the prospective happiness of the lovers. The acting of all concerned deserves high commendation; the traces of melo-drama still linger with Mr. Leonard Boyne, who represents Markham, but they will soon wear off, and leave an otherwise agreeable part unsullied. Miss Evelyn Millard makes a spirited Alice Lee, and Sir Harry finds an able exponent in Mr. J. D. Beresidge. The two best characters are rendered by Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who performs Elizabeth in a most charming manner, and Mr. George Cockburn, a new comer, who plays Colonel Yarborough, with a quiet vindictiveness that is strange to this theatre. The lighter parts are effectively sustained by Miss Clara Jecks, Mr. L. Rignold and Mr. Charles Collette, but their opportunities are few. Special mention must be made of the beautiful scenery, by Messrs. Bruce Smith and W. Perkins, the last scene being a highly artistic production. Taken altogether we may congratulate Messrs. Gatti upon their new departure, which will surely attract playgoers for many months to come.

Savoy.—Undoubtedly Mr. D'Oyly Carte has scored another success with Messrs. Sydney Grundy and Edward Solomon's new comic opera, for what with the bright music, amusing libretto, and tasteful dances, it could hardly be otherwise. If there is one manager more than another that knows how to make the most of his opportunities it is the popular lessee of the Savoy, and in "The Vicar of Bray" this is more apparent than usual. Mr. Carte has secured a strong array of artistes, has had bright and pretty scenery painted, while the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. François Cellier, is as competent as ever. Mr. Rutland Barrington is most happy as the Vicar, and has more opportunities than usually falls to his lot. These he does not fail to make the most of; his dances with the ladies of the ballet are something to be remembered, as well as to be laughed at, while his general business is thoroughly amusing and artistic. Mr. Barrington is ably supported by Mr. Courtice-Pounds, as the Rev. Harry Sandford; Mr. Richard Green, a capable singer, as Thos. Merton; Mr. W. H. Denny, execrably funny, as Mr. Bedford Rowe; Miss Rosina Brandram, as good as ever, as Mrs. Merton; Miss Mary Daggon, who dances well as Nelly Bly; and Miss Lenore Snyder, who sings exquisitely, as Winifred. All work as if they enjoyed the fun as much as the audience; this good feeling, which seems always to exist at the Savoy, is doubtless, one of the reasons that the operas are presented in such an artistic style, and we trust it will be some time before Mr. Carte will be obliged to break up the happy band.

A new play, in four acts, entitled "the Fringe of Society," will be produced at the Criterion to-night (Saturday). Mr. Charles Wyndham

will be supported by Messrs. E. H. Vanderfelt, W. Blakeley, Cyril Maude, F. Atherley, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Carlotta Addison, Miss E. Jeffreys, Miss Frances, and Mrs. Langtry.

Owing to a prior arrangement Miss Nellie Ganthony, whose musical sketch forms such a clever *Lever de rideau* to "The Magistrate," at Terry's, has to appear in Manchester next week. During her absence Mr. Ben. Nathan will give a new and original half-hour's entertainment. Miss Ganthony resumes her engagement at Terry's on Monday, 9th May.

Seats can now be booked for Bro. W. Meyer Lutz's annual matinée which will take place at the Gaiety, on Thursday, 12th May. Operetta, burlesque, songs, dances, recitations will be given on the occasion.

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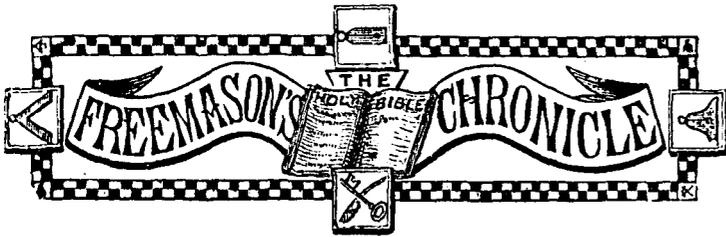
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THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

