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DUAL OFFICES.

IN a recent number we considered some of the points which are associated with the principle of dual Masterships—touching upon the system, as we did so, in vogue in many private Lodges, where it is prohibitive for a joining member to hold office. We arrived at the conclusion that Grand Lodge was wise in prohibiting the same Brother serving as Master in two Lodges at the same time—except in the case of emergency—and that Private Lodges were fully justified in making special laws with a view to ensuring the regular promotion of their own initiates, even at the risk of keeping back their joining members. All our arguments, however, in this latter direction were based on a foundation of mere policy and individual opinion, for there is no prohibitive law in Freemasonry on the point, as there is in the case of dual Masterships; in fact the contrary system is almost general, promotion being given in most of our Lodges to joining members and initiates alike, in their turn, or as a reward of special merit.

There is, however, another phase of the subject, in which the Constitutions of the Craft do interfere, Rule 129 laying it down that “no Brother can hold more than one regular office in the Lodge at one and the same time.” This regulation, like many other apparently minor points of the Constitutions, is occasionally overlooked by Brethren who desire to utilise to the fullest extent the special abilities of some one of their number, and who see no particular harm in conferring dual office on him, provided he does not mind the cares and responsibilities of the extra appointment. But in doing so they infringe the Regulations of Freemasonry, and it would be found their action brought them into conflict with the Grand Lodge if attention was drawn to their case, or it was noticed by the authorities.

The duties of Treasurer and Secretary are so often undertaken by the same person in affairs outside of Freemasonry, that it is not to be wondered at that proposals are sometimes made for the same duality within our ranks, and if there was nothing in the Constitutions to prohibit the appointment of the same Brother to the two offices, we can well believe it would become a pretty regular proceeding to associate the duties of the two, and probably the work would generally be as well done under such an arrangement as is now the case when it is divided; but on the other hand the Lodge would lose the advantage of having that check on its affairs which is now provided by the Secretary and Treasurer, each, in a measure, being responsible to the Lodge as a whole. But beyond all this there remains the fact that duality is specially prohibited, as we have already shown, by Rule 129, which in its earlier part calls for the appointment of both a Treasurer and a Secretary among the regular Officers of a Lodge, and we are convinced that the

Law is intended to be applied as we have shown, because we know of a case having been referred to the late Grand Secretary, in consequence of our having directed the attention of the Master of a London Lodge to it, when on the occasion of his Installation he called up the same member—a well known London Mason—to receive the dual appointment of Treasurer and Secretary. The case then appeared so plain that two different brethren were appointed, but as “a matter of curiosity” the point was referred to the ruler at Freemasons’ Hall, who fully endorsed the view taken at the meeting we have mentioned.

But the Craft does not seem to be clear of infringements of this regulation, and possibly there would be many cases of dual office holding to be met with if a diligent search were made for them, although in making such an assertion we may seem to imply neglect of proper supervision and a general want of knowledge among individual members. But this is such a minor point that we can well believe it is passed over most innocently, especially in view of the frequency in the outside world of the same person discharging the duties of both Treasurer and Secretary, and as we have already surmised there does not appear to be any very tangible objection available against the association of the two offices in Freemasonry apart from the fact that it is contrary to the Regulations, and, as we have said, deprives the Lodge of a part of the check on its financial and business affairs which is provided by separation of the two posts.

We have before us the report of a Lodge meeting, at which a presentation was made to a Brother who, according to the local report, “has held the joint offices of Secretary and Treasurer for the past 14 years,” a fact, continues our contemporary, “altogether unique in the annals of English Freemasonry.” We can well believe it is almost, if not quite unique, and we are sorry to run the risk of putting an end to an arrangement that has apparently worked so well, but the continuance of the dual appointment is so opposed to the Rules of the Craft that we have no option but to draw attention to it, especially as it serves to emphasise our remarks on the whole subject and may probably prevent others violating the Regulations of Freemasonry, because of lack of knowledge of what is required in such a case. We hope the Brethren of the Lodge primarily concerned will not object to our interference, and that the Brother himself will look upon the whole matter in a correct light. None of them can desire to infringe the Constitutions of the Order, and will doubtless be as ready as any of its members to bring their practices into unison with the laws, now that the irregularity has been pointed out to them. Possibly it may be argued that we could have met the case by privately communicating with the Lodge, but that is not so; if the members have erred they have done so unwittingly, and they will

hardly object to be publicly told of their irregularity in view of the advantage that may accrue to others, who may be equally at fault in the same direction.

THE INAUGURATION OF AN INSTRUCTION LODGE.

WHEN we consider the great amount of benefit that is generally admitted to arise from the working of our Lodges of Instruction we cannot help feeling that their general proceedings are not always conducted with all the form and ceremony that might be associated with them, without any detriment to their conduct, and probably to the manifest advantage of those who attended their meetings. It would perhaps be unfair that the same rigid rules should be enforced in a Lodge of Instruction as prevail at a regular Lodge meeting, although there are many who will agree with us in believing that the advantages of such a course would far outweigh its possible drawbacks. That such an opinion is shared by some of the best of the Masonic workers of to-day is evidenced by the fact that Lodges of Instruction now exist where rules almost as rigorous as those governing regular meetings are enforced, and where smoking and refreshment are strictly prohibited, except during the short interval when the Lodge is regularly called from labour to refreshment. We believe advantage would result from an extension of this principle, and we are influenced in such an opinion by the general appearance of such Lodges as only work during working hours, and enjoy refreshment only during recess, as compared with others where a certain amount of "free and easy" conviviality is allowed to exist.

From this standpoint we were sorry to read that the Grand Secretary of England had answered the inquiry of certain brethren, who appeared to seek his advice on the point, to the effect that "no consecration ceremony or formal inauguration was necessary for the constitution of a Lodge of Instruction." We are aware that no such formality is necessary, and for aught we know the Grand Secretary may have done what we are about to suggest—added to his answer that although no formality was necessary, it was most desirable that a proper inauguration should be attempted, by the rehearsal of the ritual of consecration, with all its attendant forms and ceremonies. The absence of such formality as we suggest seems to us to imply a certain amount of indifference to the principles of Freemasonry, which really seeks to impart instruction by form and illustrative symbolism, and this is equally the case whether we are dealing with a regular Lodge or a Lodge of Instruction, in both of which cases we consider a regularly formal start should be attempted, and as much benefit derived from the teachings set out by the Craft as is possible.

Apart from the advantages which would be likely to follow, from an educational point of view, there are other arguments to use in favour of the formal consecration or inauguration of a Lodge of Instruction, not the least important being the opportunity it offers of bringing the establishment of the Lodge under the notice of Brethren other than those actually concerned in its inauguration. The rehearsal of the forms and ritual of consecration, especially when performed by some one or more of those distinguished brethren who, being particularly capable, take a pleasure in conducting such ceremonies, is sure to prove interesting and attractive, and the arrangements for such a rehearsal soon becomes known far beyond the circle of those who promote them, with the result that visitors are attracted, and a much better start is made than is possible without some special effort. This being so we have no hesitation in recommending the adoption of as much formality and form as is possible in connection with the inauguration of a Lodge of In-

struction, even though there is no real necessity for it, and on the same basis we would recommend the annual rehearsal of the ceremony of Installation at such Lodges, not as a regular meeting, but as a special one, with particular efforts to ensure an extra amount of impressiveness.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE agenda for the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, to be held on Tuesday, the 5th proximo, in Mark Masons' Hall, London, has been issued, and although it presents no particular item of special interest it affords evidence of regularity and progress, taken in association with the quarterly report of the General Board, which records that during the three months ending 30th September last 255 Mark certificates were issued, bringing the total registrations up to 31,777; while warrants had been granted for two new Lodges: No. 466, the Prince of Wales, to meet at St. Helens, Lancashire; and No. 467, the West Ham, to meet at Stratford. In the Royal Ark Mariner section 38 certificates were issued, bringing the total registrations up to 4,018.

The Board report that the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Confirmation to the Albany Lodge, Newport, Isle of Wight, the last of the independent Lodges in existence before the formation of Grand Lodge, which has for many years worked under Time Immemorial authority, without a Warrant. At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight, held on 20th September, and reported in our pages at the time, the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., administered the obligation of Allegiance to the members, and afterwards installed the Master elect.

There is also notification of the fact that the Order of the Temple of England and Wales has been accepted as a tenant of a portion of Grand Mark premises, an announcement that must prove gratifying to all who consider it desirable to bring the different degrees of Masonry into closer union with each other; and then a minor question of procedure is set out for consideration, the Master of the Lewis Lodge, No. 391, having only served eleven months, in consequence of an alteration in the regulations of his Lodge, and desiring to be confirmed as a Past Master although the qualification is twelve months tenure of office.

Other matters are touched upon in the Report, but the principal business of the day will be the nomination of Grand Master for the ensuing year, for although the re-nomination and re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has almost become a matter of course, the actual proposition has not degenerated into a merely formal matter, neither, we hope, will it ever do so. Then there is the nomination of Grand Treasurer and the presentation of Charity jewels to be attended to, and altogether a pleasant meeting may be looked for.

