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Rule 210—Exclusion.



BEFORE the endeavour of Bro. J. F. H. Woodward to amend the somewhat ambiguous reading of Rule 210, which treats of the "mode of permanent exclusion" from lodge membership, is altogether shelved, as it appears likely will be the case, it would be, in our opinion, to the advantage of the Craft generally if a careful consideration of the regulation as it now stands, and of the amendment suggested, were given without personal bias or the influence of debate in Grand Lodge. There, unfortunately, the limit of time wherein to properly and fairly discuss important questions arising out of our system of Jurisprudence prevents the necessary conception in many minds of the nature of the arguments adduced for or against any projected measure of reform, and the voting power is more frequently than not exercised before judgment is sufficiently matured. We think something of this character has caused the total rejection of our worthy brother's motion to amend the rule which, as it affects the individual character and position of each member of the Masonic Order, is probably the most important of the 312 sections which comprise the General Laws and Regulations for the Government of the Craft under the English Constitution.

Let us dissect that Rule:—"Every Lodge has the power to permanently exclude any of its members for sufficient cause, provided that such member *shall have received* (italics are ours) due notice *in writing* of the complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, when he may attend and be heard." Here is a distinct proviso without the observance of which no action can be taken. We can find no clause which determines the mode in which the fact of due notice having been received

shall be substantiated or even presumed. It is positive that the member "shall have *received* due notice," and proof that same has been sent to him does not comply with the regulation; nor would Bro. Woodward's proposal that such notice should be sent by a registered letter, and a post office receipt for same produced, be "evidence" of the absolute fact of receipt by the person implicated, unless indeed such receipt were signed by the addressee himself, which is not invariably the case. So that to render this part of Rule 210 effective, a clause for substituted service appears to be absolutely necessary to secure, in the words of Bro. Woodward, "some finality as to a lodge's responsibility, as regards service of the notice, which should be accepted by the Board of General Purposes in case of appeal."

We are assuming that the necessity for sending any such notice at all arises from some gross act of moral turpitude or aggravated Masonic offence, which, if proved, could not be purged by other than the penultimate penalty of exclusion. We hold that even in such case the actions of the presumed delinquent Brother should be of such importance as to justify, on proof, the infliction by Grand Lodge itself of the ultimate penalty—Exclusion—and if desired, and justice requires it, that is secured by direct reference to the Board of General Purposes. But if the power of exclusion is sought to be exercised on a question of non-payment of Lodge dues, then we say the application of Rule 210 is needless, for the ordinary provisions of the Bye Laws of most, if not all, of our Lodges are, or should be, sufficient for the exclusion from membership of any one or other of them, and the necessity for its amendment on that ground does not exist.

The next clause of Rule 210, and the only other with which we are now immediately concerned, says: "This power of exclusion can only be exercised by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present."

Bro. Woodward contends that to this clause should be added the words "who vote," the effect of which would be that all others present, when after discussion the question is put from the chair, are to be placed in the category of absentees. In this contention we cannot agree with our worthy brother, and are disposed to consider Bro. Samuel Pope's remarks on the subject unanswerable. He says: "It is conceivable that brethren present may not be able to make up their minds to exclude, but still hesitate to vote so as to express any toleration of the conduct objected to." And when we reflect on the serious importance of the resultant verdict on the individual brother to be affected thereby, it is not only reasonable, but kind and consistent with our masonic principles, as well as abstract justice, that the defendant should have the benefit of the doubt. There is

also to be taken into account the possibility—we might fairly say the probability—that, whilst entertaining the belief that the malfeasance of the incriminated brother deserves severe censure, it may not merit the infliction of the severest penalty, and those who entertain doubt on either point should, by their abnegation of their voting-power, be counted as favouring the retention of the erring brother on the roll of members of the lodge. For our part, and in view of what the penalty sought to be inflicted masonically means, if any alteration to this clause were necessary, which we do not think is the case, we would rather see the proportion of “excluding” voters raised to two-thirds of the number of brethren on the roll of members irrespective of all absentees or non-voters.

We are in full agreement with Bro. Woodward and his supporters as to the necessity for expressing in our laws and regulations the fullest meaning which can be attached to each requirement in respect of Masonic procedure; and that if the same be not generally understood, fitting amendments should be made. In regard to the first portion of Rule 210 there is, no doubt, reason for alteration. As to the second, it is explicit enough, as intending that “all present,” whether passive or active, are to be considered in the final decision, and that unless two-thirds of the total number say “Aye” the “Noes” have it.

It is possible that this question may be again brought before Grand Lodge. If so, it is to be hoped that any honest attempt to make plain that which is at present confused, may not be met by unmasonic expressions. “Tinkering,” applied to a Brother desirous of amending that which he thinks in the interest of the Craft requires amendment, is not a pleasant epithet to hear in the course of debate; and we do not wonder that a somewhat general feeling exists that the distinguished brother, who, probably in the heat of argument did not readily hit upon a less offensive word, should have been called upon to withdraw it. It is also a pity that a too strict adherence to parliamentary form and custom, not universally understood by the members of Grand Lodge, should have misled some who would otherwise have made the answer to the enquiry of the M.W.G.M. in the chair not quite so apparently unanimous in their negative as is supposed.

The Qualifications of our Members.

COMMUNICATED.

(Continued from page 220.)

IN our previous article under this heading we dwelt upon the qualifications necessary for admission to the ranks of our Order, and also those which ought to be possessed by all who are elected to the offices connected with our private lodges, pointing out that in this latter case “merit and ability” should be the first consideration of those in whom the power of appointment is vested. It goes without saying that any, and every, thing must be first learnt before it can be taught, and, as our readers must be aware, a good deal of “learning” is necessary for the acquisition of the various set sentences and phrases which it is imperatively necessary for any lodge officer to be thoroughly cognizant of, if he wishes to do himself and his companions credit. As we have said, there is no lack of Lodges of Instruction all over the country, and many of our brethren take advantage of the opportunities afforded them thereby of gaining Masonic education, but we would submit that there is room for reformation in some of these. “Qualifications” are of the highest import so far as preceptors are concerned, and any brother accepting such a position ought to be thoroughly *au fait* with every detail of craft ceremonial and ritual. Many of our worthy brethren are, without doubt, so qualified, but, on the other hand, some are not. In many cases an amount of pedantry is apparent, verbiage familiar only to the preceptor and his regular students is used, often in the most autocratic manner, innovations introduced and omissions insisted upon in accordance with his lights, frequently utterly wrong, so that the student who has, as he may have fondly imagined, been acquiring the knowledge he so diligently sought, finds himself, on visiting another Lodge (fancying himself well coached), confronted by a mass of alterations, corrections, interweavings and differences; and is as much at sea as students of old Lindley Murray are amongst grammarians of the present day. This, our readers must admit, is not as it should be; but how can it be rectified, they ask? Well, for much, the members of our Lodges of Instruction have no one but themselves to blame. In them is vested the power of appointment of their teachers, and care ought to be exercised in using this power. The office, though purely a labour of love, should only be filled after mature consideration and deduction, bearing in mind that besides the knowledge, which is the primary consideration, a preceptor ought to possess as qualifications both “tact and temper.” We know of many Lodges of Instruction which, from a flourishing condition, have become like “the deserted village” simply through change in the preceptorship, the new-comer not happily uniting these in his person; but beyond all this we would point

out that a more sweeping and radical reform could be, and the day is approaching when it will have to be, effected. For years past the question of uniformity of ritual has from time to time cropped up; suggestions have been made and resolutions passed dealing with the subject, but at these points it appears that all efforts have ceased, for nothing whatever has been done to put into practical shape or carry out, the suggested, and much-to-be-desired end. Why this apathetic neglect has been displayed we know not; certainly an universal authorised version would be preferable to those concocted by many of our preceptors. Quite recently several lodges have had this subject under consideration, and on the 29th ult. the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man received the following “recommendation” from the Spencer Walpole Lodge: “That with a view to securing uniformity of working, the Provincial Grand Lodge be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to promote the holding of combined Lodges of Instruction.” It was, at the same time, pointed out that in some lodges there were variations in working which would be better removed, and the whole province brought to work on one uniform system. This recommendation was referred to a representative committee, and we trust, for the good of the craft in general, that a step will be taken in the direction suggested, and which will only be the precursor of similar ones affecting the Instruction Lodges nearer home. The question is, of course, a large one to deal with, but surely with the organization at command, and cheerful co-operation on the part of all interested, the difficulties of arrangement which at the first blush may appear insurmountable could be overcome, and the anomaly at present existing done away with. We commend for serious consideration to the whole craft the action of the Spencer Walpole Lodge. If similar representations could be made by our multifarious Provincial Lodges to their Grand Lodges, and thus the whole question be brought prominently forward, we do not think any great length of time would elapse before this, as we consider, imperatively necessary result would be attained; meanwhile the instruction vouchsafed is as diversified as Joseph’s many coloured coat, for a good deal of which we have to thank certain preceptors and their so-called qualifications, as well as the laxity which has allowed variations to creep in, apparently without any other authority than their good pleasure.

Our final remarks on the subject of this article may be approved by some, reprobated by others, still as they are, we consider, very germane to the matter, they may not be altogether ill-timed.