THE Annual Festival of the United Grand Lodge for the installation of a Grand Master for the year, and the appointment and investiture of Officers was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. In the unavoidable absence of the Prince of Wales (who was elected Grand Master for the eighteenth year on 2nd March) the throne was occupied by the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, who duly opened the Lodge. Colonel Noel Money, C.B., acted as Deputy Grand Master; Brother Hugh D. Sandeman as Past Grand Master; Major-General Somerset Calthorpe as Senior Grand Warden, and Admiral Sir E. Inglefield as Junior Grand Warden. The Prince of Wales was declared re-installed as Grand Master, and was proclaimed as such by Sir Albert W. Woods Grand Director of Ceremonies, who recited his various titles. The brethren appointed as Grand Officers for the year were:—

The Earl of Lathom	...	Pro Grand Master
The Earl of Mount Edgcombe	...	Deputy Grand Master
The Duke of Portland	...	Senior Warden.
The Marquis of Granby, M.P.	...	Junior Warden.
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Henry Sadler	...	Tyler.

Eighteen Grand Stewards were also nominated for the current year. The investiture of the Officers being the only business, the Grand Lodge was closed with the usual ceremony. The banquet took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, when the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master presided; and the company present, numbering between 200 and 300, included Lord Valentia, Lieutenant-General Somerset G. Calthorpe, Major-General J. C. Hay, Sir W. Clarke (Grand Master of Victoria), Admiral Sir G. Inglefield, Rev. Sir William Vincent, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Lieutenant-General Laurie (P.G.M. of Nova Scotia), Sir John B. Monckton, Lieutenant-Colonel A. Saunders (P.D.M. Madras), Sir Albert Woods, Baron de Ferrières, C. Cutler, Q.C., &c.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom first gave the Queen and the Craft, and afterwards, in submitting the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master referred to the great loss H.R.H. had sustained by the death of the Duke of Clarence, and trusted it would be a long time before such a sad day would occur again. H.R.H. was an enthusiastic Mason, not only has he proved that, but he (the speaker) held in his hand a letter, wishing cordial greeting to all the brethren. The toast was received with acclamation. Sir Wm. Clark, Grand Master of Victoria, Australia, then proposed the Pro Grand Master, and said the Grand Master could hardly have made a better choice; an opinion which was vociferously applauded by the brethren. The Earl of Lathom, in reply, expressed the great pleasure he had in

occupying the chair, as it was the first opportunity he had of doing so since he had been placed in the high position he had the honour to hold, and to receive the hearty welcome of the brethren. When he thought of the marvellous progress Freemasonry had made since he first joined the Craft, and the number of Lodges in the kingdom, he could honestly say it was a great Institution. What struck him most when he went about the country was to find that the tone of the brethren had improved—they were a better class of men. It was a popular belief that Masonry was a charitable, not a benevolent institution, but it was not so. When he thought of the enormous sums that were subscribed for the Masonic Charities he devoutly wished that the funds might find their way into proper hands, and not into those who made Freemasonry a business. He was happy to say that there was a decided decrease in the claims brought before the Board of Benevolence, and he could only account for this that the various Lodges were more careful in selecting candidates for admission into Freemasonry, and sincerely hoped that the practice would largely obtain in future. He earnestly trusted that the Craft would flourish and be an honour to the country.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton who had just returned from the Riviera, and looked in good health, proposed the Grand Officers, to which Bro. Sir Wm. Vincent, Bart., Grand Chaplain responded. He regretted the absence of the two Grand Wardens, which no doubt was due to unavoidable causes. It was important that the Grand Master should have the support of those who devote heart and mind to the Craft, and trusted that the work of the Grand Lodge would be efficiently conducted during the coming year. Colonel Noel Money P.G.M. Surrey proposed the Visitors, to which Bro. Sir William Clark G.M. of Victoria felicitously responded.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy P.G.M. Suffolk proposed the Masonic Charities, and referred to the enormous sum of £62,000 recently collected for the Benevolent Institution. "Where will you find another charity that does so much good?" asked Bro. Martyn; and the Craft can proudly re-echo—Where? Bro. Hedges Secretary of the Girls' School responded, and expressed the grateful thanks of the various Charities for the support given to them. He stated that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught would preside at the 104th Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, next month, and hoped that the list of Stewards would be worthy of the occasion.