It is announced that the twenty-sixth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held on Wednesday, 18th July next, and that the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, Provincial Grand Mark Master for Lincolnshire, will preside. Readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE are well acquainted with the benefits provided by this Fund, and will, we hope, afford it as much support as possible on the occasion we refer to. There is one special feature in connection with this Fund, it has hitherto been possible to elect every candidate for its Educational and Annuity benefits without the trouble and expense of an election; but it must be apparent to the most casual observer that such a desirable course cannot be main-

tained in the future without a continuance of the same hearty support and sympathy with its objects as has marked its past career. We have no doubt this support will be forthcoming, but our Mark brethren have a glorious record to maintain in this direction, and cannot be too frequently reminded of what should be their ambition in charity matters, to maintain the principle of immediate relief for every applicant.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on the invitation of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 451, on Monday, under the presidency of Brother Col. R. T. Caldwell Provincial Grand Master. The numerical and financial strength of the Province was reported to be satisfactory.

Three Stewards had been sent up to the great Festivals, one to each Institution, and over £300 was subscribed to them.

A Charity jewel was presented to Brother Benjamin Chennell, and a Charity jewel clasp to Brother S. H. Sharman.

The office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master having been resigned by Bro. Andrew H. Moyes, through ill-health, greatly to the regret of the Province, Brother the Rev. J. H. Gray, Dean of Queen's College, was appointed in his stead.

The other Officers appointed for the ensuing year were as follow :—

Bro. J. Vail 441	-	-	Senior Warden
F. Osmond Carr	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. L. R. Tottiett 2107	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. B. S. Cronin 859	-	-	
W. Bray 809 (elected)	-	-	Treasurer
C. H. Banham 88	-	-	Registrar
Oliver Papworth 88	-	-	Secretary
J. Grover 809	-	-	Senior Deacon
W. B. Sheppard 2107	-	-	Junior Deacon
E. W. Harry 1001 and 441	-	-	Supt. of Works
F. Dawberry 441	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
B. W. Beales jun. 88	-	-	Asst. Director of Cers.
R. P. F. W. Simpson 859	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. H. Berridge 441	-	-	Organist
J. R. Bambridge 809	-	-	Pursuivant
H. S. Davison 88	-	-	
W. Layle 809	-	-	
J. B. Close 859	-	-	Stewards
T. B. Hope 859	-	-	
E. B. Smith 859	-	-	

The brethren afterwards sat down to dinner at the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

A CONVOCATION of this Provincial Grand Chapter will be holden at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday next, 29th inst., for the transaction of the general business of the Province.

Chapter will be opened at 4.30 p.m., after which the roll of Provincial Grand Officers, and of subordinate Chapters will be called, the minutes of the last regular Convocation held at Loughborough, will be submitted for confirmation, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts will be submitted. The other business will comprise the election of a Prov. Grand Treasurer, consideration of the Prov. Grand Registrar's report, and the appointment and investiture of the Provincial Grand Officers.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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THE Provincial Priory of East Anglia was held on Wednesday, at the quarters of the Royal Plantagenet Preceptory, Star Hotel, Great Yarmouth. The Sub-Prior, in the absence of the Prior (Capt. Nathaniel George Phillips P.G.S.P.) was in command. There was a good attendance, the members of the Order present including N. Tracy Chancellor, H. Harvey George Prov. Registrar, J. Campbell Smith (Bury St. Edmund's), Harry Cockrell (Ipswich), and George Abbott (Ipswich).

The preliminary business of the Royal Plantagenet

Preceptory having been transacted, the V.E. the Sub-Provincial Prior and his Officers were received in state.

Other matters relating to the Order being disposed of, the following Officers were nominated for the ensuing year :—

Rev. R. N. Sanderson	-	-	Sub-Prior
Rev. E. M. Weigall	-	-	Prelate
N. Tracy	-	-	Chancellor
J. R. Green	-	-	Constable
R. J. Symonds	-	-	Marshall
R. Harvey George	-	-	Registrar
J. A. Robinson	-	-	Vice-Chancellor
R. Martins	-	-	Sub-Marshal
R. J. Mills	-	-	First Herald
W. Rainforth	-	-	Second Herald
H. A. Blagg	-	-	Beauseant
C. A. B. Bignold	-	-	Vox Belli
A. Hill	-	-	Prior's Bearer
E. T. Dalton	-	-	First Aide-de-Camp
C. Rackham Gilmore	-	-	Second Aide-de-Camp
G. Sill	-	-	Chamberlain
J. Campbell Smith	-	-	First Captain of Guard
T. E. Jacobson	-	-	Second Captain of Guard
F. Danby Palmer	-	-	Sword Bearer
E. Harvey	-	-	Equerry

A Priory of Malta was afterwards held, a banquet following.

A very successful meeting of the Shurmur Chapter was held on Thursday, when the Companion after whom the Chapter is named installed as his successor in the chair of Z., Comp George Graveley. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

The Freemasons of Exmouth have secured from the Hon. Mark Rolle a site in Ferry Road, for a Hall and Club. Much regret will be felt, when the building is an accomplished fact, that the brethren will be leaving the Beacon Hotel.

During the recent Conference of the Institute of Journalists a visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was suggested, but time did not permit. It is now proposed to have a special Press gathering at the Schools on Wednesday, 29th inst., in connection with the celebration of the Centenary of the foundation of the first schoolhouse. The project has received the approval of Sir Algernon Borthwick, Sir Edward Lawson, Mr. Frank Lloyd, and others. All interested in charity, whether Freemasons or not, will be welcome.

Among the distinguished company who will be present on Tuesday at Lincoln's Inn Hall, when the Prince of Wales, assisted by the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, and others, will consecrate the Chancery Bar Lodge, will be the Lord Chancellor, Lord Halsbury, and Lord Ashbourne. The judges will be represented by Mr. Justice Romer, Mr. Justice Bruce, and Mr. Justice Kennedy; the Provincial Grand Masters by Lord Brooke, the Earl of Jersey, Lords Euston, Suffield, and George Hamilton, M.P., Colonel Townley Caldwell, Mr. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Colonel Starkie, and Colonel Money, C.C. Among the Queen's counsel will be Messrs. Philbrick, Littler, Marriott, Pember, Lumley-Smith, Pitt Lewis, Lane, Castle, Staveley Hill, S. Pope, Gully, Lockwood, Biron, Napier Higgins, Bingham, Macrory, Forbes, and G. B. Jones. Sir Douglas Straight, Sir Forrest Fulton, Sir Horatio Lloyd, Mr. Loveland-Loveland, Mr. Akers Douglas, M.P., Sir F. Knollys, Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Mr. Thos. Fenn, Canon Bullock, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Mr. Victor Williamson, Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, Sir Joseph Savory, and Sir Bruce Seton will also be present. Sir Francis Beilby Alston, K.C.M.G., who was made a Grand Warden more than forty-three years ago, will take part in the proceedings. At the banquet Lieutenant Dan Godfrey's band will play.

A Man's Ruin, according to an ancient Portuguese proverb, may be found in the three following pitfalls, viz., to be worth little and presume much, to have little and spend much, and to know little and talk much. Although these defects in any man's character are most objectionable, it is going rather too far to say that they lead to ruin. In those days when merit is often judged according to the noise it makes, the bombastic presuming man very often comes to the front, whilst his more deserving but timid competitor is thrust aside out of the race. Holloway's Pills and Ointment, however, have outdistanced all rivals in public favour for over half a century.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

AT the meeting on the 21st inst., at Plymouth, Bro. C. B. Gale was elected W.M. Bros. Jas. Hoyten and W. Browning were respectively elected Treasurer and Representative at the Committee of Petitions.

SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 394.

AT the last meeting, Bro. H. C. Ashdown W.M. presiding, two very interesting presentations were made by members. The first, given by Bro. F. Dunsford P.M., is a handsome casket intended for use as a charity box, made from a fine block of bog oak, given by Bro. H. Lashmore, and found some years ago below the bed of Southampton Water during the first of the dredging operations of the Harbour Board upon the Netley shoal. The second gift, made by Bro. G. J. Tilling P.M., consisted of a parchment address, presented to the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing some thirty years ago by the brethren of the Southampton Lodges, and bearing the autographs of many well-known Masons who have now gone to their rest. This address was found among some waste papers at Mr. Gilbert's book store, and was given by that gentleman to Bro. Tilling for presentation to the Lodge.

LODGE OF HOPE, No. 433.

THE installation meeting was held at Brightlingsea, on the 23rd ult. Bro. Joseph Bowdell was installed, and he appointed and invested his Officers.

SEGONTIUM LODGE, No. 606.

THE annual festival was held at Carnarvon. Bro. J. Williams, the retiring W.M., efficiently installed Bro. W. C. Whiskin S.W. It was decided to present Bro. J. Williams with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services to the Lodge. The members and visiting brethren subsequently enjoyed a banquet at the Royal Hotel.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 761.

ON Thursday, the annual installation festival was held in the Victoria Hall, Dursley. The Worshipful Master elect was Bro. H. Blandford P.M. P.P.G.P., who succeeded Bro. W. Phelps P.M. P.P.G.J.W. The installation ceremony was performed very impressively by Bro. Sumner P.M. of the Royal Gloucestershire, in the regretted absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith.

DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

THIS Lodge met on the 14th at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were several items of business, including a petition to Grand Lodge on behalf of a former member. The receipt of information of the death of a P.M. of the Lodge (Bro. Grey), to whose relatives the Lodge directed an expression of condolence to be sent, and the reading of a communication from Bro. De Casseres, of the East London Masonic Club, as the result of which the Doric Lodge of Instruction was formally transferred to the Plough Tavern, Mile End Road. An excellent supper and musical entertainment followed.

FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES LODGE, No. 979.