For a long time past, Grand Lodge honours have been distributed in a manner which has, to our knowledge, evoked a spirit of hostile criticism amongst many members of the craft, members in all stations of life, even including those whose names have become household words amongst us. It is stated, we think rightly, that in conferring such honours the external advantages of rank and fortune have been made more a *sine qua non* than merit and ability. Cases have occurred in which young sprigs of nobility, the *jeunesse dorée*, have been pitchforked into high office and prominent position for no other reason than their social standing. Brethren who, in scores of ways, have unwearingly for years given, and that ungrudgingly, their most earnest efforts for the furtherance of the interest of the craft, have been passed aside; sometimes entirely ignored, sometimes with a half-apologetic minor recognition; and find, though they have borne the burden and heat of the day, some practically newly-made brother is awarded the fruit which they, with justice, ought to have gathered. We do not know the circumstances under which appointments to the higher offices of our order are advised to our M.W.G.M., or who proposes and makes them, but it is nevertheless a fact that, whoever may be responsible for such appointments, would do well to consider the advisability of making some alteration in the system which appears to regulate choice, and so avoid causing feelings nearly akin to bitter resentment in the breasts of those who, though amply fitted in every respect to sustain dignity and discharge high office, are ignored in favour of those whose sole (apparent) “qualification” is the advantage of having, vulgarly speaking, “friends at court.”

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF H. J. WHYMPER’S “RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY.”—(See page 236.)

THIS is not all. The Ritual proceeds to give reasons *why* the Mason is to accept it as his authority through life, by stating that the Almighty has been pleased to reveal *more of his Divine word and will in that Holy Book than by any other means*. Now the height of absurdity would be reached if it were insisted on that this Ritual was ever meant to apply where several sacred volumes were under consideration. If it is Masonic, as we ourselves believe it to be, to try to make men earnest by living up to their religious belief, no matter what that belief may be, how could such an end be attained by the misuse of this Ritual, or by interpreting it in any sense save in that conveyed by the strict words we have employed?

It is not an altogether insignificant circumstance that the Mark Degree which now flourishes as a side or independent Degree was once, or some portion of it was once, part of the original Fellow Craft Degree. It is not now recognised by the Craft proper in England, but it is the Fourth Degree in American Freemasonry, coming between the Third and the Royal Arch. There is some doubt as to what portion of the Mark Degree was used in the Second, but it is tolerably certain that the Christian allusion to “the stone rejected by the builders becoming the head-stone of the corner,” was used in Craft Masonry.*

* We are aware that our contention of the former connection between the Mark and Second Degrees is not admitted by all Masonic Students. This argument is therefore one of those to which we have already alluded, as subject to rejection without materially diminishing the mass of evidence on which we rely.

Another noticeable circumstance is that the Grand Lodge of All England, held at York, recognised five Degrees in 1779. These were—

- 1st. The Apprentice Degree.
- 2nd. The Fellow Craft Degree.
- 3rd. The Master Mason's Degree.
- 4th. The Royal Arch.
- 5th. The Knight Templar Degree.*

The full significance of this arrangement of the Degrees will be evident to every Christian Freemason.

We would now draw the attention of those brethren who hold that Freemasonry has no religious import to certain references in the Ritual. The first working tool with which the Entered Apprentice is presented is, amongst other uses, to mark that portion of time which should be passed in prayer to Almighty God; we fear that the lapse of time has made some Masons forget this, or they could hardly argue or assert that Freemasonry has no religious significance. The second working tool, in a similar manner, is so to be used that our words and actions may ascend unpolluted to the Throne of Grace. Has not this been forgotten? Passing to the Second Degree, the tools there presented to the brother are to be so applied, symbolically, that the candidate may hope to ascend to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates.

In the Third Degree we are reminded of the straight and undeviating line of conduct laid down for our pursuit in the Volume of the Sacred Law. Is any Mason satisfactorily assured that in every volume in this world, esteemed as sacred by some section or other of the community, there is a straight and undeviating line of conduct laid down? We do not ask, has some one or other asserted that this is the case? but we ask the brethren who use this formula, do they possess any knowledge which carries with it the required conviction? The two tools, the last, which are next presented to the brother are to remind us of God's unerring and impartial justice. We here admit that as He has defined in the Bible certain limits of good and evil, we shall be rightly punished if we disregard His divine commands. What we have stated must be familiar to every Mason, and it is impossible to apply this teaching to all sacred volumes, or to all that are so esteemed; the application can only be to the Bible.

There is one circumstance to which we think sufficient attention has not been paid, and which supports our arguments used in other places. This is the great difference in the obligations of performance expected from the Fellow-Craft as compared with the Apprentice Freemason. We find Preston and Emulation working agree regarding this.

After his initiation the neophyte is recommended to seriously contemplate the Volume of the Sacred Law; he is charged to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate his actions by the divine precepts it contains. This point is of the highest importance in considering what are the duties of a brother, who is not a Christian at the time of his initiation. The Ritual makes it perfectly clear that neither at, nor after, his initiation is the brother obliged to support principles of which he was, previously thereto, ignorant. He is, in effect, merely charged, recommended to be a Christian, for the words used can only refer to the Christian's Bible.

It is obvious that after their disclosure he might disapprove of those principles and decline to conform to them without prejudice to his status as an Apprentice, but the position is changed when the Second Degree is taken. In taking this Degree a distinct approval of the principles of the First is given. To make sure of this a preliminary and solemn engagement is exacted that the principles inculcated in the First Degree, which, as we have shown include Christianity, will be maintained. In the Charge after Passing the Craftsman is told that he is bound to perform certain duties, and that in his new character it is expected that he will conform to the principles of the Order.

* See quotation from Minute Book, Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite," p. 68.

(To be continued).

REVIEW.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR 1889.
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Is a most comprehensive and useful work of reference, as well as an efficient pocket book and diary for Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Master Masons, attached to the several lodges working under the English Constitutions at home and abroad. The members of Rose Croix Chapters, Knight Templar Preceptories, and Red Cross Conclaves, and also Freemasons connected with the Scotch, Irish, and most of the foreign Grand Lodges, will find in it abundant information of considerable interest. The present is the nineteenth year of its publication, and a continual reference to its pages during all that period has proved it to ourselves to be as nearly perfect in respect of the information afforded as could be possibly expected, having regard to the continuous changes taking place in removals of lodges, alteration of dates of meetings, and the substitution of newly-appointed officers of Grand Lodges for those named in it. The Diary of Metropolitan Lodges shows at a glance the forthcoming meetings of the several lodges, and affords space for the entry of engagements. We commend the work for its utility, not only to those who have availed themselves of former issues, but also to those new members of our Order who may desire more general information than they could otherwise obtain, without much difficulty and loss of time. Its price (2s.) brings it within the reach of all.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE

BRO. DR. ROB. MORRIS, MASONIC POET LAUREATE,

BY BRO. JNO. K. HALL.

And thou art gone,
And Masonry has lost
A Pillar from her Temple.
And while a Mason lives
The memory of Rob. Morris ne'er will die.
Through opposition he has fought his way,
And spent a life in deeds of usefulness.
No selfish motive ever had a place
In all his acts of charity and love;
He lived for others, with no thought of self.
When Masonry had need of a defender,
She found a champion in Bro. Morris.
His whole and earnest life
Was spent in carrying out its principles.
He journeyed from the rising
To the setting sun,
Disseminating its important truths,
And living up to its requirements.
No obstacle he did not overcome;
He bore the slurs and taunts of those
Who should have aided him,
With meekness and compassion;
They, in envy of the position
He held in every true Masonic heart,
Misrepresented and maligned him;
But true and faithful to our lessons
He lived, and died
A Martyr in its cause.

To use Bro. Morris' own words—

"We'll set the green sprig deep in love;
We'll water it with sympathy;
We'll give it fond and faithful care,
Nor shall a single leaflet die."

FAITHFUL AND TRUE, HOW SWEET HE RESTS.

[Reproduced from the *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, for November.]

"THE CRAFT."

[AS GIVEN IN ST. MANGHOLD LODGE, No. 1075, ISLE OF MAN.]

BROTHERS of the Craft arise!
Pledge with me Free Masonry!
Closer bind our mystic ties,
Our motto—"Strength and Unity."
We strive for Freedom and for Truth,
We labour for the common good;
With hand and heart, in age and youth,
Promote the Perfect Brotherhood.
Let the Light of Knowledge spread!
Prosper, the Science of the Free!
Heaven's blessings on our Royal Head!
Brethren—The Craft—with three times three.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 12th inst. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., presided as Chairman, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; J. Newton, Samuel Brooks, W. A. Scurrah, Charles Kempton, A. H. Tattershall, Alexander Forsyth, M.D.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. H. Webb, W. Hilton, Hugh Cotter, H. M. Hobbs, J. J. Berry, and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary.

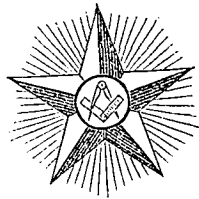
The Secretary reported the deaths of three annuitants (two men and one widow).

The petitions were fifteen in number, ten being from men and five from widows. Seven of the former were accepted, two rejected, and one deferred, while four of the latter were accepted and one rejected.

MARK MASONRY.—A half-yearly communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Masons of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on the 11th inst. The Prov. G.M., R. W. Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, presided, supported by the Past Prov. G.M., R. W. Bro. J. Walker, and a full attendance of Prov. Grand officers and members of the province, among them Bros. O. Shellard, P.M., 243 and P.G.S.W.; T. Blinkhorn, P.M.; J. Marchant, P.M.; John Davies, P.M.; H. S. Marchant, R.M.; John Barnes, P.M.; Edward George, J.O.; G. J. Caldwell, I.P.M.; T. G. Chance, S.D.; W. Margrett, I.G.; C. A. Stephens, tyler, of St. Ethelbert, 243, Hereford. The principal business was the appointment and investiture of W. Bro. Shellard (ex-Mayor of Hereford) as Deputy Prov. G.M., in succession to the late Bro. H. Jeffs, whose death occurred shortly after his appointment to the office in July last. A vote of condolence with Bro. Jeffs's family was placed upon the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and a vote of thanks in aid of the proposed memorial to Bro. Brooksmith, the oldest Past Master of the province and a Past Officer of Grand Lodge, was also unanimously made. A banquet was afterwards held which was presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, supported by his deputy, Bro. Shellard.