Admiral Sir Edward Inglefield, in a humorous speech, proposed the Grand Stewards, whose guests the brethren were that evening, which was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. C. Godson President of the Board of Grand Stewards, who stated they had spared no effort to make the Festival a success.

Bro. Rev. R. Cooper-Smith briefly proposed the Ladies, who had graced the banquet by their presence, and who, now impatiently awaited them in the concert room. Bro. Philip H. Waterlow, President of the Ladies Committee, acknowledged the toast, and said the best way of honouring the ladies was to rejoin them. This was accordingly done, and a very pleasant entertainment was then gone through.

Bro. F. A. Lewis has been installed as W.M. of the Skelmersdale Lodge, meeting at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street. The Officers appointed for the year are:—Bros. J. Adams S.W., H. F. Kneen J.W., G. J. Woodman P.M. Treasurer, G. Laker P.M. Secretary, W. Howes S.D., M. J. Wickenden J.D., S. Pirkin I.G., G. M. Thompson P.M. D.C., J. P. W. Goodwin Organist, and Rawles Tyler.

A Master at his installation is required to "admit that no person can be regularly made a Mason, or admitted a Mason of any Lodge, without previous notice, and due inquiry into his character." Yet in a Lodge in a country district not many miles from Glasgow the Master of the Lodge tried to "rush" a candidate even in opposition to the expressed wish of the Lodge. The petitioner was going abroad, and wished to be made an M.M. within four days. The Master insisted that he should be "made," but the Lodge said nay, arguing that if a man thought so little of Freemasonry that he only sought it when it was likely to do him some good in a new country he was not a desirable candidate. Even the sufficient number of black balls to reject was not accepted as proof that the Master was in error, and the ballot was taken three times, with the same result. This was giving a check to the "rushing system" in a very gratifying way. I hope other Lodges will take the hint.—*The Mallet.*

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LAST APPLICATION CASES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is with great pleasure that I notice that the scrutiny claimed on behalf of the boy Kent in connection with the recent election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has proved successful for him, and that instead of his having only polled 1958 votes he actually had 2952 votes recorded on his behalf, so that it places him among the successful cases. So far this is all very well for Master Kent, but as a writer in your columns recently said, it seems a great pity that worthy applicants for the benefits of our Charities should have the doors closed against them because they are over age. I am fully aware that the rules of the Institution are such that if a boy is not successful by the time he reaches the age of twelve he cannot be admitted to further ballot; but, Bro. Editor, what I want to ask, like many more brethren, is, cannot a means be found wherein last application cases might stand a better chance of success than they do at present?

I have been thinking that a system something like that used by the Civil Service Commissioners in dealing with the Second Division Clerks' examinations might work in this case. I will quote from the Regulations for this examination, so that your readers may see what I mean. The regulations say: "Boy Clerks may, after two years, . . . of good service, . . . compete among themselves for so many Second Division Clerks' positions as shall not exceed one-fourth of the number of competitors."

Now let us see how this would work in the case of our Institutions. Suppose there are twenty vacancies at the School; there is a list of forty candidates applying for admission to the School, and of these forty ten of them are last application cases. Why could we not let five of the twenty vacancies be put aside for the five last application cases polling the most votes, while, should any of the remaining last application cases poll sufficient votes, let them take their place on the other successful list. This would make sure of five last application cases being elected, and it would give others a better chance to get on the successful list.

This, Brother Editor, is only an idea that came into my mind on reading the letter in your issue of the 16th April, signed "LIFE GOVERNOR," but I believe it would be workable, and thus do away with the unpleasant task of having to refuse admission in many cases to qualified sons and daughters of worthy Masons.