THE installation of Bro. James Syer Warren was celebrated on the 24th ult., at the Lodge Room, Royal Hotel, Crewe. Brother Warren succeeds Bro. Charles Vickers, who has just closed a successful year of office, and some time ago was awarded Provincial honours. The Installing Master was Bro. James Salmon, who performed the ritual with much effectiveness. There was a fair attendance of brethren and visitors.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Brother Vickers by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge for the eminent services he had rendered during his year of office.

A collection having been made on behalf of the Charities, the Lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, the host of the Royal, Bro. Charles Walsh, putting forth his best efforts in the preparation of the menu.

LODGE OF ST. PETER, No. 1024.

THE Lodge held its anniversary meeting at the Masonic Hall, Maldon, on the 25th ult., when Bro. Charles R. Gowers was installed into the chair in a most able way by his own brother, Bro. Edward Gowers P.M. P.P.G. Org. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested.

UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE regular meeting was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Thursday, 16th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Charles Schmidt Worshipful Master, who was supported by A. J. Millington S.W., W. G. Foster J.W., C. Giescke P.M. Treas., C. J. Free P.M. Sec., J. Brandel S.D., E. M. Jefferys J.D., G. E. Schulz I.G., W. A. Bray Steward, T. Bowler Tyler; while among the Past Masters, in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. John Stroud, B. S. Pickering, E. Hill, J. C. Hayward, and S. Tovey. The visitors included Bros. E. Chatterton P.M. 1185, H. J. Catton 1816, W. Brett 1305, W. Ferris 901, C. W. Fink 1625.

The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation, and proving in their favour two of them were admitted, the third gentleman being away from London and tendering regret at his absence. The initiates were Mr. William Prior and Mr. W. J. Carroll, and they were regularly initiated by the Worshipful Master, who, although a foreigner, has made himself fully capable in the ritual of the Order, and is certainly deserving of the highest credit for the ability he displayed on this occasion.

He and the other members of his Lodge have the satisfaction of looking forward to further work in the near future, four gentlemen being proposed for initiation, so that next meeting will be a record one in the Lodge—with five candidates for initiation before the members.

The application of the widow of an old member for assistance was favourably considered, and her petition to the Board of Benevolence fully endorsed by the Lodge, other business of a like character being fully considered.

The Master had a pleasing duty to perform in the presentation to their esteemed Secretary of a jewel of office, as some small recognition on the part of the members of the good services Bro. Free had rendered to the Lodge. In giving it he felt he expressed the wish of the whole of the members when he said he hoped Bro. Free would long live to lend the Lodge his valuable assistance.

The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented

By the Brethren of the UPTON LODGE, No. 1227,

16th Nov. 1893 to

Bro. C. J. FREE P.M. Secretary,

In appreciation of his valued services.

The Worshipful Master also made some further remarks at the meeting as to the presentation to the outgoing Master at the installation, when a Past Master's jewel for Bro. Hill and a diamond ring for Mrs. Hill were presented from the Lodge, in recognition of Bro. Hill's services in the chair during the past year, and his general interest in the welfare of the Lodge.

The business of the day being concluded, the Lodge was closed and the brethren afterwards dined together, the customary toast list being gone through.

Bro. Hill I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, was sure Bro. Schmidt deserved appreciation at their hands. He trusted the Lodge would have a successful year under his Mastership, and that he might be blessed with good fortune during his year of office. He would doubtless carry out the duties of his appointment in a thorough Masonic manner, and generally conduct the affairs of the Lodge to their satisfaction.

In reply, the Master assured the brethren it would be his endeavour to so act as to earn the approbation of the members of the Lodge. He was pleased at the outlook, which gave every promise of a busy future.

The toast of the Initiates brought forth suitable replies from the two newly admitted brethren, while that of the Visitors was responded to by each of the guests.

The Treasurer and Secretary were toasted, and replied, the latter brother again thanking the members for the handsome jewel presented to him that day.

The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge received due recognition and responded to the toasts proposed in their honour, after which the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1306.

THE regular meeting took place on the 8th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. Mr. G. W. Danson and Mr. C. Spencer were initiated. The Worshipful Master then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Magrath P.M., he having expressed a wish to initiate his son, John Henry Magrath, who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting but, on account of a death in the family, was unable to be present on that occasion, but was now in attendance, Bro. Magrath performed the ceremony in an impressive manner, thus making his son his younger brother. The ceremony being ended, the W.M., Bro. Dickson, resumed the chair, and initiated the above-mentioned gentlemen into the mysteries of the Order, performing the work in a very satisfactory manner.

After some routine business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. Black I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and in reply

The W.M. said that as in the past he had always done his best, so would he continue in the future to do all he could for the interest and welfare of the Lodge.

In proposing the toast of the Initiates, the W.M. expressed the pleasure it had given him to receive the three gentlemen that evening, and he hoped they would strive to make good use of the lessons taught them in Freemasonry.

The Initiates severally responded.

The Visitors were next toasted.

The toast of the Masonic Institutions was identified with the

name of Bro. J. G. Stevens, who gave a practical account of what was being done, and closed his remarks with a graceful recognition of the sturdy support given by the members of the Lodge to the Institutions for a number of years in succession, and pleaded for a Steward for the coming festival of the R.M.B.I.

In toasting the Past Masters, the W.M. briefly commented upon the various services which those brethren had rendered to the Lodge, and exhorted the brethren to emulate their example.

The Past Masters responded, Bro. Magrath mentioned how, when he joined the Lodge, it was his ambition to reach the chair, then to see the Lodge in a position to compare favourably with any other Lodge at the East End of London, or, in fact, any part of London; and lastly that he might live to initiate his only son into the same Lodge. He had now gained the height of his ambition, having performed the latter ceremony that evening.

Bro. Twinn thanked the brethren for their kindly feelings towards him, and spoke of the success of the St. John's Charitable Association, connected with the Lodge, which he said in three years had raised the magnificent sum of £627 at the rate of 1s per week per member.

Bro. Loftus spoke of the progress of the Lodge since he joined, some 14 years ago. The Lodge was poor then, but by careful administration of the funds they had been able to place it on a sound footing and able to carry out the principles of Freemasonry, viz., charity.

The toast of the Officers of the Lodge followed.

During the evening some capital songs were sung by Bros. Sherwin, Hone, Jenkins, and others, and selections on the piano by Bro. Magrath jun.

LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1502.

ON Monday, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. W. W. Mellor was re-installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Having been installed by Bros. Tobias and Kirkpatrick for the second year in succession Bro. Mellor proceeded with the investiture of his Officers.

At the conclusion of the duties of the Lodge the brethren partook of the annual installation banquet, the proceedings being enlivened by the musical contributions of Bros. F. H. Seddon, George Thierry, E. Edwards, David Gabrielson and R. Mountfield, and by the instrumental selections of Bro. Mountfield's orchestra.

During the evening Bro. Mellor was made the recipient of a Past Master's jewel, the fact of his having occupied the chair for two consecutive years being commented upon.

ROSSLYN LODGE, No. 1543.

THE installation meeting was held at Dunmow on the 25th ult., when Bro. J. M. Welch P.P.G. Steward was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Alexander Rattray P.M. P.P.G.A. Secretary. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested.

ELLIOT LODGE, No. 1567.

THE installation meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on the 4th inst., when there were present a large number of brethren of the Lodge, and no fewer than thirty-four visitors, including the Secretaries of the three Charities. The W.M., Brother H. Dockrill, performed the installation ceremony in his best style, Bro. John Mason, the Collector of the Benevolent Institution, being installed.

A special feature was the presentation of a new chair for the W.M. by Bro. E. T. Taylor P.M.

The Officers for the year were invested. The retiring W.M., Bro. H. Dockrill, was presented with the P.M.'s jewel voted to him at the previous meeting.

An excellent banquet was provided by Bro. H. P. Harris. The menu was unique, a booklet of old-fashioned cream paper with rough but gilded edges, containing sprightly jokes, and as every dish to be served had its name concealed in an anagram, the brethren had occupation and amusement in ascertaining what was to be set before them. As an example "Sweetbreads and mushrooms" appeared as "Ma stewed brooms and rushes."

After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

In proposing the W.M., Bro. T. J. Bird said that the whole of the brethren were delighted at the opportunity presented by the 100th meeting of the Lodge to re-elect Bro. John Mason, the Founder and first Master, to the office of Worshipful Master, and as he started the first century of meetings 18 years ago, and had been spared to start the second that night, so he hoped he would be spared to start the third, a sentiment in which the assembled brethren heartily joined.

The W.M. responded feelingly and to the point.

The toast list was furnished with quaint quotations applicable to such, and the evening was enlivened with music, in which Miss Minnie Bird, and Bros. Brooker, Thompson, Bayne, &c., acquitted themselves with credit.

WINDSOR LODGE, No. 1754.

THE installation took place on Friday, 3rd inst., at the Lodge Room, Lansdowne. Amongst those present was Bro. Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M. Eastern Division South Wales.

The installation ceremony was performed by W. L. Yorath P.G.R. with full musical service, under the conductorship of Bro. J. David, the whole of the proceedings being under the supervision of Bro. S. T. Churchill P.P.A.D.C. The Officers were duly invested. Ultimately the members of the Lodge adjourned to the Esplanade Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided. Afterwards the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

KIRKDALE LODGE, No. 1756.

ON Wednesday, 22nd inst., at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster Road, Liverpool, Bro. John Macaulay was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. John Milne, his predecessor in the chair. There were upwards of one hundred and thirty members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. Having been duly installed, Bro. Macaulay proceeded to invest his Officers for the year. Bro. John Milne I.P.M. D.C. was appointed as Charity Representative.