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BRO. WOODWARD'S MOTION IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

It seems a pity that Bro. Woodward's motion on Rule 210 was not divided into two parts; for it is obvious that there might be a difficulty in showing that the member had "received" the notice, but none in showing that it had been "sent to him" as proposed; and this part of the motion could hardly be objected to.

The other part admits, I think, of more diversity of opinion, and, in common with many others, I prefer the rule as it stands, because it leans rather to the side of charity than to that of punishment. Should any brother decide not to vote either way, it would surely be easy for him to retire from the lodge for the time.

Yours fraternally,
M. M.

P.S.—I enclose my card.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Knowing something as I do of the working of several provinces, I am growing each year to feel that the formation of London into provinces, or districts, would have a most beneficial effect on the craft. It seems absurd that a brother living at, say Richmond, must go to the neighbouring town of Twickenham to obtain purple.

Provincial lodges are far from perfect; a defect appears to me that one brother holds office as deputy far too long. It should not be for more than three years, as there can be no doubt that this officer has really more to do with the appointment of officers than his chief, and his personal friends naturally get the best appointments. I will cite one case out of many: In a chapter south-west of the metropolis, the installing P.Z., and general handy man, got Sword-bearer; and a medical brother, who had done very little in the ritual, got Prov. Third Principal.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer should be elected by the brethren, and should not be proposed by the P.G.M., as was the case in the province during the present year.

Next year, London will become a county, and it would be easy to form from the electoral divisions a certain number of District Grand Lodges, leaving the portions now in the London District, which would then be outside London County, to be absorbed into the respective counties of Middlesex, Surrey, &c.

Yours &c.,
OBSERVER.

*** We are with you in this matter now, as we have been in the past, and should be glad to have an opportunity of publishing the opinions of other brethren.—ED. M.S.

FREEMASONRY AND LIFE ASSURANCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I fully endorse the remarks of Bro. Bowden Green in your paper of the 6th inst., and I think it will be admitted that he has laid the axe to the root of an evil we all must see, and which, with many of my brethren, I heartily condemn. Amongst the craft, as a body, if thrift were exercised there would be no poverty, or, at least, it would be reduced to a minimum.

The obligations of the rich and influential to help lift up those in humble life by encouraging industry, rewarding merit, promoting temperance, and other excellent virtues, would place Freemasonry in the position of something like a paradise.

What, then, is the hindrance? The answer is too clear to be mistaken—the public house!! In the 36 years of my connection with the craft, I have known, and can point back with aching heart, to some of those who, before their initiation, ranked amongst the brightest characters and adornments to society; but, on joining us, the concomitants, on which I need not dilate—the mistaken kindness in prompting them to be sociable and jolly good fellows with the glass—has had an ascendancy over them, and dozens I can name, through its deadly influence, now fill premature graves, leaving widows and fatherless children to curse the name of masonry, whilst others going in the same direction may be picked out by hundreds. Brethren once in wealthy circumstances and moving in the highest spheres by its influence have been reduced to penury and dishonour, to receive the cold shoulder from those who have profited by their ruin.

Our lodge is said to be situated on holy ground, our principles resting on the purest piety and truth. I can as readily imagine the ceremonies of any religious community conducted in a public house as the sublime principles of masonry; and as a lover of genuine masonry I adopt its principles as my religion, apart from the curse of creed or dogma, believing in its tendency to unite, in the strongest fraternal ties, men of all distinctions, religious or political, whilst recognising in "every son of Adam a brother of the dust."

All honour to Bro. Clerke, Grand Secretary, for the initiative taken by him in consecrating temperance lodges; brethren generally, and the clergy in particular, will prevent poverty and dishonour to the craft by using all the influence they possess to remove lodges from where the temptation to drink exists.

Yours fraternally,
AN OLD P.M.

MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I should like to see in your valuable paper a good healthy discussion as to whether it is advisable, or not, to discharge boys from the school at the age of 15 instead of 16, as at present. By reducing the age, more boys could be assisted than at present. Then, again, could not the expenses be reduced without detriment to the boys? I have before me the balance-sheet of an orphan asylum, one where the education and placing-out are quite equal to that of the M. B. School, and the cost of each child averages £30 5s. per head, including the cost of obtaining and administering income and office expenses, which is £4 10s. 2d. per head. Of course, I would not suggest to sacrifice efficiency to economy. Leaving the argument to abler pens than mine,

I am, yours fraternally,
AN ORGANIST.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Probably you have already noticed that the report you publish in this week's MASONIC STAR of a meeting of the "Derwent Lodge, No. 40," states that "Bro. Bennett was raised to the sublime degree of W.M." Doubtless that position is sublime (!), but I presume, of course, it should be "M.M." and not "W.M."

Yours fraternally,
DECEMBER 15th, 1888. MASTER MASON.

*** Thanks for correction.—ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. C., Halifax.—See "Our Trestle Board" for fuller reply.

H. J. E., Lowestoft.—Many thanks; shall always be pleased to notify and report. We reciprocate your reasonable wishes.

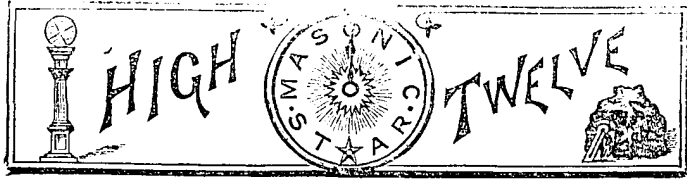
M.S., M.M. No. 19.—We shall be obliged to you if you will carry out your promise as occasion offers.

A member of the Outer Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge—No. 2076—and writing from Devon, shall have a direct reply to his letter in a few days.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Masonic Review for November (Edited by Bro. H. D. Moore, 32 deg., Cincinnati, Ohio); Masonic Advocate for December (Edited by Bro. Martin H. Rice, 33 deg., Indianapolis); Society, London; The Masonic Record of Western India (No. 8).

The Installation meeting of the Loyal Lodge—No. 251—Barnstaple, Devon, will be held at that place at 4 p.m., on Thursday next the 27th inst., when Bro. Jas. Bosson, S.W. and W.M. elect will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by the present W.M., Bro. W. A. Roberts. The banquet will be served at the Golden Lion Hotel, at 6.30 p.m.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

Evenings Abroad.

An amusing little dramatic skit, entitled *The Duchess of Bayswater & Co.*, was produced on the 8th inst., at the Haymarket Theatre. The little satirico-farcical production serves to keep Mr. Beerbohm Tree's audience in good humour, while the "style and fashion" are finding their way to the theatre. It was well played by Messrs. Brookfield, Allen and Harrison, and Misses Rose Le Clercq and Angela Cudmore. Without pretending to be ambitious, the author, Mr. A. M. Heathcote, has succeeded in being amusing.

The Grand Theatre, Islington, was opened under favourable auspices on the first of the current month. I congratulate Mr. Charles Wilmot, who is the very best Chadband I have ever seen, upon having got his handsome theatre finished at last, and I also congratulate that clever architect, Mr. Frank Matcham, upon his achievement in his particular *metier*. It is now close upon a year since the former house was destroyed by fire, an occurrence which I am not likely to forget, seeing that on the disastrous night I spent the evening at the theatre, and had only left the building a few minutes when the calamity occurred. Miss Kate Vaughan and her company were appearing here during the cattle show week in *Love and Honour*. The theatre will now remain closed until the production of the pantomime, which has been written by Geoffrey Thorn, of which great things are anticipated.

Of *Love and Honour* I have not much to remark which is complimentary. It is an adaption of *Monsieur Alphonse* by Alexandre Dumas, *filz*, and I confess I don't like it. The version now in use by Miss Kate Vaughan is that which I saw under the management of the late Madlle. Beatrice, and I well remember her excellent acting as Raymonde, as well as that of Miss Charlotte Saunders, whose impersonation of the *parvenue* Madame Guichard was a perfect piece of acting. Miss Kate Vaughan, who has done well with the play in the provinces, is thoroughly moving and sympathetic as the heroine, and she is well supported by the company engaged. Mrs. Campbell Bradley and Messrs. Lethcourt and Fulton merit high praise.

Neither at Covent Garden Theatre, Sanger's Amphitheatre, nor at the Standard Theatre, Shoreditch, will there be pantomimes this year. Covent Garden will be transformed once more into a circus, which will be exploited by the Messrs. Hengler; and I believe it is intended to make this one of the finest hippodromatic shows ever seen. The other two houses named will remain closed. Good business for the Surrey and the Britannia and Pavilion Theatres respectively.

Macbeth does not put in an appearance at the Lyceum until the 29th inst. Look out for the "disappearing ladies"—meaning, of course, the witches. Buatier de Kolta may have been enlisted for aught I know; anyway, the three witches are going to disappear in so short a time as to put that well-known period called "a jiffey" to the blush.

Break o' Day is no longer to be the title of Sim's and Pettitt's Adelphi drama: latest advices give the name as *The Silver Falls*, a far prettier and more attractive line for the bills. From all I can hear the new piece is in the authors' best style, and there is to be plenty of sensation. The scene is laid in London and in Mexico, so there ought to be variety enough. I have the greatest faith in this collaboration, and look forward to the new piece with more than ordinary interest.