I am, Dear Sir, yours fraternally,

CIVIL SERVANT.

Barnsbury, N., 27th April 1892.

THE HOME OF OUR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It seems you and I are not to be allowed to entertain our views in regard to the removal of the Boys' School unopposed. The letter which followed mine in your last issue certainly puts a different construction on the matter than that I had adopted, but I hope "AN OLD SUBSCRIBER" will not mind my saying I am still in favour of removal, in spite of his remarks. The beauty of Freemasonry is, that brethren may differ and disagree on nearly every matter between them, but all the same they are brethren, and as such are willing to meet in friendly converse and discuss their differences without let or hindrance, and I hope this feeling will always continue. I disagree with "AN OLD SUBSCRIBER" on the question of a new home for our Boys, but should probably find him a jovial companion, and enjoy a few hours in his company if I had the chance of meeting him.

Yours fraternally,

ON THE ROAD.

Great Yarmouth, 27th April.

"POPE, FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND MASONS."

To the Editor of the "Speaker."

SIR,—I did not propose to continue this controversy beyond my last letter, but certain unfair assumptions of correspondents in your last issue demand a few final remarks. I do not pretend to have the knowledge of Friendly Society matters possessed by either the Right Hon. or the Reverend gentleman, but I do claim that on the particular points raised they are both decidedly in error; and recognising how futile is mere assertion to establish a matter of fact, I have procured evidence to support this contention. The original question was simply, Are Catholics in Great Britain free or not to join such Friendly Societies as the Foresters, Oddfellows, &c.? Sir Charles Dilke, in his article, asserted that they were not. Let us see what there is to be said on the point by responsible persons.

The secretary of the National Foresters writes from Merchants' Quay, Dublin:—"Our membership in Ireland is about 5,200, in Scotland about 7,300, and in England about 2,400. Over 95 per cent. of our members are Catholics." The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson ignores this, evidently the strongest of the Friendly Societies in Ireland. Why?

The district secretary of the Ancient Order of Foresters writes from Drumcondra, co. Dublin:—"We have in Dublin about 1,000 members; of these over 900 are, I should say, Roman Catholics." How does this bear out the statement that "some Roman Catholics" only join these societies? This district secretary is himself a Catholic, and has been a member of the executive council. He was also a member of a committee at Sheffield, which made certain alterations in the Lecture Book, so as to remove Catholic objections. The Vicar-Capitular of Westminster writes:—"There is no prohibition against Oddfellows and Foresters in this diocese.—Daniel Gilbert."

I cannot imagine why Sir Charles Dilke should characterise as "monstrous" a decision of the Church as to what is or is not consistent with her membership. Surely every properly constituted society must have the right to make its own rules. No one is kept in the Church by compulsion. Those who voluntarily remain members of a society whose rules are "monstrous" must be fools or worse. This is the logical outcome of Sir Charles Dilke's dictum in regard to Catholics, and I contend that it is a misuse of words, and shows not a little arrogance to speak so very strongly on a simple matter, and to judge so arbitrarily the conduct of millions of people. In a necessarily brief reference to the Catholic Benefit Society, I inquired what Sir Charles Dilke meant by an "affiliated order"? Although I distinctly indicated the legal position of the Society under the Acts and towards the Registrar of Friendly Societies, I am accused of showing "some want of knowledge of the question." Surely an unwarrantable assumption? Sir Charles does not say how this society—which is not, and has never been called, an "order"—can be one of the "affiliated orders." No doubt it is all in the Blue Book; but even this authority does not justify the use of inaccurate terms by your correspondent, still less does it warrant him charging me with "want of knowledge" for asking the meaning of a very loose description.

Having often dealt with the reports of the Catholic Benefit Society in my capacity as a Catholic journalist, I may be presumed to know as much about it as the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, who, by the way, attempts in his letter to prove the very points surrendered by Sir Charles Dilke.