The brethren subsequently partook of the annual installation banquet, admirably served by Messrs. Galt and Capper. Oxygen-hydrogen limelight effects were displayed during the postprandial proceedings by Bro. John A. Gee J.S. An enjoyable programme of music and recitations was contributed to by Brothers W. Griffiths, W. Lewis, W. E. Williams, John Lane, H. A. Dunn, H. E. Hollis, and Henry Hallard, the latter being highly successful with his Lancashire sketches. Bro. E. A. Pugh was an efficient accompanist.

During the evening the retiring W.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel and clothing, and also with a handsome liqueur cellarette.

MACHEN LODGE, No. 1782.

ON Tuesday, 14th inst., the members celebrated their fifteenth anniversary at the Swan Hotel, Coleshill, a goodly number of visitors attending, most of them being friends of the W.M. elect, Bro. George Shread I.P.M. of St. James's Lodge, Handsworth. The ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. Coles I.P.M. (who had been elected to the chair two years in succession), assisted by Bro. Lee, an old Provincial Officer. The newly installed Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year.

A gratifying incident in the proceedings was the presentation of a handsome jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

Bro. WILLIAM STROUD,

By the P.Ms., Officers, and Members of the Machen Lodge, 1782, In recognition of his efficient services as Secretary to the Lodge during a period of 14 years.

Nov. 14th 1893.

Bro. Stroud received a similar mark of good feeling some eight or nine years ago, says the *Coleshill Chronicle*, and it is believed the position which he has now relinquished—holding the joint offices of Secretary and Treasurer for the time above stated (14 years)—is altogether unique in the annals of English Freemasonry.

There was the customary installation banquet, the catering of Bro. Marshall giving entire satisfaction, and a very pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of Bro. Shread.

LULLINGSTONE LODGE, No. 1837.

AT a regular meeting of the Lullingstone Lodge, held on Tuesday, 14th inst., Bro. T. W. Neech, who is one of the founders and the oldest Past Master of the Lodge, was presented by Bro. Thomas Clarke W.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of respect by the brethren for his many years' service.

Bro. T. W. Neech is also a member of the Robinson Lodge, Maidstone, and a Past Principal of the Belvedere Chapter, No. 503, held at Maidstone, and Present Assistant Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Chapter of the Province of Kent.

LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Club Rooms, Birch Lane, Longsight, on the 1st inst., Bro. Councillor Thos. Uttley W.M. There were also present:—Bros. H. Grimshaw S.W., William Gadd J.W., Frederick G. Berry Treasurer, W. H. Wilson Asst. Secretary, Alderman Lloyd Higginbottom S.D., S. Hy. Sheard J.D., E. H. Ritson I.G., F. W. Lean P.M. P.G.S.D. Dir. of Cer., E. Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), George Makin, Henry Wood, Thomas Glynn, Frederick Grammer, C. S. Cotton, James E. H. Crossley. Visitors—Bros. Ed. Loebell J.W. 1161, John Moffatt P.M. 1140, Alfred Pearce 993, R. Moore 993, Harry G. Walker 2185, B. I. Kok Alblas 241 and 477.

The principal business of the evening was the passing of Brother John Adamson, which ceremony was performed by the W.M., he being assisted by Bro. Gadd, who explained the working tools. Previous to this, however, the W.M. had rendered the ancient charge of the first degree to Bro. Adamson, this duty having been deferred on the last occasion through pressure of work. Bro. Adamson soon after retired on account of indisposition.

Bro. C. S. Cotton, H. Wood, and F. Grammer were then examined as to their proficiency, and afterwards raised in turn to the sublime degree, the first and last of these ceremonies being performed by Bro. Uttley, and the second by Bro. Lean, the W.M. explaining the working tools of the degree to the candidates.

Votes of thanks were subsequently proposed to Bro. Wilson, who

had presented the Lodge with two ashlar, and to Bro. Jas. Robinson W.M. 1219, who had magnanimously presented to the Lodge several splendidly bound volumes of music.

At the festive board which followed, Bro. Grimshaw proposed the health of the newly-raised brethren, saying that this was a unique occasion, the candidates in question being the first who had obtained that dignity in the Lodge, and he was sure that these three illustrious brethren would never forget it, for like the Hebrews of old, they had passed through the fire, and had emerged unscathed.

Bro. Cotton in reply said that his first duty was to thank the S.W. for the eulogy which he had uttered in favour of himself and the two brethren who had been included in the toast. Personally he had been symbolically reminded in passing through the ceremony of the Scriptural quotation, "I was a stranger and ye took me in, I was naked and ye clothed me." The two previous ceremonies had to him been delightful, and these had now culminated in an excellent third. To the officers who had shown such attention, he was especially thankful. Before joining the Craft he had often heard deprecatory statements with regard to it, but now he would be able to refute in toto such remarks.

Bro. Wood said that during his progress through the various degrees he had been so feted and toasted that he had just begun to like this feature of Masonry, and now it struck him that he was about to be relegated into obscurity, and the Officers would wipe their hands of him, which reminded him forcibly of two appropriate sayings, viz., "The king is dead, long live the king," and "Jack get up, and let John sit down." It would be difficult to describe his feelings when invested with the badge which denoted him a Mason, and if anything could tend to elevate a man it must be such knowledge. He concluded that it would be his duty to act according to the tenets of the Craft, and jealously and religiously guard its honour.

Bro. Grammer said that as a Mason he now considered that a certain amount of responsibility rested upon him. He gave a resume of what he had observed in the different degrees, and said that he had taken to heart the sublime language and teachings, which in his opinion constituted one of the most magnificent sermons ever preached.

Bro. Gould in proposing the health of the Visitors made some very excellent remarks with regard to the recent researches, which proved the early existence of Freemasonry. He also spoke of its universality, and how broad and comprehensive it is in its teachings.

Bro. Uttley W.M. and Bro. Lean also descended upon the same subject. The former said, "Masonry has witnessed the rise of revolutions and the wane of empires; it has withstood the inroads of war, the still more desolating ravages of barbarous ignorance and the depressing superstition of ancient and modern times. Through the darkness of mediæval ages Masonry was the chief lamp of knowledge that illumined the gloom of the degraded human mind; it was the nurse that fostered, the guardian that watched over the temple, that preserved amidst the grossness of Gothic ignorance that overspread the earth, all the science that survived the wrecks of Grecian and Roman empires. Freemasonry is the handmaid of peace, it is the good Samaritan of the wayside, it is the nurse in the hospital, it is the friend in distress, the help-meet of the widow and orphan."

Bro. Lean said, "The religious tendency of the Craft ceremonies is not noticeable until we come to the raising. The former degrees and their rubric went no further than mosaic lines of moral truth and virtue, which were common to the primitive and early religious systems, all of which advocated the Old Testament principles of doing good and receiving a reward here below, and finally to sleep with their fathers. But the raising of the representative of our Master, &c., gave us the first idea of resurrection, but then only to rejoin their companions. This charge opens up to us a view of the future, grand and poetic in its conception, filling our minds with the hope of a certain existence beyond the grave, and referring us to Nature itself for evidence to confirm us in faith and hope. The first lines appearing in Milton's "Paradise Lost," describing hell, the proclaiming a future which humanity cannot penetrate or define, viz.:-

"A dungeon horrible, on all sides round
As one great furnace, flamed: yet from those flames
No light, but rather darkness visible,
Served only to discover sights of woe,
Regions of sorrow, doleful shades, where peace
And rest can never dwell."

Then is introduced the idea of God as being a necessary factor in giving us light, or wisdom to prepare for the future, all emphasises the necessity for so doing by reminding us of the certainty of again being received into its cold bosom. With charming ease we are led up to our first duty, which is to obtain and reflect upon a knowledge of ourselves; by observing all the emblems of mortality which we daily meet with on every hand, and in doing so we are to be diligent, to do this while it is called to-day,—a warning again to fatal procrastination. Then we are brought back to contemplate the existence of that divine essence in man which enables him to stand forth as the crowning point of Creation, to find comfort and encouragement in the fact that being satisfied of our immortality, and having confidence in the Great Architect of the Universe, we have the certainty before us of being able to conquer our last enemy, trample him under foot, and lift our eyes in faith and hope to Him who gives peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race."

The proceedings were relieved by songs, duets, and recitations from Bros. Cotton, Wood, Berry, Ritson, and Roberts.

PICKWICK LODGE, No. 2467.

THE first meeting after the consecration was held on Friday, 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. Biningfield W.M., Nichols S.W., H. Man J.W., H. Jacobs Treasurer, W. Blake Secretary, E. Holland S.D., F. J. Blake J.D., C. Scrivener I.G., R. Brown D.C., Watson and Dyer Stewards.

The W.M. initiated five gentlemen into the Order in a most earnest manner, making a deep impression on the minds of the candidates. The Officers ably assisted the W.M. in his duties by their great attention and the perfect knowledge of their different offices.

The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The W.M. gave the toasts with commendable brevity, each being received with enthusiasm.

The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. R. M. Nichols S.W. in very glowing terms. He expressed the great pleasure they one and all felt in having Bro. Beningfield at their head. His great proficiency and excellent working would be a pattern of emulation to his officers in discharging their duties.

The W.M. thanked the S.W. and brethren for their great kindness and good wishes in very earnest terms, ending by saying that as they had a great amount of vocal talent among them he would not further detain them, but hoped they would now enjoy the harmony awaiting.