Atalanta at the Strand has been revised and considerably improved. If only it had been produced, originally, in something like its present form, it would have had a good chance of a successful run. Even now, I hope *Atalanta* may run her race with *Hippomenes* for many a night to come. Mr. Dan Leno has been added to the company. Though I yield to no one in admiration of Mr. Dan Leno in the ordinary way, I yet think his style slightly jars upon one in this travesty; nevertheless he is immensely funny. I hear that the management is petitioning Augustus Imp. Dru. to cancel the engagement for the pantomime, so that Leno may stay at the Strand instead of joining the forces engaged for *Babes in the Wood*, &c. We shall see. Meanwhile, it is reported that arrangements have been entered into by which a well-known and fascinating musical composer will assume the *bâton*, and will introduce some taking musical novelties. Mr. Tom Squire has now a better chance of distinguishing himself than formerly; and a medley, introduced into the first act, goes extremely well. Most of the nonsensical racing business in the last act has been eliminated, and all this portion of the play has been much improved. Miss Alma Stanley is now replaced by Miss Leigh, who does her work gracefully and well. During the holidays I hope to hear that *Atalanta* is being extensively patronised.

A new play, by Mr. Robert Buchanan, is on the stocks at the Vaudeville Theatre. It is novel and peculiar in idea, and that is why I am a little timid about its "catching on." It is to be of the time of our great-grandfathers; the scene is laid principally at Bath, the old Assembly Rooms of which City are to be accurately reproduced. The name given to the play is *Cupid's Bow*. *Joseph's Sweetheart* will run yet for a bit, methinks.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, DECEMBER 19TH, 1888.

There is greater ease in the Money Market and a disposition towards lower rates. People had become so frightened at the possibility of a money scare at the end of the year, that the precautions taken have probably averted it; at all events, there is a better tone all round, and business latterly has been so much restricted that there is room for an upward movement as soon as business is resumed.

The end of the Panama scheme, so long looked forward to, has come; at all events, the first phase is ended, and the disappointment throughout France is bitter. The collapse, however, has not caused as much distraction on the Bourse as was anticipated, perhaps owing to the great financial houses having foreseen and provided for this result by selling bears of the stock. It is hoped by the proprietors that something may be done "for the honour of France." More excitement is just now produced by the heavy failure of a French broker, and this will probably lead to lower prices yet in some of the securities particularly affected by Parisian speculators. As Rio Tinto shares fell heavily on this failure, I think they should be bought. The increased difficulties at Suakin must put the Egyptian Government to a great expense, and in this case we shall probably have Unified stocks lower. At all events this stock and Daira's should stand at a nearer level than they are at now. The new Russian Loan appears to have been well subscribed for in Paris, but only to a very limited extent elsewhere. This is not calculated to keep up the price of the old stocks, and the 1873 loan will probably go lower. English rails are well supported, and the rise since last week is fairly good, considering the fewness of the transactions. Every now and then we have a rumour that the ordinary stock of one or other of the heavy lines is about to be divided into preferred and deferred stock, and a sharp rush up in price is recorded, though why the value should improve by division it is not easy to see. From the point of view of the investor it is not a desirable thing to do, but from the speculator's or the Stock Exchange point it is a consummation devoutly to be wished. Last week the North Eastern was to be divided, and this week it is the Midland. A rise of one or two per cent. was the result, which no doubt was what was wanted, as nothing more is heard of the projects. The outlook for most of these stocks is still very good, and the time is approaching when expectation will be on tiptoe as to the result of the half-year's working, so that everyone should be on the right side and buy some of the stocks that have had good takes, as a smart rise will certainly follow the resumption of business.

After a good tumble on Saturday last, American rails have again spurred, this time from New York, where they pretend to believe in a return of peace. I have my doubts of the genuineness of the rise, nor do I think that the ordinary speculators on this side care to follow the move. They have been deceived so often that they are very shy of being caught again, consequently the bargains done have been more amongst the professionals than the public. Mexican rails have as usual had their ups and downs, but there is no decided move. The traffic for last week showed no change, nor is there likely to be much addition to the gross takes for this half-year. There is a "bull" account in these stocks, therefore the wish is to get them up, but my own opinion is that the net result for the second half of 1888 will be a disappointment. It may be observed that the rise in American rails is hardly reflected in Canadian Pacifics; they are no worse, that is all. Although it is stated that the memorial to the directors of both this and the Grand Trunk lines has received large support, it does not follow that it will have any practical result. A careful perusal of the correspondence between the managers of the two companies will show the complete variance between them. The difference lies deeper than the question of mere mutual arrangements as to traffic between the eastern parts and Detroit or Sault St. Marie, and those shareholders who have signed the document would, if face to face with their respective Presidents, pledge themselves to support him in the fiercest warfare. Canadian Pacifics must go lower.

South African Mines have been dull, and have again improved, and I think will go higher. The Spes Bona Shares, which I mentioned when they were at two pounds, have since been to 7½. Henry Nourse and Moss Rose are perhaps the best purchase just now.

In new ventures there appears to be nothing like nitrates. Anything bearing the least relation to that article is carried to the most absurd premium. San Jorges keep very high, and, as usual, the allotments have not been made indiscriminately. In the same way the new Nitrate Bank shares, even before anything at all is done, are quoted at 10 premium. These things are all gambles pure and simple, and if one is on the right side, the game is very nice and apparently easy; but this is one side of the matter only. There are some very good small investment companies which will, in the end, be found to have paid the buyer better. One of these is the Dental Manufacturing Company, which after paying dividends of 7 per cent. for some years, lately made a further issue of ordinary shares, which were principally taken by the existing shareholders. It is such companies as these which really are the best investments for people who want an income for their money.

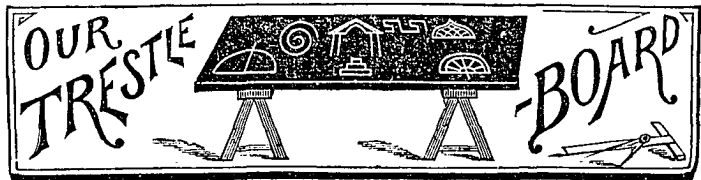
CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

W. M.—Forward the correspondence to us and we will advise you.

DOCTOR.—Do not sell yet.

NEYLAND.—The greater part of the capital has been lost. A scheme of reconstruction will be presented shortly; when we have seen it we will give our opinion in the City Article.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

ALL communications should be forwarded to 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

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Our Publishers ask us to acknowledge the receipt by them of several communications, expressing the favourable opinions of brethren with respect to their reprint of the articles on Lodge Officers which appeared in the earlier numbers of this paper. Amongst other letters is the following:—

"Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.

"Sir F. Knollys is desired by the Prince of Wales to thank Messrs. Adams for the copy of the pamphlet which they forwarded to His Royal Highness, entitled 'Lodge Officers: their qualifications, duties and responsibilities.'"

"Dec. 11th, 1888."

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In reference to the foregoing paragraph, we would respectfully direct the attention of our readers to the notice of the work in our advertisement columns.

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We wish our readers to distinctly understand that we do not profess to endorse, either much or little, the opinions of our correspondents as expressed in the letters we publish. In the spirit of fairness we open our columns to all, and so long as controversy is kept within the bounds of prudence, and the writers—

"Do as adversaries do in law—
Strive mightily; but eat and drink as friends,"

we shall not withhold their communications. This notification we consider necessary in reference to the letter of "An Old P.M." in our present number, with which we cannot altogether agree, and have no desire that it should be thought we do. We will take an early opportunity to explain our views in relation to the connection of Freemasonry with the Tavern, Temperance in contradistinction to Teetotalism, and the constitution of Class Lodges for the promotion of any particular object whatsoever, except the working of the pure and unsullied system of Masonic ritual and practice.

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On the subject of electing officers in Grand Lodges, the *South African Freemason* writes:—"Wherever the system of electing officers is carried on extensively, wrangling, touting, canvassing, and unmasonic recrimination follow. It is not pleasant to read of the election of a D.D.G.M. in a sister colony exciting much interest, or that active canvassing is being effectively carried on. We do hope that the English Grand Lodge is not going to introduce the thin end of the evil wedge." We hope, with our contemporary, and feel assured, that "wrangling, touting, and unmasonic recrimination" will not characterise the forthcoming or any subsequent election in our Grand Lodge; but where two individuals are put in nomination for the same office, 'tis not in human nature to avoid the solicitation for support from friends, and so far "canvassing" is not to be condemned. Indeed the candidate would be extremely foolish if he did not ask for that which he would be glad to receive; and would deserve defeat. We have no fear of any wrangling or recrimination in the pending election for Grand Treasurership. Our candidates, are both good freemasons, and therefore, of necessity, gentlemen.

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A correspondent, referring to a report of the proceedings at a recent Provincial Grand Lodge, writes: "The Prov. G.M. stated that he had conferred upon a certain brother the rank of P. Prov. G.S.W. for services rendered. I thought a Prov.G.M. had no power to confer *past* rank, and I consider such a course ought to be nipped in the bud. Why not have appointed him the actual Warden, if his services were deserving of such a mark of distinction? I hope you will draw attention to this violation of the Book of Constitutions."