The fact of the Catholic Benefit Society having received the Pope's "blessing," or being sanctioned in a diocese by a bishop, does not make "the Church responsible for it"; it merely shows that it is such a Society as Catholics can safely join. The Pope might, if asked, give his blessing to the Foresters, and has, I believe, given it to the Chicago Exhibition, which has also, no doubt, the full "consent" of the local Catholic bishop to its establishment; but need I tell your reverend correspondent that this does not make the Church "responsible" for it? It is so easy to misunderstand and misrepresent what a "blessing" or a "sanction" really implies—just as some people misinterpret the meaning of an "indulgence."

I shall not follow Sir Charles Dilke into the side issues raised in his letter. Whether Catholics "bless" themselves as frequently as High Church folk, and whether Masons and Templars would object to their doing so, have little to do with the question. I mentioned the former merely as an illustration of how each creed has certain distinctive characteristics that come out in various ways. I also spoke of an "unwritten code," which is to be found in all organised bodies, whether religious or social. When the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson tells us that "no such thing" exists in the Friendly Societies of Australia, I can only wonder what these societies are like.

Yours faithfully,

C. DIAMOND.

276 Strand, W.C.

To the Editor of the "Speaker."

SIR,—Sir Charles Dilke says that "to deny an English Catholic—because he is an English Freemason—the sacraments of the Church must be monstrous to all who know what English Freemasonry is." It is quite outside the ken of the Catholic Church whether a secret society be for her or against her, for things "spiritual" or for things "temporal." The end the secret society has in view may be both spiritually and temporally good, still the Catholic Church objects. Why? Because a secret society bound together by secret laws—outside the ken both of Church and State—is a danger both to the spiritual and temporal executive. It is the "Imperium in Imperio," and no Government—spiritual or temporal—can allow this. If the members of a secret society have anything to say against the spiritual or temporal power, let them state it openly, this is quite allowable; but to permit a lot of men in secret conclave to override both "Church" and "State" would be eventually the destruction of all Government, both spiritual and temporal. No body of men have a right to meet in secret, either against Church or State.

SACERDOS HIBERNICUS.

11th April 1892.

We are glad to find that on Thursday and Friday at the election of candidates to the Boys' and Girls' Masonic Schools (London), two candidates from North Wales were successful in gaining admission to the Schools, a girl named Ethel Issard, of Newtown, who obtained 2641 votes, and a boy named James Robert Bruce Nevio, of the Portmadoc Lodge. Bro. C. K. Benson (chairman of the Charity Committee, and representative of the North Wales Masonic Charitable Association), who was present on the occasion, deserves credit for the manner he managed the whole business, the boy obtaining no less than 2692 votes, and being sixth on the poll. Bro. Benson was again re-elected on the Board of Management of the Boys' School.—North Wales Guardian.

A MASTER'S ADDRESS TO HIS LODGE WHICH SHOULD DO GOOD.

THE Master of one of our Lodges, in beginning his term of office, issued the following address to his members.

"In entering upon my office as Worshipful Master, my duty leads me to invite your earnest consideration to some important facts which the Secretary's records disclose.

"During the first seven years of my membership, from 1867 to 1874, we admitted 152 members and lost 124, an average gain of four members annually; but during the last seventeen years we have admitted a fraction less than seven members per annum, while our loss by death, resignations and suspensions, have averaged slightly in excess of seventeen a year, making the net loss during the past seventeen years 174. In other words: While we have admitted 116 to membership since 1874, we have lost 290 of our members. My Brethren, how are we to arrest this depletive tendency, which, if continued at the same rate for another seventeen years, would leave us with our membership reduced to eighty? The one thought that must necessarily arise in every Brother's mind is: Our gains should equal our losses or rather exceed them.