Other toasts followed.

Bro. Willie Wright having the musical arrangements under his direction proved his great abilities by the happy selection of vocal and instrumental music.

ROYAL ARCH.

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TRUTH CHAPTER, No. 731.

AT the anniversary meeting at the Masonic Hall, Derby, Comp. J. Fisher, of Burton-on-Trent, was installed as First Principal, Comp. W. H. Wright as Second, while he in turn installed Comp. J. C. Webb, Burton-on-Trent, as Third Principal. Companions J. H. Richardson, J. Jones, and G. Tarver were elected Scribe E, Scribe N, and P.S. respectively. During the evening Bros. George Sutherland and A. J. Waller were exalted. A sumptuous banquet was afterwards served.

BRENT CHAPTER, No. 1284.

AT the annual meeting held at Topsham, the installation of Z. took place in the usual form, and he then proceeded to appoint his Officers as follows: Comp. J. H. Gilbert H., F. Huddar J., W. A. Gregory P.Z. Treas., J. Ridge S.N., J. T. Way P.S., G. W. May First Asst. Soj., J. W. Reed Second Asst. Soj., C. J. Pepprell Org., W. Densham D.C., J. Nichols S.S., A. C. Abbott J.S., H. Stark Asst. Org., H. Shooter Janitor.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON CHAPTER, No. 1602.

THE installation meeting was held on the 26th ult., at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury, when the following were present:—Comps. J. Bailey Z., W. Fenton H., W. Langdale J., Jno. Weston P.Z. Treasurer, J. Osborn P.Z. S.E., W. Wright S.N., Arthur Cox Prin. Soj., C. A. Dettmar 1st Asst. Soj., James Bayne Organist, G. Coachman Janitor, R. Homar, R. V. Davies, F. J. Bird, Jno. McLaren, John Greenfield, F. A. Schanten, H. Pickett, G. F. Wheeler, J. A. Skudder, W. Barnes, T. Green; Visitors—H. Dehane M.E.Z. 862 P.Z. 890, Edward Margrett P.Z. 414.

The Chapter was opened in ancient form. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Bros. Pickett and Wheeler were exalted in a very impressive manner. The report of the Audit Committee being most satisfactory, was entered on the minutes. Comp. Bailey then installed his successor, Comp. Fenton, in a manner that impressed the Companions to a great extent, while Comp. Weston and Osborn installed Comp. Langdale H. and Comp. Wright J. The M.E.Z. invested the following Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—Comps. J. Weston Treasurer, J. Osborn S.E., T. Green S.N., A. Cox Prin. Soj., C. A. Dettmar 1st Asst. Soj., W. H. Dresden 2nd Asst. Soj., J. Bayne Organist.

Comp. Fenton, in presenting the I.P.Z. Comp. Bailey with the handsome Chapter jewel voted to him, expressed his warmest thanks to him for his excellent and perfect working, and the great interest he had taken in the welfare of the Chapter during the past year.

Comp. Bailey, expressed his thanks in a few well chosen words.

The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, hearty good wishes were accorded and the Chapter closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet, which was served in most excellent style by Companion Tuck, the manager, after which the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. Bailey in the course of proposing the M.E.Z., wished him a happy and successful year of office, and alluded to the many happy meetings they had, and how pleasant they had been, and was sure Comp. Fenton would venture to show by his zeal the interest he had in the welfare of the Chapter and Freemasonry.

The M.E.Z. expressed his thanks for the way they had received his toast. He would do his utmost to fulfil the duties of his dignified office and further the interest of the Chapter and comfort of all. But on the present occasion he would not detain them with a long speech, as under the direction of Comp. Wright, assisted by Mrs. J. A. Skudder, Miss Jessie McLaren, Bro. R. Evans, Sam Wright, and Comp. Bayne, a programme of music and singing had been provided.

The toast of the 2nd and 3rd Principals was well received.

Comp. Pickett, in responding for the Exalted, said both of them held office in the mother Lodge, and he was delighted at the beautiful ceremony he had gone through, and was never more impressed in his life—his admission was the fulfilment of a desire he had long felt to

be a Royal Arch Mason, and he hoped he would as time went on prove no discredit to the Chapter.

Comp. Wheeler also responded, and concluded by thanking them and expressing his desire to "pick it up."

Comp. Dehane for the Visitors said he heartily congratulated the Chapter on the splendid work done by the I.P.Z. Comp. Bailey, whom he had known some years, and had watched his Royal Arch career from its beginning. He was delighted and thanked him for the pleasure he had derived from his perfect work both as an Installing Officer and M.E.Z., an example which the present M.E.Z. might follow with a certainty of increasing the popularity of the Chapter.

Comp. Margrett also responded, and added his congratulations.

The toasts of the P.Z.s followed, seven out of nine being present.

Comp. Bailey scarcely knew in what language he could express his thanks. He had been actuated by the one desire—success. It had always been a special pleasure and delight to be associated with them all. In the discharge of his various duties he felt sufficiently thanked by receiving their approbation.

Comps. Weston, Bird, McLaren, and Homan responded; general appreciation of the I.P.Z. for his work was expressed by all, and kind wishes to the M.E.Z.

The Officers and Janitor's toast concluded an evening thoroughly enjoyed by all, the cordiality and kindness of the M.E.Z. being thoroughly appreciated.

ST. GEORGE CHAPTER, No. 2025.

AT the annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes Square, Plymouth, the Principals for the ensuing year were installed: Comps. A. R. Debnam Z., W. Sweet H., and H. Reynolds J. The Installing Officers were Comps. C. G. Withell P.Z. P.G. 2nd. A. Soj., J. Gifford P.Z. P.P.G. St. B., and James Gidley P.Z., assisted by the Board of Installed Principals.

At the close of the Chapter the companions adjourned to the refectory at the club, where an excellent supper was provided by the Steward, Comp. Harvey. The usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and duly honoured.

MARK MASONRY.

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GRAND LODGE.

THE Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., will be held on Tuesday, the 5th of December, when the following is the agenda:—

1. Read and, if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 5th September 1893.

2. Report of the General Board.

3. A motion will be made that the report be taken as read.

4. A motion will be made that the report be received and entered on the minutes.

5. Recommendations arising out of the report:—

That Grand Lodge do confirm Bro. G. Holman in the rank and privileges of Past Master.

Fund of Benevolence—Grants recommended.

£30 to the widow of a Brother of Lodges Brunswick, No. 48, Temple, No. 53, and Fortitude, No. 66.

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6. A motion will be proposed that the report be adopted.

7. Nomination of the M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year.

8. Nomination of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

9. Presentation of Charity jewels to the Stewards of the last Benevolent Fund Festival.

(By Order)

C. F. MATIER P.G.W.

Grand Secretary.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

THE Prince of Wales Supreme Grand Master has appointed Sir Kt. the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon Provincial Prior of Devonshire to be a Knight Commander of the Temple. His Royal Highness has deputed the Great Prior of England and Wales (the Earl of Lathom) to hold an investiture of the Order at the meeting of the National Great Priory on 8th December, when the newly-appointed Knights Grand Crosses and Knights Commanders will be invested with the insignia of their rank.

Hendon Lodge of Instruction, No. 2206.—This Lodge has taken up quarters at the Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, where the meetings will be held every Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. The opening meeting was celebrated by a supper, served by the host, Bro. Elden, in excellent style.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.

ON the 14th inst. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, paid an official visit to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 951, at Stow-on-the-Wold. By special dispensation, the date had been fixed for the annual festival of the Lodge, and the occasion was made an important one by its having been chosen for the opening and dedication of a Hall to be henceforth used for Masonic purposes. This Hall was formerly the old Grammar School building. It adjoins the church gates in Church Street. On reference to the Rev. D. Royce's *History and Antiquities of Stow*, it will be found that the Grammar School was originally founded in the reign of Edward II., 1475. In 1594, the school buildings were re-erected, as a Latin inscription upon the walls testifies, by Richard Shepham, a citizen and merchant tailor of London, and for many generations upon an endowment of £16 a year, the school discharged with more or less efficiency its educational work. The building had, however, for some years ceased to be used as a school, when as a result of an inquiry into the Stow charities held some time since, it was ordered to be sold. Fortunately the Brethren of the Prince of Wales Lodge, moved by a public and Masonic spirit upon which they are to be congratulated, banded together to preserve the venerable building from less worthy uses, and they have purchased the structure with a view of making the upper portion the habitation of their Lodge, whilst the lower shall be available for any public purpose, not being political, for which it may be required. The necessary structural alterations to fit it for these purposes have been carried out by Mr. Mark Hookham, builder, of Stow, and the internal decorations by Mr. J. Hartwell. The result is very satisfactory, and the Freemasons have control of a building at once comfortable and commodious. As showing its approval of the work undertaken by the brethren of the Prince of Wales Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, at its last meeting in Cheltenham, voted the cost of a set of Officers chairs for use in the Lodge ceremonies, and its sympathy was further evidenced by the Provincial Grand Master's presence at the opening.

In dedicating the building, the Provincial Grand Master briefly addressed the brethren upon the importance of the work they had initiated, and having declared it open, the ceremony of re-installing Bro. Henry Hollis as W.M. of the Lodge was performed by the D. Prov. G. Master Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith. Then the W.M. appointed his Officers in the usual course, and subsequently the brethren sat down to an excellently served banquet at the Talbot Hotel. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, there was a numerous attendance of Masons, those present in addition to the Prov. G. Master and his Deputy and the W.M. of the Lodge, including Bro. the Rev. E. P. Bent Past Grand Chaplain of England, J. B. Winterbottom Prov. G. Sec., and several present and past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.—*Cheltenham Examiner*.