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In respect of the foregoing, Rule 87 of the Laws and Regulations is very definite, and, in accordance therewith, the appointment is certainly null and void, *unless* made under a special power to confer *past* rank—such, for instance, as was exercised in regard to Jubilee honours last year; but even for the granting of such power there appears to be no provision made in the Book of Constitutions. We wonder if it comes under that presumed all-sufficient title of *Perogative?*

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We are glad to hear from the V.W. Recorder of "*De Antiente Fraternite of ye Rahere Almoners*" that the ticket benefit at Drury Lane Theatre, granted by Bro. Augustus Harris in aid of the funds of the Almonry, was successful. The value of the tickets presented at the theatre reached the sum of £107 6s. The pinch of winter is now upon the poor souls whom this charitable association so greatly helps, and any assistance which can be rendered to it will be gratefully received by Mr. Thomas Sangster, C.C. (the V.W. Recorder), 62, Long Lane, E.C., London.

We are requested to Notify that:—

—The next meeting of the Shadwell Clerke Chapter Rose Croix will be held at 33, Golden Square, on Wednesday, the 2nd January. The Treasurer is W. Bro. H. Lovegrove, and the Recorder W. Bro. John Read, while the duties of M.W.S. are admirably performed by Ex. Bro. H. H. Shirley, M.A.

—Lodge Temperance, No. 169, will meet this evening (Thursday), at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, at five o'clock, Bro. I. G. Dale, W.M. Ceremony in the third degree. Business: Election of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler, and the usual routine business.

—The Annual Masonic Festival and Ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 15th January, and it promises to be a most successful entertainment, more than 100 stewards having sent in acceptances, and his Worship the Mayor, Bro. E. H. Cookson, of Lodge No. 32, having also promised his patronage and presence. It is hoped that the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Lathom, the D.P.G.M., the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, will also be present.

—The Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, now meets every Saturday, at 7 p.m., at the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E. Preceptor, Bro. Walter Martin, P.M.

—The inaugural meeting of the Montefiore Lodge of Instruction, No. 1017, will take place this day (the 20th inst.), at the St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8 o'clock p.m. Bro. S. V. Abraham, P.M. 1017, W.M.

—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, on the 23rd inst., at 7 o'clock p.m., at the Rising Sun Tavern, 248, Globe Road, E. Bros. B. Da Costa, S.D. 1349, W.M.; W. Musto, P.M. 1349, S.W.; L. Da Costa, S.W. 1349, J.W.; Durass, P.M. 1275, I.P.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on the 11th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the province. The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. H. C. Okeover, presided. After the usual routine business and the reception of the various reports, Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W., was re-elected Grand Treasurer for the twenty-fifth time. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following Provincial Grand Officers:—S.W., A. Woodiwiss, I.P.M., Arboretum Lodge; J.W., J. H. Orme, P.M., Buxton; S. Chap., Rev. H. Price; J. Chap., Rev. E. Morris, Dorothy Vernon; Treas., Bro. T. Cox, P.M., Derby; Registrar, Bro. Silver Hall, P.M.; Secretary, Bro. W. Naylor, P.G. Sd.B., Eng., P.P.S.G.W., Derby; S.D., Bro. J. D. Wragg Carnarvon; J.D., R. Knowles, P.M., Royal Alfred; Superintendent of Works, Bro. R. Slater, P.M., Repose; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. W. J. Piper, P.M., Repose; Assistant Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Elphinstone, P.M., Mundy Grove; Sword Bearer, Bro. J. C. Webb, P.M., Royal Sussex; Standard Bearers, Bro. H. B. Boag, P.M., Arkwright, and Bro. J. F. Donegani, P.M., St. Oswald; Organist, Bro. H. N. Biggin, Scarsdale; Assistant Secretary, Bro. J. H. Clarke, Tyrian; Pursuivant, Bro. S. Warhurst, P.M., Devonshire; Assistant Pursuivant, Bro. J. D. Simpson, P.M., High Peak; Stewards, Bros. H. V. Edwards and E. McInnes, Tyrian, Brown and F. Huggins, Repose, Gray, Derwent, and Hardstaff, Royal Albert; Tylers, Bros. T. Day and W. Stone. Subsequently a large number of brethren dined together.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

THE ST. LEONARD LODGE—No. 1766.—On the 12th inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Joseph Cox was duly installed by his predecessor, Bro. F. Matthews, W.M., into the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The addresses to W.M., officers and brethren were delivered by Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., and Bro. L. Stean, P.M. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. F. Matthews, I.P.M., which was suitably acknowledged by that worthy brother. The principal officers invested were Bro. H. J. Thrower, S.W., and Bro. L. A. Harrison, J.W. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Messrs. Beale & Co., of Holloway Road. In addition to the usual speeches, a selection of music was given under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, Mus. Doc. (organist of the Earl of Zetland Lodge), to whose finished musical accompaniment the success of the installation ceremony was also partly due. Signor Alberto (of the Guelph Lodge) was one of the visitors, and he kindly entertained the brethren a full half-hour with some exceedingly clever illusions. The occasion was voted successful and enjoyable all round, and it may be hoped the lodge will continue to prosper.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER—No. 72.—On Thursday, the 13th inst., the Installation Meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. The convocation was opened by the Principals, Ex. Comps. John Smith, M.E.Z., L. S. Fountaine, H., C. I. Axford, J., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Members present, besides those previously named:—Ex. Comps. H. Lovegrove, P.Z., S.E.; F. Dunn, P.Z., Treasurer; E. Walker, P.Z. Comps. C. R. Williams, P.S.; A. Davit, S.N.; E. Lewcock, N. Turner, and J. Webb, with Comp. Potter, Janitor. Visitors:—Ex. Comps. W. H. Lee, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. Middx., and F. W. Driver, M.A., P.Z. Comp. Lee installed Comp. Fountaine as First Principal. Comp. Axford, H. 2048, took his seat as Second Principal, and Comp. Walker installed Comp. Davit as Third Principal. The other officers were Comp. H. Lovegrove, S.E.; F. Dunn, Treasurer; C. R. Williams, S.N.; W. F. Bates, P.S.; Davey, First Asst.; E. Lewcock, Second Asst., and R. Potter, Janitor. A jewel was presented to the I.P.Z. Ex. Comp. J. Smith.

ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE—No. 19.—A regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, London, E.C. Bro. G. H. Hoyle, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. W. Nicholson, S.W.; Arthur Wornall, J.W.; B. W. Bilby, J.D.; J. Glenn, I.P.M.; Wm. Bywater, P.M., Treasurer; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Secretary; D. Nicholson, P.M.; W. Pound, P.M.; J. Charles, P.M.; G. A. Corderoy, P.M.; G. Sneath, P.M.; J. P. Hinchel, C. E. Moser, F. W. W. Honischer, W. S. Pound, H. Paston, A. D. Green, Milton Smith, E. G. Young, J. A. Davies, W. F. Stauffer, A. E. W. Gwynn, and G. R. Carsberg, Visitor, F. A. Barton, 2216. The principal business of the evening was the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, which was unanimously in favour of Bro. Wm. Nicholson, S.W. Bro. Wm. Bywater, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Paston was elected on the Audit Committee. The W.M. announced that an organ was subscribed for by the members, and presented to the lodge, through the instrumentality of Bros. Moser and Gwynn. Bro. Gwynn was appointed organist, and enlivened the lodge working to the greatest satisfaction of the brethren.

present. Bro. Glenn, P.M., reported the illness of Bro. Starling, P.M., the father of the lodge, which was deeply regretted by all the brethren. Bro. Glenn also appealed to the brethren to support him at the next Festival of the R.M.B. Institute for Aged Freemasons, saying he hoped the lodge, in its 119th year, would become Vice-President of that charity as it has done in respect to the Boys' and Girls' Institute. The brethren subsequently adjourned, as usual, to the banquet, at which the various toasts were duly proposed and eloquently responded to. These were interspersed by the musical talent of the brethren. Bro. Corderoy, P.M., sang the National Anthem and "The Lass of Richmond Hill," Bro. Moser "Daddy," Bro. Young "Good Company." Bro. D. Barton (Visitor) treated the brethren to wonderful natural whistling, accompanying himself at the piano.

ECLECTIC LODGE—No. 1201.—At the usual meeting, held on Friday, the 13th inst., A. J. Foreman, W.M.; J. Leach Barrett, S.W.; Ch. Chauffourier, J.W.; there was a large attendance of brethren. Mr. Freulich was duly initiated into the mysteries of the order, and Bro. Reside was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The following officers were then unanimously elected for the coming year:—Bro. J. Leach Barrett, as W.M.; Bro. J. Mander, as treasurer; Bro. Potter, as tiler. The deaths of Bros. Johnson and Higgs, also of the daughter of the Secretary (Bro. P.M. Taylor) having been announced, letters of condolence and sympathy were voted, and the lodge resolved to go into masonic mourning at the next meeting. A letter of sympathy was also sent to Bro. P.M. Saul on his severe accident, which had necessitated the amputation of his leg.

DORIC—No. 933.—On the 11th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.—Bro. James Smith, W.M.—Bros. J. H. Brown, S.W.; John Grey, J.W.; W. Wainwright, P.M., treas.; J. Bowron, P.M., sec.; W. Smith, S.D.; E. E. Pearson, as I.G.; T. G. Scott, steward; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., org.; J. Rawles, tiler; P.M.'s Barnes, Calver, Tucker, Ayton, Crane, Edney, West, and Hollington; Bros. J. Bagg, Newport, Caslake, Rushforth, J. T. Johnson, A. Duffield, J. R. Hunt, Steedman, C. J. Dance, H. T. Duffield, jun., G. W. Austen, and others. Visitors: Bro. Jensen, 1685, and Bro. Hubbert, P.M. 1625. The business included a vote to a distressed brother from the Benevolent Fund, the appointment of an Audit Committee (Bros. Moore, Steadman, and Pick), and the passing of Bro. H. T. Duffield to the degree of a fellowcraft. After lodge a capital dinner was partaken of, and the customary toasts honoured. The proceedings were agreeably varied with recitations and songs by Bros. Calver, Newport, A. Duffield, Steedman, and Scott.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHIRE.

