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"By the Power in me Vested."



IN a recent number of this journal we asked, in the interests of many Craftsmen, and of the integrity of the Ritual as arranged for the adoption of all lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England by the Lodge of Reconciliation in 1813, whence came the power for the substitution of the above expression for the direct performance of a most important and solemn duty in respect of the proper closing of Fellow Crafts' and Master Masons' Lodges? In other words, whence is derived that exclusive and peculiar privilege known by the style or title, Prerogative? Our inquiry has not, as yet, produced a reply; not even from any one of the numerous brethren who are so ready to express their regret that "nothing is done to prevent the addition of innovation upon innovation, and error upon error." It would almost seem as though the apathy and indifference which has of late years practically lowered the status of Freemasonry from its elevated and beneficent mission as a science to that of a mere social and pleasure-seeking community is rather on the increase than otherwise. We hope such is not the case; and would submit to all earnest members of our Order—above all things desirous that the true working should not be lost or its principles disturbed—that no further time should be permitted by them for the increase of those departures from text and fact to which they take objection.

Do we tread, as far as our own interests are concerned, on "ticklish" ground, in using what opportunity we have for directing most serious attention to that which is fast becoming an universal practice, and which militates so strongly against an ancient custom, referred to, amongst others, in the Obligation taken by every Worshipful Master on Installation? Well, if so, we must suffer for our

temerity. But we cannot think a fair exposition of the dangers with which this innovation is fraught can possibly affect us to our disadvantage.

It cannot be denied that the use of the expression "By the power in me vested," and which we have heard still further strengthened by the addition of the adjective "high," assumes that a privilege, beyond that conferred upon any other brother in his Lodge, has been granted to the user. That, therefore, admitted, we can naturally and properly require to know by whom, at what time, and under what circumstances the grant was made. And that we know cannot be answered; for nowhere in our Code of Laws or in our Ritual can be found any authority or instruction for that purpose. It will be observed that we are standing out for the fact which so many are ready to forget for the sake of what they consider convenience, that, although the working thereof may be comprised in one meeting, the respective degrees of Craft Masonry are separate and distinct, and that the respective Lodges of the three degrees are altogether different in purpose and in procedure. Each has a distinct and different ceremony of opening, working, and closing; and there is not, nor can there be, agreeable to our Constitutions and our Ritual, any power to set aside the minutest portion of the ceremonies which prove their distinctive character.

When, on occasions, objection has been taken by ourselves and others to the practice we are now condemning, it has been met by the, as it appears to us, irrelevant reply, "The King can do no wrong." Can he not? Where then is the constitution he has sworn to maintain and uphold; where the laws and regulations he has engaged himself to obey and enforce? Can he legitimately over-ride these and become "a law unto himself" without infraction of the most solemn obligations? No; what they may set forth is the very limit of the "cable tow" which binds him to the strict performance of the duties he has declared he will "in every respect faithfully and conscientiously discharge," and no person whatsoever can properly or consistently extend that limit.

It is not our present purpose to show, as we might easily do, how this assumption of prerogative which does not really exist has a tendency to elevate itself into the higher ranks of Freemasonry, and to spread its maleficent influence amongst many who are placed in high authority, yet are none the less amenable to constitutional law. We are not arguing the subject in any connection it might have with Masonic Jurisprudence; but only so far as it concerns, and that very materially, the wholeness or totality of Masonic Ritual. We have stated in a former number that "in our own knowledge there are Masters of

Lodges under our constitution who have never seen the closing of a Master Masons' or a Fellow Crafts' lodge with the respective ceremonies connected therewith!" In face of such a fact, is it not a great scandal that those who are entitled by virtue of their membership to know every portion of the work should be deprived of full tuition by the exercise of an authority which, by the use of a phrase having no foundation of truth to justify it, hinders their attainment of a perfect knowledge of our ritual?

For the sake of a consistent upholding of not the least of the three grand principles upon which our order is founded—*Truth*; as well as for that of the transmission of a perfect and unimpaired ritual to those who have to follow us, and, in course of time to teach their successors; to say nothing as to the undignified evasion of what should be, and to the majority of Worshipful Masters is, a most agreeable duty, as an evidence of that skill and ability to which reference is made at their installation, we trust this assumption of a power which never has, and never can be granted, will be discontinued. We admit that, for the convenience of working the three degrees, when occasion requires at any one meeting, the W.M., having opened in the second or third may lower by resumption to and from the first for the proper discharge of Masonic business; but he is bound by all the conditions of ancient custom (so far ancient at any rate as 1813), and the conservation of the Ritual itself, to close each distinct lodge with its distinctive ceremonial. But little reflection is needed to give assurance that the repetition of the questions "What is the first care, &c.?" and "What is the constant care, &c.?" are intended to impress on the minds of the brethren the diversity of the respective lodges of E.A., F.C., and M.M., and their respective opening and closing ceremonies which the framers of our ritual desired to enforce; and that if aught else had been intended they would have themselves provided therefor by making truthful that which is at present a false representation, "By the power in me vested."

NEW MASONIC BUILDINGS AT SUNDERLAND.