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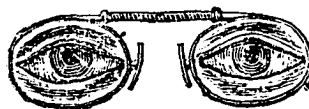
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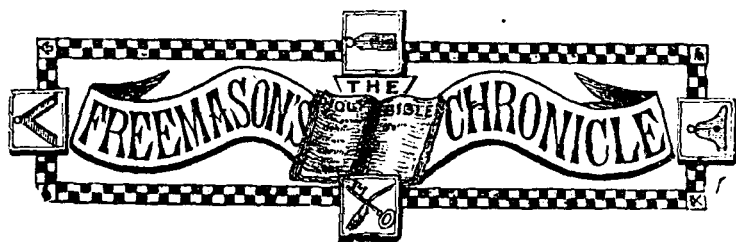
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SATURDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER 1893.

The Fund of Benevolence had heavy calls made upon it at the monthly meeting on Wednesday, no less than 59 petitions requiring consideration. After a meeting extending over $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours a total of £1,210 was voted, to fifty-one of the applicants.

We are pleased to have the opportunity of offering a special word of praise to the brethren of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1306, whose efforts on behalf of the Charities entitle them to the warmest congratulation. A great part of the success so far achieved is to be traced to the working of the Charitable Association connected with the Lodge, the contributions to the Charities from this source alone reaching the handsome total of £627 during the last three years. This is, indeed, a gratifying result, especially in view of the manner in which it is raised,—mainly by subscriptions of 1s per week!

The nomination of Bro. Shurmur for the office of Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England was one of the chief topics of conversation on the occasion of the Installation meeting of the Shurmur Chapter, held on Thursday, at Chingford. It was but natural enthusiasm should prevail at this meeting in regard to the outlook, and the probable success of the distinguished Companion who has given his name to both a Lodge and a Chapter in Essex. As we have said before he will prove a hard candidate to beat, if he goes on with his candidature, and one feeling of regret in connection with the coming contest is that two such distinguished Masons as Bro. Shurmur and Bro. W. M. Stiles should apparently act in opposition to each other by both running for the same appointment. However, we are convinced the struggle will be a friendly one and whichever wins he may rely on having the congratulations of his defeated competitor.

We offer our congratulations to Bro. John Mason, well known throughout English Freemasonry by reason of his association with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on his re-appointment to the office of Worshipful Master of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, of which he was the first W.M. It was a pleasing idea to re-appoint so distinguished a Craftsman to the chief office at the one hundredth meeting of the Lodge, and we cordially endorse the wish expressed on that occasion that he may be spared to receive a similar honour when the 200th meeting is celebrated. A report of the gathering is given elsewhere in this issue.

In another part of this issue we reprint an article from the *Catholic Times* which deserves attention chiefly because of the absurdity of the views put forward. It is very much to be regretted the Romish opponents of Freemasonry do not get a proper knowledge of their subject before they attempt to address their remarks to English audiences. To talk as did the speaker we quote, to a company of Englishmen, is very much like addressing an audience in this country and arguing with them as if they were cannibals or wild Indians. The Freemasonry known to the

fanatics of the Romish Church is as different to that of our country as our civilisation is to that of Central Africa, and to assume that it is the same thing not only displays gross ignorance, but nullifies the force of any arguments that are put forward.

Obituary.

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BRO. THE REV. JOHN ROOM, M.A., P.P.G.C.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Bro. the Rev. John Room, M.A., P.P.G.C. West Yorkshire, which occurred at Eastwood Vicarage, Keighley, on Monday night last, after a lingering illness. Born at Dewsbury on the 20th of February 1820, the poetical bent of his mind manifested itself very early, and when only fourteen years of age several of his productions had found their way into the public print. At fifteen he wrote some verses on the death of the Rev. J. Duckworth, vicar of Dewsbury, which were published in pamphlet form with immense success. A year or two later he contributed poems to the "*Family Herald*." At twenty he married, and soon after entered the scholastic profession, which he prosecuted for some seven or eight years. In 1848 he entered St. John's College, Cambridge, and graduated B.A. in January 1852, obtaining his M.A. degree forty years afterwards. In 1852 he was ordained Deacon by Dr. Longley, Bishop of Ripon, and priest the year following. The curacy to which he was ordained was Keighley, at that time under the incumbency of the Rev. W. Busfield, M.A., rector. After 15 months' service as curate, he was appointed by the Bishop to the living of Eastwood, Keighley, which he has held for thirty-nine years. A few months ago he resigned the living on account of failing health. On 20th February 1890, the deceased clergyman gave an "at home" at his newly-erected residence, in celebration of the double event of his golden wedding and his seventieth birthday, and the occasion was taken advantage of by his congregation and friends to present him with an address and an *escritoire*. During his long vicariate his poetic pen was not allowed to lie idle, for since publishing a book of "*Random Rhymes*" in 1854, he had contributed scores of pieces to the press. In 1882 he published a book entitled "*The Recollections of a Worsted Inspector*." In descriptive poetry he held a high position, and was also noted as a satirist. It is thought that his works when published will make a volume of from four to five hundred pages. Deceased was an enthusiastic Freemason, and Chaplain to the Keighley Lodge. Many years ago he was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain, a distinction of which he was always proud. The funeral of the deceased took place at Keighley, on Wednesday, when a large number of friends and Masonic brethren assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of Bro. Room. In another part of our paper will be found an In Memoriam Sonnet by Bro. Dr. Forsbaw, an old and valued friend of Bro. Room's.

BRO. THOMAS STANFORD.

ON Monday afternoon, the mortal remains of Bro. T. Stanford who was for upwards of 40 years the general manager of the Gospel Oak Ironworks, Wolverhampton, were laid to rest in the family vault at Christ Church, Coseley, amidst every token of respect. The deceased Brother, who was 74 years of age, was well known throughout the Black country, though of late years he had practically retired from public life. He had been a member of Noah's Ark Lodge for upwards of 25 years, and passed the chair therein. The funeral was attended by members of his Lodge, which also sent a handsome wreath.

Every Masonic Lodge has its Tyler (or Tiler as it is occasionally spelt) but that of the Bard of Avon can especially lay claim to call its own the newest Brother Tyler of all, in the Lord Mayor, who somewhat later than usual in life has taken upon himself the oaths, the secrets, and the duties of the ancient and mystical fraternity.

—World.

FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

"FOREIGN Freemasonry" was the subject of an interesting paper delivered by Mr. D. M. O'Connor before a large gathering of the members of the Manchester branch of the Catholic Truth Society in Bishop's House, Salford, on Tuesday night, the 14th inst. Much disappointment was occasioned by the announcement that his Lordship the Bishop of Salford had found it impossible to preside at the meeting, his chest being affected by the weather. Considering that they were deprived of the great pleasure and honour of his Lordship's presence, Dr. Casartelli moved that the Very Rev. Canon Corbishley, on whose invitation they were there, should preside. This motion was seconded by Mr. Councillor McCabe Vice-President, and carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Connor proceeded to deliver his address, the substance of which is as follows:—

Clement the 12th, on the 28th April 1738, condemned the Freemasons, and that condemnation was confirmed by Benedict the 14th in his *Providias Romanorum* of 8th May 1751, and afterwards by Pius the 7th, Leo the 12th, Pius the 9th, and by Leo the 13th in his *Humanum Genus* of 20th April 1884, and his *Encyclical* of 15th October 1890. Considering the origin of Masonry, the speaker said, perhaps the most general opinion found the origin of Masonry in the Templars, and it would appear not a little if the cast-off clothing of that discredited body was worn by the society. Some would have Cromwell and his fellows for their forefathers, others the Crusaders, the Druids, the builders of Solomon's Temple, while many cast longing eyes on the Eleusinian mysteries, the rites of Memphis or Heliopolis. Bolder spirits gave the Gymnosophists of India the credit of their origin, though no one less than Adam himself would satisfy at least two writers. The simplest theory was, "God made light: therefore, God was the first Mason." But the founder of modern Speculative Masonry lies in an exile's grave outside the small village of Lucavia, not far from Cracow, on whose grave these words might be deciphered,

"Tota licet Babylon destruxit tecta Sathanas,
Muros Calvinus: sed fundamenta Cocinius."