St. JOHN'S LODGE—No. 104—STOCKPORT.—This lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John on the 10th inst. The lodge was opened at three p.m. by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Wm. Gleave, who was supported by his wardens and other officers, and the following past masters of the lodge, viz.:—Bro. J. Beresford, P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. H. Finch, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. Wm. Booth, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. George Balfe, P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. E. Johnson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Bro. Major F. Preston, P.G.J.W.; Bro. J. Bell, P.M., secretary; Bro. Joseph Fox, I.P.M., and about 45 brethren, amongst whom were the following visitors:—Bro. R. Newhouse, Pro. Grand Secretary; Bro. T. Roberts, P.M. 323 and 611; Bro. J. Williamson, P.M. 322; Bro. J. Leigh, P.M. 287, P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. J. Cookson, W.M. and P.G.S.D. 1030; Bro. C. Dawson, W.M. 287; Bro. D. Higson, W.M. 322; Bro. John Smith, W.M. elect 323; Bro. J. Eyres, P.M. 322; Bro. H. Lomas, J.W. 1957; Bro. M. Stafford, P.M. 361; Bro. Jackson, P.M. 293, P.P.G.D., and Bro. A. G. Cumming, W.M. 293, P.G.S.D. Bro. Charles Clarkson was very ably installed in the W.M.'s chair of the lodge by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Gleave, who was assisted in the work by several of the past masters, Bro. W. Booth, P.P.G.D.C., officiating as director of ceremonies. As usual in this lodge, the ceremony was rendered chorally, and passed off with great eclat, the working being such as to merit praise from the assembled brethren. In the course of the lodge business the W.M. presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Gleave, with a gold past master's jewel, presented by the lodge in recognition of his services during the year. A banquet followed, and the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, that of the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Clarkson, being received with enthusiasm. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. C. Clarkson, W.M.; Bro. W. Gleave, I.P.M.; Bro. G. Gaskill, S.W.; Bro. J. D. Kain, J.W.; Bro. C. H. Andrew, treasurer; Bro. J. Bell, P.M., secretary; Bro. W. H. Harrison, S.D.; Bro. Thomas Haslam, J.D.; Bro. W. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. as D.C.; Bro. H. R. Nickal, I.G.; Bro. J. F. Lomas, S.S.; Bro. H. R. Barrington, J.S.; Bro. J. Scott, P.M. 322, tiler.

The installation of the Worshipful Master of Concord Lodge (No. 323), and Festival of St. John, took place at the Florist Hotel, Stockport, on the 12th inst. Forty-two sat down to an excellent dinner, supplied and served by the host, Bro. John Slack. The visiting brethren included representatives from Liverpool and Chorley, amongst other places. Bro. John Smith was installed W.M., the installing master being Bro. Thomas Brookes, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. During the evening the usual loyal and masonic toasts were honoured, with musical items interspersed, and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

HAMPSHIRE.

The Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461, celebrated the festival of St. John, at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on the 12th inst., when W. Bro. W. J. Miller was installed into the chair, the ceremony being ably performed by W. Bro. Brown, P.M. The newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bro. Mitchell, S.W.; W. Fowler, J.W.; Rev. G. Hughes, P.M., chaplain; J.

Methven, P.M., treasurer; Walter Bowyer, P.M., secretary; E. A. Edwards, S.D.; H. C. Sims, J.D.; W. H. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Smith, organist; J. Martin, I.G.; T. O. Spencer, and R. H. Weeks, stewards; and C. Henley, tiler. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to W. Bro. E. T. Wise for the admirable manner in which he has discharged the duties of the chair during the past year. W. Bro. W. Bowyer was reappointed the lodge representative on the Provincial Charities Committee. Thanks were voted to the installing master. The installing banquet was afterwards served in excellent style, Bro. Henley, the new W.M. presiding.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

PRIORY LODGE—No. 1863.—The annual meeting and installation festival was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, when Bro. John Coul was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the retiring W.M., Bro. John Ogle Wallace, in the most efficient and impressive manner. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year—Bros. J. O. Wallace, I.P.M.; the Rev. H. Bott, P.G.C., S.W.; Wm. Spicer, J.W.; the Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treasr.; C. Roope, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; W. Fawcett, S.D.; H. E. Hollis, J.D.; J. H. Beekingham, P.M.P.G.J.W., D. of C.; W. H. Besant, I.G.; R. F. Kidd, S.S.; J. F. H. Maass, J.S., and J. W. Surtees, tiler. The installation banquet was held at the Grand Hotel, the W.M. presiding. There was a large attendance of visitors, and amongst those present were—Bro. J. Strachan, P.M. 1664, P.G. Regstr.; Geo. Cockburn, P.M. 21, P.P.G.J.W.; G. E. Macarthy, P.M. 1427, W.M. 2260, P.P.G.R.; W. Blencowe, P.M. 1676, P.P.G.P.; H. E. Jepps, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Durham, &c., &c. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on January 10th, at 7.30 p.m.

YORKSHIRE, W.R.

On the 14th inst., the Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458) held the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, Boothferry Road, Goole. Bro. Major Porter, W.M., presided, there being a large attendance of brethren from Hull, Leeds, Doncaster, Pontefract, Wakefield, Howden, Thorne, Crowle, &c. W. Bro. C. L. Mason, P.P.G.T., West Yorkshire, impressively installed Bro. R. Dayson, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Special attention had been paid to the musical portion of the ceremony in compliment to the musical tastes of the incoming W.M., who, having been installed, invested the following officers:—W. Bro. Major Porter, I.P.M.; Bro. R. C. Bruce, S.W.; Bro. A. Gooderidge, J.W.; Bro. W. R. Staveley, chaplain; W. Bro. J. A. Bray, P.M., treasurer; Bro. C. Chappel, secretary; Bro. Jos. Leach, S.D.; Bro. A. J. Peacock, J.D.; W. Bro. E. Gooderidge, P.M., D.C.; Bro. R. Earnshaw, I.G.; Bro. B. W. B. Wood, steward; Bro. T. S. Mills, steward; Bro. G. Wintringham Cutts, organist; Bro. J. Robinson, tiler. W. Bro. H. Wilson, P.P.G.S.B., was unanimously appointed charity steward. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to tea.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360.—On the 13th, at Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon—Bro. Shelly, W.M.—Bros. Salter, S.W.; Cawse, J.W.; Magee, P.M., S.D.; Wing, J.D.; Bond, I.G.; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Holmes, Ewen, Wade, and Hoey, P.M. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Holmes candidate. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Salter, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Meeting adjourned to this evening, Thursday, December 20th, at 7.30.

RANELAGH—No. 834.—On Friday, the 14th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen Street, Hammersmith.—Bro. A. Williams, W.M. and Treasr.—Bros. E. Lucas, S.W.; G. E. Higginson, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Secretary pro tem.; John Davies, S.D.; Horace Cotton, J.D.; M. R. Rice, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M. & P.P.G.J.D., Middlx.; David Stroud; W. G. Coat. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams candidate, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. E. Lucas, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to Bro. D. S. Long, who was absent through illness.

CHISWICK—No. 2012.—On Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith.—Bro. W. G. Coat, W.M.—Bros. F. W. Biggs, S.W.; J. H. Wood, P.M., J.W.; Geo. Gardner, P.M., Treasr.; J. Brown, Sec.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; D. Stroud, P.M., S.D.; R. H. Wimpey, J.D.; E. Fox, I.G.; E. D. Aslett, Organist; James Sims, P.M.; D. Cartmell, P.M.; H. Clark, and F. Craggs. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wimpey candidate. The 1st section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Sims. Bro. Biggs, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. E. Fox a joining member.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 14th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Wicks, M.E.Z. Elect 742, M.E.Z.; Fred Hilton, P.Z., 1275, Preceptor and H.; J. Addington, M.E.Z. Elect 1275, J.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; Oldfield, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; C. Woods, A.S. Elect 1275, A.S.; and John E. Latham, 1329. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Latham personating candidate. In proposing Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor and H., as M.E.Z. for the next meeting, Comp. Woods enlivened the manner in which the duties of Preceptor were performed, thanked the Preceptor in the name of the "listening" companions for the knowledge they received, and expressed a hope that many members would seize the opportunity to hear the work of the first chair rehearsed as it should be on Friday next. Comp. Hilton was unanimously elected to that position.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—General Laws and Regulations.

Table with columns: No. of Lod ge, NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER, PLACE OF MEETING. Rows include: THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20th; (3rd) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st; (4th) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22nd.