"The question that logically follows is: How is that result to be accomplished? My answer is: We should make all of our Lodge meetings so interesting that every member, from the oldest to the youngest, would not only feel it a pleasure, but an imperative duty, to be present, and the proceedings at every meeting—from the opening to the closing—ought to be so congenial that all should feel equally and alike at home and desirous of taking part in them. The fellowship of fraternity should be so cordially extended to every member of the Lodge—old or young, rich or poor—and especially to all new members, whether such by initiation or affiliation, as to lead them to cheerfully engage in the work of the Craft, and we should so manage the important trust confided to us as to avoid a parsimony that would justly merit the displeasure of the Brethren; by not yielding so to indulgence as to justly invite censure, but by adhering to a conservative policy between the two, we ought to secure a unity of purpose and harmony of action that would undoubtedly restore our Lodge to its old time prosperity. Brethren, the end we all so much desire can only be attained by every member of the Lodge squaring himself for the Work of the Craft, and in entering upon my labour for the year, the promise is here and now made, with mature deliberation, that, with your co-operation, your help and assistance, we will make the year 1892 the banner year of our Lodge, so far as its prosperity is concerned.

"In the appointment of Officers and Committees my duty leads me to name those who I believe will cheerfully and creditably perform the duties assigned them. From the day you elected me Senior Warden, I have been considering this important matter of appointments, and the Worshipful Master's staff for 1892 will be the result of long and careful deliberation. The policy that has prevailed in our Lodge of a Brother holding three or even four offices is wrong, and will be discontinued, and the honours and Labour of the Craft more widely distributed among the Brethren. In the Work of the Craft, I maintain that Labour ought always to be followed by refreshments for the mind as well as for the body; this is one of the usages of the Fraternity, and ever entertaining a high regard for Masonic landmarks, usages and customs, my inclination is to adhere to this one. Let us, therefore, so labour that we may enjoy the mental and material refreshment our work may merit."—*Keystone.*

Referring to a letter by the Grand Secretary, appearing in an Edinburgh contemporary, suggesting that the Freemasons of Scotland should secure one of the four panels on the pedestal of the Burns Statue at Ayr, unveiled last July, Brother Thomas Duncan, Secretary of the Ayr Burns' Statue, writes:—"I think all Masons should feel proud of having their names associated with a statue of one of the most illustrious of the brethren. It would also be a memento of the grand Masonic function at the unveiling. If each Lodge was to subscribe £1, there would be very little difficulty in raising the necessary amount. If this movement commends itself to you, I will do all in my power to help it on." The proposal, it will be granted, is a most laudable one, and requires no commendation. The mention of it is, I have no doubt, enough to secure success.—*Glasgow Evening News.*

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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, 30th April.

1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
1462 Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley
2201 Earl of Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.C. Stanhope, Queen's Hotel, Choster

Monday, 2nd May.

16 Royal Alpha, Hotel Metropole, W.C.
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1924 Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley
1996 Priory Lodge of Acton, High Street
2098 Harlesden, National School, Harlesden
2242 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Hackney
2400 Brentford, Castle Assembly Rooms, Brentford.
M.M. 139 Panmure, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

57 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
63 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven
133 Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
338 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
351 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwen
395 Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hot, Camb.
478 Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622 St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
850 St. Oswald, Ashborne, Derbyshire
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1060 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1061 Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Private Rooms, Otley
1180 Forward, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1239 Neptune, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1264 Neptun, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1350 Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot, Waterloo, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Accrington
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
2094 Elthorne and Middx., Town Hall, Hounslow
2163 Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall
2166 Cotehele, Masonic Hall, Calstock, Cornwall
2240 Arrow, Burton House Hot., Kingston, Hereford
2290 Fairfield, 14 Fairfield Street, Fairfield, Lanc.
R.A. 312 Britannia, Masonic Hall, Whitby
R.A. 350 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 401 Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford

Tuesday, 3rd May.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
18 Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
171 Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. E.
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
2032 Richmond, Greyhound Hot, Richmond, Surrey
2128 United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hot.
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden Square
M.M. 1 St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 79 Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W.
70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
393 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
364 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick
493 Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
794 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
847 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
948 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skidaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
120 Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322 Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1436 Square & Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1619 Suckville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Walseley, Trevelyan Hotel, Manchester
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2136 St. Michaels, Chequers Ho., Bishops Stortford
2260 Ridley, Deuchar's Bldgs., Newcastle-on-Tyne
2295 Scarsbrick, Masonic Hall, Stockport
R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 681 Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal

R.A. 933 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 949 Williamson, Masonic H., Monkwearmouth
R.A. 1133 Devon, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot
R.A. 1827 Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington
M.M. 115 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
K.T. Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ash-ton-under-Lyne

Wednesday, 4th May.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6
1295 Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1491 Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.W.
1535 Royal Commemoration, White Lion, Putney
74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
86 Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
137 Amity, M.H., Market Place, Poole
287 Unanimity, White Lion Hotel, Stockport
298 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
611 Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
615 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Ellesmere, Church Hot, Kersley, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
1091 Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107 Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle, Swanley
1167 Alnwick, M.H., Clayport Street, Alnwick
1206 Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
3231 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street
2741 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea
1335 Lindsay, 20 King Street, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
1431 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1549 Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, L'pool
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1842 St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonards
1903 Pr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
2224 Fairfield, Pavilion, Long Eaton, Derbyshire
2368 Alan, Queens Hotel, Alderley Edge, Cheshire
2382 Loyal Hay, Brecknockshire.
2391 Orde-Powlett, F.M.H., Middlesborough.
R.A. 200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 778 Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness

Thursday, 5th May.

10 Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H., W.C.
27 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
45 Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
1155 Exceclor, Sidney Arms, Lewisham Road
1216 Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1361 United Service, Grwyon I, Richmond
1425 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven Road, Paddington
1445 Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate
1724 Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, W.
1765 Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1790 Old England, M.H., New Thurston Heath
1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
R.A. 174 Sincerity, Ches. Cheese, Crutched Friars
R.A. 1507 Metropolitan, Anerton's Hotel, E.C.

24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.H., Newcastle
31 United Industries, Mas. Rooms, Canterbury
38 Union, Council Chamber, Chester
41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
51 Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hockley
116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorkshire
203 Three Grand Principles, M.H., Dewsbury
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
251 Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266 Naphth, Masonic Hall, Heywood
269 Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslingdon
289 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley
295 Combermere, Union Arms, Macclesfield
309 Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309 Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317 Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
337 Candour, New M.R., Uppermill, Saddleworth.
341 Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
360 Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419 St. Peter, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton
425 Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
445 Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham
539 St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall
633 Yarborough, Clarence Hotel, Manchester
636 D'Ogile, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
659 Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
792 Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Great Grimstey
913 Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Pimstead
976 Royal Carence, Blue Ball, Bratton, Somerset
1000 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southsea-on-Sea
1012 Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancs.
1088 Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Salford
1164 Elliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall
1231 Saynt, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282 Ancholme, Foresters Hall, Brigg
1284 Brent, Globe Hotel, Devonshire
1304 Olive Union, M.H., Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384 Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500 Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504 Red nose of Isaac, Staro's Arms, Padham
1513 Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1576 Dec, Union Hotel, Cheale

1594 Cedawain, Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
1639 Watling Street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807 Loyal Wye, Bullth, Breconshire
1829 Burrell, George Hotel, Shoredham
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Para lo, Douglas
2169 Osborne, M.H., Medina Road, East Cowes
2255 Philbrick, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford
2317 Bisley, National School, Bisley
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2386 Clarence, Masonic Hall, Queen St., Chester.
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859 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1000 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
1096 Lord Waruen, Wellington Hall, Deal.
1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherton, Warwick
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1557 Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham
1561 Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' H. Gosforth
1725 Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
2376 Carnarvon, Eagle and Child Inn, Layland, Lan cashire.
R.A. 214 Hope & Unity, White Hart, Romford
R.A. 271 Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359 Peace, F.M.H. Albion Ter. Southampton

Saturday, 7th May.