Luther unroofed Catholicism; Calvin laid its walls; but its foundations Socinius destroyed. What were the ideals Freemasonry had evolved from the principles Socinus left it? He would show them on the authority of Masons themselves. In his ritual of Masonic apprenticeship the learned Mason Ragon, an admitted authority, said "Freemasonry is a universal society submissive to the laws of each country. In every state, as in each Lodge it is a close body composed of the elite of men; a society, the basis of whose doctrine is the love of God under the style of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the love of mankind. Its rule the religion of nature and the universal mortality. Its motive, truth, light, liberty. Its principle, equality, fraternity and benevolence. Its means, persuasion and good example. Its fruit, in virtue, fellowship and progress. Its aim, the protection and happiness of humanity which it tends to unite under one flag. Its centre is wherever the human race exists." The German Seydel and Jonast, in his history of the Grand Orient of France, accorded with this. But their impression of this society would depend upon how far below the surface they could reach. Mr. Morley in his book "On Compromise" said "at the bottom of all the great discussions of modern society lie two momentous questions, whether there is a God; and whether the soul is immortal." "The basis of Masonic doctrine," said Ragon, "Is the love of God." The God of the Masons," cried the Mason Proudhon in his book entitled "Justice in Revolutions and in the Church," "is neither substance, cause, soul, Creator, Father, Word, Love, Paraclete, Redeemer or devil. . . . No altar, no images, no sacrifice, no prayer, no sacrament, no forgiveness, no mysteries, no priesthood, no profession of faith, no creed. Freemasonry is not a church, it rests neither on dogma or worship. It affirms nothing reason cannot clearly comprehend, and it only respects humanity. The theology of the Lodge, in a word, is the antithesis of theology." He was the man who wrote, "God is an evil; property, theft and government, capital and Catholicism, the three instruments of anarchy." He was an atheist whose idea was:—"Man, sovereign in his cottage home, independent of God and man!" Another form of his

brother Mason, Banqui's cry: "Neither God nor master." Worthy words for a revolutionist and hideous traitor to his friends. The initials representing. "To the glory of the great Architect of the universe," appended to the statutes and most solemn acts issued by the Lodges, had no value whatever. On the death of King Leopold the Lodge of the Grand Orient of Belgium displayed the device "The soul, emanating from God, is immortal." The Lodge "Steadfast," of Louvain, complained bitterly of this "violation of liberty of conscience by this profession of two dogmas—the existence of God and the immortality of the soul." The following official announcement stilled the troubled waters: "Since the preceding year the Grand Orient, in a circular addressed to every Lodge in its obedience, had professed the principle of liberty of conscience without limit, and that consequently it did not belong to it to establish in point of religion or philosophy a body of doctrine to which our brothers are compelled to adhere. If the principle of the immortality of the soul appear in the ritual or in the formularies, if the idea of God be there produced under the style of the Great Architect of the universe it is because they are traditions of the Order, but never has the Grand Orient imposed or proclaimed a dogma on either of these points. In our days it would be childish to insist, under pretext of a formula which has no meaning and holds no conscience, upon mooted questions which do not admit of any solution. About the same time the utility of the formula was questioned in France, when Bremond, a councillor of the Order, thus expressed himself: "Masonry does not impose these two beliefs, but she keeps them and proclaims them as she retains the honour of proclaiming and preserving the motto which says, 'all men are free, equal, and brothers.' As for Italy, in the Constituent Assembly Brother D'Ayala had a scruple of logic, not of conscience, which was settled by the Grand Master, as follows: "We invoke the G.A.O.T.U., it is true, but that is nothing but a generic expression which offers any one opportunity of reverting to the first cause. The oath is likewise addressed to this being, whom one appreciates according to his individual belief." And this was confirmed on several occasions. In 1835 in Italy the Mason Malegari wrote to his fellow-Mason, Dr. Breidstein, that the secret Supreme Chief had ordered two of their members who hated Catholicity to take Holy Communion, and it was stated as a well-known fact that count Cavour, the better to cajole Italy and Catholic Europe, gave orders that the Masonic press should proclaim him a sincere Catholic. The Carbonari was the advance guard of Masonry in Italy, and in 1822 a Lodge was inaugurated by a Jew, Piccolo-Tigre, who declared the Masonic Lodge to be the recruiting ground for the Carbonari. Another leader of the same Lodge boldly announced the Masonic method of sapping Catholicity and monarchy. Said he, "popularise vice amongst the masses. Let them breathe it in by the five senses. Let them drink it in. Let them be saturated with it. . . . Make hearts vicious. It is a widespread corruption we have undertaken; the corruption of the people by the clergy, and of the clergy by us." In further explanation of his loathsome policy he said it was true in a sense that to bring down Catholicism they would have to suppress woman, but as they would not suppress woman let them corrupt her. That Masonry was opposed to Christianity many Masons also proved. One of the Masonic reviews for the year 1848 proclaimed openly that, "Excepting a few private Lodges the great majority of the Order not only do not admit Christianity, but even oppose it to the death. From this they would infer that Masonry would display a powerful lasting opposition to Catholicity, and they would be correct. Mr. O'Connor, continuing, said—Founded undoubtedly within the bounds of Christianity, Freemasonry had pushed beyond all limits, mental and moral. Finding the personality of God a curb it made God an idea. When as an idea He led to misapprehension. He was retained as a motto or generic expression until the idea of God and the soul lapsed into a meaningless unreality. Masonry had sacrificed its belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. Its pretensions to that belief was only one of the many frauds avowedly practised by its members. It was opposed to the merest idea of Christianity. The deadliest hatred of its members was for Catholicity, and the object of their corrupting influence was exactly the same all over the Continent. No wonder Freemasonry was under the ban of the Catholic Church. There was only one power on earth which could successfully combat the Masonic power. Amid the surging flood

of insensate licence one beacon alone stood out as a warning to the perishing. True shepherds of the Fold of Christ, the Popes, friendless and unthanked, fearless and alone, they had withstood the flood, despised friends of humanity who alone were conscience free. They alone knew true liberty, they alone were saviours of society and guardians of the rights of man.

Votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.—*Catholic Times*.

MASONIC TRIALS.

THERE is some misconception of the meaning of the technical term in Masonic jurisprudence of Masonic Trials.

A Freemason in good standing is amenable to his Lodge or any other lawfully warranted and duly constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, within the jurisdiction of which he may have violated any Masonic duty imposed on him and he voluntarily agreed to perform.

Intelligent Masons will understand that this subject cannot be thoroughly explained in writing, or in print. It can only be orally treated. Imposed Masonic duties are those which were created by the Mason of his own free will and accord on his consent thereto, without any implied qualification. Absolute agreement and consent sealed the compact he made with Freemasonry. The terms of this compact bind each Mason to all his brethren. He cannot misunderstand these duties as they were fully expressed to him. The acts which they forbid were plainly set forth. The duties they enjoined were emphatically stated.

If the Committee of Inquiry on the application of the person applying must have been satisfied, if it properly discharged its duty, that he was of sufficient intelligence to comprehend the instruction given him on the E.A. and on his advancement from it to the M.M. then there is no excuse.

The duties therefore that every Mason is bound to perform are plainly known by him.

The violation of any one of them is, in Masonry, a Masonic offence.

Take any of the duties enjoined in the initiation, they are plainly, positively, fully, concisely, created, expressed and enjoined, and most sincerely and solemnly agreed to. There is no possibility of evasion. This compact, as we here have to use the phrase, is inviolable. It cannot be annulled, nor can the Mason ever be absolved from its strict performance.

The Lodge is the only human authority that can have cognisance of or try the Mason who violates any one of these duties. Any violation is a Masonic offence, and a Masonic Lodge the only earthly tribunal which can administer the law of Masonry. To try the accused by the rules of Masonic jurisprudence, and inflict the Masonic penalty, is exclusively within the province of a Masonic Lodge. Profane tribunals can by no possibility take jurisdiction over the Mason or his offence. For whatever the Masonic charge may be, it is limited to the violation of a duty created by Freemasonry, committed by a Freemason and can only therefore be subject to the jurisdiction of the laws, regulations and jurisprudence of Freemasonry.

If a Mason then violates a law of profane society, does any act which is prohibited by profane law, he is triable only by profane courts. A Lodge has no jurisdiction over the Mason or his crime. This distinction must never be overlooked. To regard it is the certain method of preventing such a conflict of authority as might give colour to an effort of profane tribunals to attempt to exercise authority over Masonic offences. This never will be permitted by the Masonic Fraternity. It was tried by the Legislature of Pennsylvania for political effect and failed. The anti-Masonic effort to force the confession of the esoteric teachings of Masons was met by the denial of the leading members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, that profane law was operative on the Masonic action of any member of the Society of Freemasons.

A Lodge can therefore only take lawful Masonic cognisance of a violation of a plain, positive Masonic offence, which is circumscribed within the limits of a violated Masonic duty. If a Mason commits the crime of murder he can only be tried by the profane courts; the jurisprudence of Masonry does not make murder, a felonious killing of a human being, a violation of a Masonic duty.

So, too, with forgery, perjury, larceny, embezzlement or obtaining property by false pretences. They are crimes against social security and the rights of all members of the social organism.

The Masonic offence is thus one against Masonic law, duties created by that law, or the landmarks of Masonry.

If a Mason has by acts committed against profane laws made himself a reproach to the Masonic Fraternity, the Lodge may bring charges against him for conduct unbecoming a Mason, conduct that brings discredit on the Fraternity, and thus impairs the confidence of the profane in Masonic teachings and weakens its just influence.

The charge thus made may be stated in the specifications which disclose it. The record of a profane court may be evidence to prove a specification. Masonry demands that its members shall live in obedience to the law of virtue, morality and a decent respect for the opinions of mankind.

A Mason who sets all these regulations at defiance by his acts as a citizen, is unfit to continue in the association with his brethren. This, however, is to be heard, determined, judged and punished by the jurisprudence and principles of Freemasonry. For all this Masonic trials are instituted. Therefore Masonic trials are exclusively for Masonic offences.—*Keystone*.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 77.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

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In Memoriam.

WOR. BRO. THE REV. JOHN ROOM, M.A., P.P.G.C.
BORN 20TH FEBRUARY 1820. DIED 21ST NOVEMBER 1893.