Table with columns: No. of Lodge, NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER, PLACE OF MEETING. Rows include: (4th) MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th; (4th) TUESDAY (Christmas Day), DECEMBER 25th; (4th) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th; (4th) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

N.B.—We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's 24th Dec	M. H., New Street	708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
74	Athol 2nd Jan	M. H., Severn Street	778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
468	Light 15th Jan	Great Western Hotel	788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
473	Faithful 8th Jan	M. H., New Street	1194	Villiers 16th Mar	Ditto
587	Howe 14th Jan	Ditto	1293	Burdett 26th Jan	Ditto
739	Temperance ... 14th Feb	Ditto	1415	Campbell 13th Apr	Ditto
887	Leigh 23rd Jan	Ditto	1494	Felix... .. Ap to Jy only	Ditto
925	Bedford 24th Dec	Ditto	1512	Hemming 17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
938	Grosvenor 16th Jan	Ditto	1597	Musgrave 16th Mar	Ditto
1016	Elkington 25th Dec	Ditto	1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1031	Fletcher 9th Jan	Ditto	2024	Raymond Thrupp 4th Apl	Ditto
1163	Emulation 27th Dec	Ditto	2087	Electric 25th May	Ditto
1180	Forward 7th Jan	Ditto	2105	Cama 24th June	Ditto
1474	Israel 14th Jan	M. H., Severn Street	2183	Royal Hamp. Court 13th Feb	Ditto
1551	Charity 15th Jan	M. H., New Street	R.A.C.		
1644	Alma Mater 18th Jan	Ditto	778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
R.A.C.			1194	Royal Middlesex ... 18th May	Ditto
43	Fortitude 12th Mar	Great Western Hotel	1293	Burdett 12th Jan	Ditto
74	Athol 26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street	1691	Quadratic 15th Apr	Ditto
587	Howe 7th Feb	M. H., New Street			
938	Grosvenor 5th Feb	Ditto			
1016	Elkington 3rd Jan	Ditto			
1031	Fletcher 5th Mar	Ditto			
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
37	Anchor and Hope ... 14th Jan	F. M. H., Institute Street	57	Humber TO-DAY, 20th Dec	F. M. H., Osborne Street
146	Antiquity 9th Jan	Ditto	250	Minerva 26th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
221	St. John 16th Jan	Ditto	1010	Kingston 2nd Jan	M. H., Worship Street
348	St. John's 27th Dec	Ditto	1605	De la Pole 28th Dec	58, Charlotte Street
1723	St. George 26th Dec	Ditto	2134	Wilberforce 4th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
37	Concord 15th Apr	Ditto	57	Humber 31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
221	St. John 6th Mar	Ditto	250	Minerva TO-DAY, 20th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
348	St. John's 12th Mar	Ditto	1010	Kingston TO-MOR., 21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
			1605	De la Pole 25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
302	Hope 14th Jan	M. H., Darley Street	1004	Athole 2nd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
600	Harmony TO-DAY, 20th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street	1075	S. Manghold 15th Jan	M. R., Ramsey
974	Pentalpha 1st Jan	M. H., Darley Street	1242	Tynwald 9th Jan	M. H., Douglas
1018	Shakespeare 9th Jan	M. H., Darley Street	2049	Ellan Vamin 1st Jan	Ditto
1648	Prince of Wales ... 4th Jan	Ditto	2050	St. Trinians 16th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			2164	St. Germans 12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
302	Charity 14th Jan	Ditto	2197	Spencer Walpole ... 14th Jan	M. H., Douglas
600	Sincerity 5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street	R.A.C.		
			1004	Athole ...? 16th or 23rd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
271	Royal Clarence TO-MOR., 21st Dec	Royal Pavilion	289	Fidelity 3rd Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
315	Royal York 1st Jan	Ditto	304	Philanthropic 26th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
732	Royal Brunswick ... 10th Jan	Ditto	306	Alfred 4th Jan	M. H., Kelsall Street
811	Yarborough 19th Jan	Ditto	1042	Excelsior TO-DAY, 20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1466	Hova Ecclesia 5th Jan	Old Ship Hotel	1211	Goderich 7th Jan	Ditto
1636	St. Cecilia 29th Jan	Royal Pavilion	1221	Defence 14th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
1821	Arlingworth TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Ditto	1311	Zetland TO-MOR., 21st Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1947	Stanford 9th Jan	Town Hall, Hove	2069	Prudence 12th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
271	Lennox 1st Feb	Royal Pavilion	289	Fidelity 8th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
315	Royal Pavilion 19th Feb	Ditto	304	Philanthropic 5th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
732	Royal Sussex 24th Jan	Ditto	306	Alfred 8th Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
811	Yarborough 8th Feb	Ditto	1042	Excelsior TO-DAY, 20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1466	Hova Villa 1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel			
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
68	Royal Clarence 14th Jan	F. M. H., Park Street	279	St. John's 9th Jan	F. M. H., Halford Street
103	Beaufort 1st Jan	Ditto	523	John of Gaunt TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality } 9th Jan	Ditto	1391	Commercial 28th Dec	Ditto
326	Maira TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Ditto	1560	Albert Edward 8th Jan	Ditto
610	Colston 16th Jan	Ditto	2081	Golden Fleece 21st Jan	Ditto
686	Jerusalem 12th Feb	Ditto	R.A.C.		
1388	Canynges 5th Jan	Ditto	279	Fortitude 27th Dec	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent 24th Jan	Ditto	1560	St. George's 7th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell 24th Dec	Ditto			
R.A.C.					
68	Royal Clarence 19th Jan	Ditto			
103	Beaufort 25th Dec	Ditto			
187	Charity 3rd Jan	Ditto			
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.		
42	Relief 20th Dec (? 27th Dec)	Grey Mare Hotel	32	St. George's 26th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
128	Prince Edwin 16th Jan	Bridge Inn	155	Perseverance TO-MOR., 21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
191	St. John 10th Jan	Knowsley Hotel	203	Ancient Union TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Ditto
1012	Prince of Wales 3rd Jan	Derby Hotel	216	Harmonic 10th Jan	Adelphi Hotel
1392	Egerton 27th Dec	Stanley Arms	241	Merchants 8th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.			249	Mariners 3rd Jan	Ditto
42	Unanimity 28th Feb	Derby Hotel	292	Sincerity 14th Jan	Ditto
128	Prince Edwin 18th Feb	Bridge Inn	594	Downshire 27th Dec	Ditto
			667	Alliance 15th Jan	Ditto
			673	St. John 1st Jan	Ditto
			680	Sefton 4th Jan	Ditto
			724	Derby 26th Dec	Ditto
			786	United Service 10th Jan	Ditto
			823	Everton 16th Jan	Ditto
			1013	Royal Victoria 2nd Jan	Ditto
			1094	Temple 9th Jan	Ditto
			1182	Dk. of Ednbg. 10th Jan	Ditto
			1264	Neptune 7th Jan	Ditto
			1299	Pembroke TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
			1325	Stanley 24th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
			1350	Fernor Hesketh 14th Jan	Ditto
			1356	Toxteth 9th Jan	80, North Hill Street
			1393	Hamer TO-DAY, 20th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
			1502	Israel 21st Jan	Ditto
			1505	Emulation 27th Dec	Ditto
			1547	Liverpool 9th Jan	Ditto
			1570	Prince Arthur 15th Jan	Ditto
			1609	Liverpool Dramatic 25th Dec	Ditto
			1620	Marlborough 2nd Jan	Derby Hall, Tnebrook
			1675	Ancient Briton 25th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
			2042	Apollo 2nd Jan	Ditto
			2114	Lodge of Prudence 21st Jan	Ditto
			2215	Anfield 27th Dec	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
			2229	Lathom Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
			R.A.C.		
			32	Jerusalem 21st Jan	Ditto
			203	S. John of Jerusalem 1st Jan	M. H., Hope Street
			216	Sacred Delta TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Ditto
			241	Friendship 24th Dec	Ditto
			249	Mariners 17th Jan	Ditto
			292	Liverpool 24th Jan	Ditto
			594	Downshire 9th Jan	Ditto
			673	St. John's 13th Feb	Ditto
			680	Sefton 24th Dec	Ditto
			823	Everton 25th Dec	Ditto
			1094	Temple 22nd Jan	Ditto
			1350	Fernor Hesketh 15th Jan	Ditto
			1356	De Grey and Ripon 6th Feb	Ditto
			1393	Hamer 3rd Jan	Ditto
			1502	Israel 8th Jan	Ditto
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.					
253	Tyrian 25th Dec	M. H., Gower Street			
751	Arboretum 9th Jan	Ditto			
802	Repose TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Ditto			
1085	Hartington 2nd Jan	Ditto			
R.A.C.					
253	Justice 8th Jan	Ditto			
731	Truth 16th Jan	Ditto			

NOTE.—CHRISTMAS DAY falls on the FOURTH TUESDAY in this month; query all meetings on that date.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(continued).