Council, Boys' School, F.M.H., 3
142 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1428 Gallery, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2182 Sterndal Bennett, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottom, Eastwood
1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead
1458 Truth, Whentshaaf Hotel, Manchester
1667 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Farnham
1629 Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Craydon
2118 Walsingham, M.H., Walsingham, Kent
2205 Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent
2323 Bushey Hall, The Hall, Bushey, Herts
2331 Ravenscroft, Red Lion Hotel, High Barret

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Saturday, 30th April.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catharine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
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
1293 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 2nd May.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Popemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
130 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brightham, Devon,
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1336 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
1480 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1577 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1693 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Waltham, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 3rd May.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7

141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
 177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7.30
 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Grayhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7.30
 753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
 820 Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, 7.30
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7.30
 1416 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7.30, 8
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
 1939 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6.30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 4th May.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 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, Londonhall St., 8
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 539 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
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 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 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8.30

1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7.30
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7.30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7.30
 1691 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8.30
 1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shephard's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7.30
 2208 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domatic, 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. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 5th May.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7.30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7.30
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7.30
 1428 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6.30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
 1613 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7.45
 1614 Covon Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Roso, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7.30
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7.30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9

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, 6th May.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7.30
 733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kow Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7.30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N.,
 1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7.30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7.30
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

Saturday, 7th April.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7.30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
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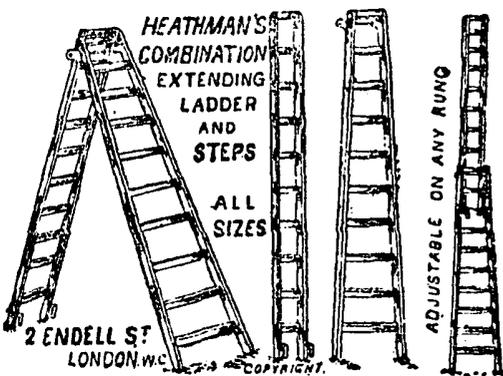
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- S T R A N D.**—This evening, at 8:40, NIOBE. Preceded by, at 8, NO CREDIT.
- SAVOY.**—Every evening, at 8:50, THE VICAR OF BRAY. At 8, CAPTAIN BILLY. Matinée to-day, at 2:30.
- GAIETY.**—Every evening, at 8:30, CINDER-ELLEN. Preceded by, at 7:40, QUEER STREET. Matinée to-day, at 2:30.
- V A U D E V I L L E.**—Every evening, at 8:45, HAPPY RETURNS. At 8, MEADOW SWEET. Matinée to-day, at 2:30.
- PRINCE OF WALES.**—Every evening, at 8:30, BLUE-EYED SUSAN. At 7:45, DONNA LUIZA. Matinée to-day, at 2:30.

- S T. JAMES'S.**—To-night, at 8:30, LADY WIN-DERMERE'S FAN. Afternoon performance, to-day, at 3:0.
- COMEDY.**—Every evening, at 7:45, A BREEZY MORNING. At 8:20, THE WIDOW. At 10, TIME IS MONEY.
- T E R R Y ' S.**—At 8:15, MUSICAL SKETCH. At 8:45, THE MAGISTRATE.
- GARRICK.**—Every evening, at 8:45, A FOOL'S PARADISE. Preceded by, at 8, MY DAUGHTER.
- LYRIC.**—Every evening, at 8:20, THE MOUNTED-BANKS. Matinée to-day, at 2:30.
- TOOLES.**—At 8:45, WALKER, LONDON. At 8, DAISY'S ESCAPE. Matinée to-day, at 2.
- GLOBE.**—Every evening, at 8, THE FIAT OF THE GODS. At 9, BEATA.
- COURT.**—At 8:15, THE NEW SUB. At 9:15, ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN. At 10, A PANTOMIME REHEARSAL. Matinée to-day, at 2:30.
- AVENUE.**—At 8:30, THE DOLL'S HOUSE. Matinée to-day, at 2:30.
- OLYMPIC.**—This day, at 2 and 8, RICHARD III.
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- SURREY.**—Every evening, at 7:45, BROTHER BILL AND ME. At 8:15, ARAH-NA-POGUM.
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