Across that Valley dark and dull and drear,
His loving soul has winged its earthly flight;
And now he sees full flamed and bright and clear
The hallowed beauty of The Master's Light.
The poet and the preacher is not dead—
His spirit dwells in Mansions of the Blest;
Like that of ancient Proté's it has "fled
Into some Better Land of Joy and Rest."
Then why lament and why with doleful grief
Breathe mournful numbers over Kibbel's plain—
Be not regretful—have ye not belief?
Our Brother now is but reborn again.
His voice is silent here, but there it sings
New songs, new praises, to the King of Kings.

Winder House, Bradford,
20th November 1893.

A Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales, &c., of which the Earl of Euston, 33°, is Grand Master, will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 5 p.m. By permission of the M.W.G.M., all regularly registered members of the Allied Degrees are invited to be present. A notice of motion has been given by Bro. John J. Green W.M. Prince Edward Council, T.I.—"That an alteration be made in the Book of Constitutions enabling any Council to commute the Annual Dues by the payment of the sum of 7s 6d to Grand Council for each Member," after which the presiding officer will proceed to appoint and invest the Grand Officers. After the closing of Grand Council, the Degree of Grand Tyler of King Solomon will be conferred in full on all Members of the Order of St. Lawrence the Martyr, who may forward their names to the Grand Secretary not later than 28th November. A banquet will be provided at the Freemasons' Tavern, at seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master has consented to preside.

The Duke of Connaught will on Saturday be installed Provincial Prior of Sussex Freemasons, at the Hotel Métropole, Brighton. The ceremony will be performed by the Earl of Euston, Grand Sub Prior of England and Wales. The Duke, who is Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, will attend the meeting of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, and be present at the banquet in the evening.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 25th November.

1534 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew
1679 Henry Mugeridge, Anderton's, Fleet Street
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
R.A. 176 Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
R.A. 1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
R.A. 1623 West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham
1146 De Moulham, Mowlem Institute, Swanage
1462 Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1570 St. James, George Hotel, Enfield
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley
2201 Earl of Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2321 Carrington, Crown Hotel, Amersham
R.A. 178 Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield
R.C. Stanhope, Queen's Hotel, Chester

Monday, 27th November.

Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.
28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
79 Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
222 St. Andrews, Albion Aldersgate Street
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1615 Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, W.
1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1745 Farrington Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828 Shepherd's Bush, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1910 Shadwell Clarke, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
2396 Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 188 Joppa, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
M.M. 5 Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.

48 Industry, Masonic Hall, Gateshead
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
401 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey
567 Loyal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Callington
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
999 Robert Burns, Albion Hotel, Manchester
1110 Tyrian, Gildredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177 Tenby, Masonic Hall, Tenby, Pembroke
1218 Fr. Alfred, Commercial, Mosley, Manchester
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1477 Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1688 Buxton, Palace Hotel, Buxton
1741 Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss
1752 Ogmere, Wyndham Arms H., Bridgeend, Glam.
1753 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton
1861 Claremont, Masonic Hall, Croydon
1901 Agricola, Masonic Rooms, Castlegate, York
2257 Powell, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
2363 Minnehaha Minstrels, Victoria Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester
2373 Hardwick, Star Hotel, Chesterfield
2420 Research, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
R.A. 219 Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 241 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 321 Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 395 Guys, Masonic Rooms, Leamington
R.A. 411 Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 889 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1754 Tennant, Masonic Hall, Penarth
M.M. 146 Moore, Athenaeum, Lancaster

Tuesday, 28th November.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
46 Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street
141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165 Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205 Israel, City Terminus Street Hotel, E.C.
259 Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole, W.C.
1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel
1349 Ebury, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1441 Ivy, Surrey M. Hall, Camberwell New Road.
1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2109 Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly
2424 St. Stephen's, Green Man Assembly Rooms, Dartmouth Row, Lewisham.
R.A. 21 Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall St.
R.A. 180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall
R.A. 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 548 Wellington, Bridge House H., Southwark
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
R.C. 29 Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.
253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
293 King's Friends, Lamb Hotel, Nantwich
209 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
378 Loyal Welsh, Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock
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497 St. Cybi, Masonic Hall, Holyhead
554 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport

1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1052 Callander, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1358 Torbay, Lodge Rooms, Polsham, Paignton
1399 Whitwell, Masonic Hall, Millom
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1506 Elkington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1699 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1670 Rose of Ruby, South Mm. Hall, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1834 Duke of Connaught, F.M.H., Landport
1912 Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton, Staff.
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2323 Albert Victor, F.M.H. St. Saviourgate, York.
2339 Mistle, White Hart Hotel, Manningtree
2358 Mona, M.H., Castletown, Isle of Man.
2405 Ionic, Masonic Rooms, St. Helier's, Lanc.

R.A. 74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 124 Concord, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 721 Grosvenor, Masonic Chambers, Chester
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 960 Sir George Elliot, M.H., Cardiff
R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Wednesday, 29th November.

898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
187 Royal Sussex of Hospitality, F.M.H., Bristol
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Commercial Hotel, Non Moor
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
730 Ellesmere, Town Hall, Chorley
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Clockheaton
851 Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Assembly Rooms, Worthing
996 Soudes, Masonic Hall, East Dereham
1083 Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Old Boar's Head, Manchester
1253 Ryburn, M.H., Central Bldg., Sowerby Bridge
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1714 Albert Edward, Cambridge Hotel, Camberley
1775 Leopold, Commercial Hotel, Church
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Clarence H., Teddington
1863 Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, So nerset
1959 Stirling, Mkt. Hall, Cleator Moor, Cum riland
2034 Smith Child, Town Hall, Taunton, Staff.
2186 Striguil, Masonic Hall, Nelson St., Chepstow
2259 St. Nicholas, Peace Hall, W. Yorkshire
2279 Thornham, Half-way House, Thornham
R.A. 322 Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 329 Brotherly Love, Chonghs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 376 Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, M.H., Ipswich
R.A. 2169 Prince Edward, Ass. Hall, Heaton Moor
M.M. 21 Howe, George Hotel, Melt in Mowbray
M.M. 178 Wiltshire Keystone, M.H., Devizes
R.C. Philips, Masonic Rooms, Atherton, Lanc.

Thursday, 30th November.

House Committee R.M.B.I., Croydon, at 3
General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 4.
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch St.
2192 Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
2261 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
256 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bæup
590 La Cezarec, Masonic Temple, Jersey
636 D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Newport
807 Cabell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Rotherham
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek

1151 St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Tywardreath
1169 Clarendon, Wellington Hotel, Hyde
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport
1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
1514 Thornhill, Masonic Hall, Lindley
1519 Albert Edward, Albion, near Accrington
1578 Merlin, Masonic Hall, Pontypridd
1630 St. Michael, Queen's Hotel, Coventry
1713 Castle Martin, Assembly Rooms, Pembroke
1817 St. Andrew, Cambridge Hotel, Shobury, Essex
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 303 Benevolent, Holland's Road, Teignmouth
R.A. 337 Confidence, Masonic Hall, Upper Mill
R.A. 360 Northampton, Mas. Hall, Northampton
R.A. 448 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
R.A. 1395 Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
K.T. 34 Albert, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale

Friday, 1st December.

706 Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich
590 Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1275 Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1459 M. of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.
1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 254 Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole, W.C.
M.M. 8 Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44 Friendship, Albion Hotel, Manchester
212 St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster
306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Gt. George St., Leeds
521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, Crown Ch., Newbury
601 St. John, Charlton Arms, Wellington, Salop
709 Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
751 Eastnor, Masonic Rooms, Leebury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester

936 Adair, Private Room, Aldeburgh
993 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Copper St., Manchester
1098 Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal
1230 Barnard, Masonic Hall, Barnard Castle
1333 Atholstan, Town Hall, Atherston, Warwick
1375 Architect, Mas. Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1561 Morecambe, King's Arms, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Freemasons' H., Gosforth
1754 Windsor, M.H., Llandow, P. earth
1839 Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, Drill Hall, Wolverhampton.

2378 Carnarvon, Eagle and Child Inn, Lland, Lancashire.

2433 Minerva, Masonic Chambers, Birkbech

R.A. 170 All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 359 Peace, F.M.H., Albion Ter., Southampton
R.A. 632 Concord, Masonic Hall, Trowbridge
R.A. 1466 Hoya Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

Saturday, 2nd December.

142 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1623 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1949 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park
R.A. 975 Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew

209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Town Hall, Redhill
1393 Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
1453 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester
1466 Hoya Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1550 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth
2450 Loxfield, Maiden's Head Hotel, Uckfield

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Saturday, 25th November.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.,
193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,
1293 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1361 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney,
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 27th November.

22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 8
190 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 7
211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, at 8
213 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
513 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junc.
1339 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, 212 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1419 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7'30
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30
1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 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, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hotel, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, Town Hall, S.W., 7'30
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8
2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8

Tuesday, 28th November.

25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 8
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6'45
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
138 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
920 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8'30
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
1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30,
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1510 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1633 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
1767 Kensington, Seardsdale Arms Ho., Kensington
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1940 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.
East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Road, 8

Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6.30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1305 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 29th November.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7.30
05 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knighttrider St.
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
103 Confidence, Swan's Nest, Moorgate Street, 7
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater,
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7.30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 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, 518 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
1681 Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Harvey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8.30
1791 Creaton, Wheatshaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1923 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7.30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
2348 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton St., W., 7.30
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7.30
M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 30th November.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7.30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E., 7
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7.30
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 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
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6.30
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Cambo. W. 11.8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7.45
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7.30
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5.30
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, Cock Tavern, N., 8

Friday, 1st December.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
167 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7.30
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew 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., 8
1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7.30
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, 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, 2nd December.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine'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
1283 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, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7.30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

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