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship 1st Feb	Albion Hotel
62	Social 31st Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude 25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue TO-MOR., 21st Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity 26th Dec	Ditto
204	Caledonian 9th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability 3rd Jan	Ditto
325	St. John's 16th Jan	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough 16th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham 6th Feb	Ditto
815	Blair 11th Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland 9th Jan	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony 27th Dec	Ditto
992	St. Thomas 2nd Jan	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra TO-MOR., 21st Dec	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns 24th Dec	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspeare 7th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender 15th Jan	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby 10th Jan	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton 7th Jan	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker 26th Dec	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall 1st Jan	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David 10th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon 1st Jan	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George 21st Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways 26th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers 11th Jan	Queen's Hotel
1453	Truth 5th Jan	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon 26th Dec	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor TO-MOR., 21st Dec	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion 7th Jan	74a, King Street
1993	Wolsley 1st Jan	74a, King Street
2109	Prince Edward 9th Jan	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan 9th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick 14th Jan	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.		
62	Social 13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue 28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian 17th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's 3rd Jan	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude 7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham 19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair 22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie 10th Jan	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra 11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby 15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne 3rd Jan	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's 14th Jan	Ditto
541	De Loraine TO-MOR., 21st Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland 5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker 9th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy 15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur 27th Dec	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas 11th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's 28th Dec	Ditto
1863	Priory 10th Jan	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley 15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.		
24	De Swinburne 17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex 8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's 20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland 15th Jan	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory (?)	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

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NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
471	Silurian 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca 16th Jan	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward 10th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
471	Silurian 28th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos 9th Jan	Ditto

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NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 52	Union 1st Jan	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social 8th Jan	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance 15th Jan	Ditto
807	Cabbell 27th Dec	Ditto
943	Sincerity 25th Dec	Ditto
1500	Walpole 3rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
52	Royal George TO-MR., 21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance 14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell 10th Jan	Ditto

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NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 47	Newstead 8th Jan	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex 15th Jan	George Hotel
411	Commercial 14th Jan	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell 4th Jan	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire 7th Jan	Ditto
1435	Annesley 28th Dec	Ditto
1794	De Vere TO-MOR., 21st Dec	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon 21st Jan	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland 27th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
47	Abbey 29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex 12th Feb	Ditto
411	Commercial 26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley ?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon 28th Jan	Ditto

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OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
340	Alfred 1st Jan	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University 26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill 4th Feb	Ditto
1515	Bertie 8th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
340	Alfred 20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University 27th Feb	Ditto

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PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 70	St. John's 27th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude 14th Jan	Ditto
156	Harmony 7th Jan	Ditto
159	Brunswick 2nd Jan	M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity 14th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship 27th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity 15th Jan	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY, 20th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn 25th Dec	Ditto
1205	Metham 21st Jan	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's 10th Jan	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas 21st Jan	Ditto
1550	Prudence 5th Jan	Ditto
1847	Ebrington 8th Jan	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George 25th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District } United Service } ?	?
R.A.C.		
70	St. John's 28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude 19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony 6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick 23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity 28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship 14th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord 28th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity 22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn 21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott 23rd Jan	Metham M. H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas 23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George 21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

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PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
257	Phoenix 26th Dec	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex 16th Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth 16th Jan	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers 14th Jan	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service 11th Jan	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught 25th Dec	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe } Weimar } 15th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of } Emulation } 9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Tem- } perance } 24th Dec	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair 21st Jan	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C.		
257	Friendship 9th Jan	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth 8th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service 15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport 28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Tem- } perance } (?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

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SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
139	Britannia 16th Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick 14th Jan	Ditto
1239	Wentworth 7th Jan	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe 25th Dec	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (con- } secrated 21 July) } (?)	(?)
R.A.C.		
139	Paradise 21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty 18th Feb	Ditto

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SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
130	Royal Glo'ster 10th Jan	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony 21st Jan	Ditto
394	Southampton TO-DAY, 20th Dec	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers 28th Dec	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward 1st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
130	Royal Glo'ster 3rd Jan	Ditto
359	Peace and Harmony 4th Jan	Ditto
394	Concord 27th Dec	Ditto

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SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
80	St. John 8th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phoenix 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine 10th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick TO-MOR., 21st Dec	Ditto
2039	Londonderry 28th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
80	St. John's 19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton 29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence 21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

NOTE.—CHRISTMAS DAY falls on the FOURTH TUESDAY in this month; query all meetings on that date.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

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THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20th.			(4th) MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th—continued.		
13	Union Waterloo ... at 8	Earl of Chatham, Wm. St., Woolwich.	1507	Metropolitan ... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
27	Egyptian 7.30	(?)	1536	United Military 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
144	St. Luke's 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.	1572	Carnarvon 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
147	Justice 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.	1585	Royal Commemoration 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
259	Prince of Wales 7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon	1586	Upper Norwood 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
435	Salisbury 8	(?)	1608	Kilburn 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
754	High Cross 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.	1623	West Smithfield 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
879	Southwark 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.	1662	Beaconsfield 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
901	City of London 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.	1707	Eleanor 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
907	Royal Albert 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.	1789	Ubique 7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1017	Montefiore 8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.	1804	Coborn 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1158	Southern Star 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,	1891	St. Ambrose 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1259	Duke of Edinburgh 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.	1901	Selwyn 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
1278	Burdett Courts... .. 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.	2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
1306	St. John 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.	2090	Hammersmith 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
1339	Stockwell 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.	R.A.C.		
1348	Ebury 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common	206	Hope —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
1360	Royal Arthur 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon	(4th) TUESDAY (Christmas Day), DECEMBER 25th.		
1366	Highgate 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.	Query all meetings this date.		
1426	The Great City... .. 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.	55	Constitutional at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
1441	Ivy 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.	65	Prosperity 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
1571	Leopold 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.	140	St. George 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.	141	Faith 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
1614	Covent Garden... .. 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.	177	Domatic 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
1622	Rose 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-	188	Joppa 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
1625	Tredegar... .. 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.	238	Pilgrim (Work in Ger-	
1673	Langton 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.		man 1st & 3rd Tue.) .. 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
1685	Guelph 8	Town Hall Leytonstone	463	E. Surrey Lo. of Coned. .. 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
1744	Royal Savoy 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.	554	Yarborough 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
1791	Creaton 8	Whitshf. Hot., Gldhvk Rd, Shephd's Bsh	704	Camden 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
1816	Victoria Park 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.	706	Florence Nightingale 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
R.A.C.			753	Prince Fredk. William —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
188	Joppa 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.	820	Lily 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.	858	South Middlesex 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
1471	North London 8	Northampton Ho., St. Paul's Rd., Canon-	860	Dalhousie 8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Dlstn.
		bury, N.	861	Finsbury... .. —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1624	Eccleston 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.	1044	Wandsworth —	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
(3rd) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st.			1076	Capper 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
9	Albion at —	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.	1155	Excelsior 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
25	Robert Burns 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.	1321	Emblematic 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
167	St. John's 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.	1349	Friars 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
169	Temperance 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.	1382	Corinthian 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
217	Stability —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.	1446	Mount Edgecumbe 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.) .. 6	F. M. H.	1471	Islington 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
507	United Pilgrims 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.	1540	Chaucer 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
733	Westbourne 8	(?)	1558	Duke of Connaught 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
749	Belgrave 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	1586	Upper Norwood 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
765	St. James's 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe	1612	West Middlesex 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
766	William Preston 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.	1695	New Finsbury Park 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
780	Royal Alfred 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.	1767	Kensington 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
834	Ranelagh 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.	1839	Duke of Cornwall 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
902	Burgoyne 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.	1949	Brixton 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of L.) .. 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.	1950	Southgate 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
1185	Lewis 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.	2266	Cator 8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
1228	Beacontree 8	Green Man, Leytonstone	R.A.C.		
1287	Great Northern 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury	25	Robert Burns 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
1298	Royal Standard 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-	704	Camden 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
1365	Clapton 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston	975	Metropolitan 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1381	Kennington 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.	1642	Earl of Carnarvon 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1472	Henley 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich	(4th) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th.		
1607	Loyalty 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney	3	Fidelity at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
1629	Henry Mugeridge 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.	30	United Mariners 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.	73	Mount Lebanon 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
1716	All Saints 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.	79	Pythagorean 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
2030	Abbey 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.	87	Vitruvian 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
R.A.C.			186	Industry 8.30	(?)
890	Hornsey... .. 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.	193	Confidence 7	(?)
946	Strawberry Hill, 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.	228	United Strength 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
355	Royal Savoy 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.	538	La Tolerance 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
1275	Star 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbriwl, S.E.	720	Panmure... .. 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
(4th) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22nd.			781	Merchant Navy 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
179	Manchester at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.	813	New Concord 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
198	Percy 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.	862	Whittington 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
1275	Star 7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.	871	Royal Oak 8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
1288	Finsbury Park 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	898	Temperance in East 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1364	Earl of Zetland 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.	1339	Stockwell 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1541	Alexandra Palace 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.	1475	Peckham 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1624	Eccleston 7	(?)	1585	Duke of Connaught 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
2012	Chiswick 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith	1601	Royal Commemoration 8	The Eight Bells, Putney
R.A.C.			1604	Ravensbourne 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
19	Mount Sinai 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.	1681	Wanderers 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
186	Industry... .. 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.	1708	Londesborough... .. 8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
(4th) MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th.			1805	Plucknett 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
22	Loughborough at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.	1922	Bromley St. Leonard's 8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
45	Strong Man 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.	1963	Earl of Lathom 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
174	Sincerity 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.	2206	Duke of Albany 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
180	St. James's Union 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.	The Hendon 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon	
511	Zetland 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.	R.A.C.		
548	Wellington 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.	177	Domatic 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
933	Doric 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.	180	St. James's Union 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
1178	Perfect Ashlar 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.	933	Doric 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
1227	Upton 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.	*1339	Stockwell 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1425	Hyde Park 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.	1950	Southgate 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
1489	Marquess of Ripon 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.	* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.		
(4th) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th.			Lodges and Chapters, as 3rd Thursday in December		
			(see ante).		

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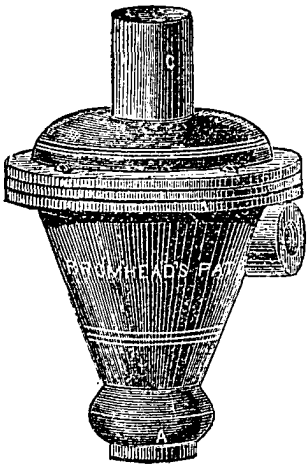
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