THE FOUNDATION STONE of the New Masonic Buildings for the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, in North Bridge Street, Sunderland, was laid on the 20th inst., by the R.W. Acting Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G.C. England, supported by a numerous gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and distinguished brethren, and with full and imposing Masonic ceremony. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Workmen's Hall, and thence proceeded in procession headed by the constabulary band, and in full regalia, to the site of the intended buildings. After prayer and an anthem Bro. Stonehouse, P.G., Treasurer, by the command of the R.W. Acting P.G.M., deposited in the cavity a phial containing coins and the *Freemason* and *MASONIC STAR* newspapers. The R.W. Acting P.G.M. then descended from the platform to the stone and proved it properly adjusted by the plumb rule, which was delivered to him by the Prov. G.J.W., by the level delivered to him by the Prov. G.S.W., and by the square delivered to him by the Deputy P.G.M. At the conclusion of the customary ceremony a collection was made on behalf of the building fund of the lodge. The cost of the whole building, including the furnishing, is estimated at about £1,700. We regret that our limit of space prevents a more detailed account of this interesting addition to our private lodge rooms.

MASONIC OFFENCES.—It seems strange, and yet it is a fact, writes the *Voice of Freemasonry*, that many incongruous expressions long pass unchallenged, their unsuitableness and inappropriateness not being discerned by any of those who use them. Thus it has been with the phrases "Masonic offence" and "Masonic crime." They have been used in reports of committees on grievance and appeal, in addresses of Masonic Grand Officers, in reports on Masonic correspondence, and in Masonic periodicals and papers, unquestioned as to their correctness. Doubtless, thousands of the Fraternity have uttered them without thinking of their impropriety. Hundreds of times, when searching for gems for this magazine, we have observed them without perceiving their inconsistency, and not till we were in the midst of our review work for this issue of the "Voice of Masonry" did we discover their discordance, incompatibility, and irreconcilableness. Then, like an inspiration, the questions came to us, How can an offence or a crime be Masonic? How can a Mason do a Masonic wrong, or commit a Masonic sin? Instantly the answers followed. There is no concord of Masonry with offences and crimes, and it is impossible to reconcile a Mason's wrong-doing with the pure principles of Masonic morals. Offences and crimes are un-Masonic, and a Mason who so seriously errs that he must be disciplined, never is charged with *Masonic* conduct, but always the contrary. He is not tried on specifications of *Masonic* doing, but just the reverse. If he is found guilty, the verdict is not that his offence or crime was Masonic, but just the opposite. And if he is expelled, or suspended, or reprimanded, it is not for anything Masonic in his Acts, but for the measure of grossness they possess un-Masonically. This being true, the phrases named should be dropped, and for them we should substitute un-Masonic conduct, or un-Masonic acts, or some other phrase that contains no disagreement in its signification—no contradiction in its terms.

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF BRO. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."—(See page 257.)

THE language used by Preston in his book a hundred years ago and that used in the Ritual at the present day are alike.* He is no longer *recommended* or *enjoined* (charged) to be a Christian, but in future it is, in conformity with his solemn obligation, *expected* of him. It is thus emphasized that a knowledge of principles is all that an *Apprentice* is expected to preserve, *but that a Fellow Craft is bound to maintain those principles.*

Our contention therefore is, that no matter what the position of the brother was before he took the Second Degree, however little he agreed to Masonic teaching whilst he remained only an Entered Apprentice, when he has once given his formal assent to the principles of the First Degree before taking the Second, he is no longer free to accept or reject any one of the principles of the Order. One of these principles in English Masonry relates to the Bible, and we assert, without the least fear of adverse authority, that no Fellow Craft Mason can reject the Bible and be true to his obligation. That he has not taken this into consideration is very probable; indeed it must be so when we find that after, as before initiation, some decline to accept the Bible as the guide of their life. Their requiring any other volume for the purpose of obligation is proof that they still retain their old faith in their former guide.

This should have been foreseen if Freemasonry was to have an Universal application; it certainly was not. A Ritual which is thus anomalously improper for Universality continues to be used, and it must sooner or later work confusion.

The expression of belief, required in the First Degree, enables us to embrace as brethren many of the principal religions of the world. To preserve our secrets we insist on a promise of secrecy. We consider that, to be binding, this obligation should be on that book which the candidate believes to be divinely inspired. This is the only use for any book except the Bible in a Lodge of Freemasons. A mistaken view of this has already led to error. We properly open our doors to any man who believes that there is a God who will hear and answer prayer, without reference to whatever other conceptions he may cherish. It is Masonic teaching that even a man with this initial belief is yet in a state of darkness. The glimmer of light he possesses is, according to Masonic teaching, of no avail, for long after he has acknowledged this initial belief he is presumed to be in darkness. He is supposed to enter Freemasonry with a desire to find light, and, by a ceremony familiar to all Masons, light is given. This light is not represented as afforded by the Koran—the Grunth—or the Masters, but by the Bible. We have nothing to do with the element of absurdity which surrounds this matter, by being treated in Lodge as a *secret* whilst it is published in every Lexicon of Freemasonry in England and America; we only insist that we have correctly described a Ritualistic ceremony. The Ritual does not offer any theory by which a brother, who is not a Christian, could at once apply a symbolical meaning to the Bible and thereafter consider it simply as an emblem of some other volume,—neither does any decision of Grand Lodge with which we are acquainted. It is unquestionably open to the brother to refuse to receive the Bible as his Great Light in Masonry, or in any other sense. He may have the utmost contempt for its teachings, and yet there is no known way of entirely cancelling his connection with Masonry. Neither do we desire to do so, if he be a just and God-fearing man: he remains our dear brother in Masonry. He may, in short, by choice remain in darkness; Masonry can only show him the light, it has no power to compel him to accept it. But it must be remembered that this is only in the primary stage. Before Freemasonry can be further disclosed an assent to principles is demanded. This is too often lost sight of. It is impossible for any man, no matter what his former belief may have been, to become a Fellow Craft Mason in English Masonry and refuse to accept both the Old and the New Testaments. The great principle taught has to be accepted in the Second Degree. We do not assert that this entails the adoption of any specific form of Christian belief. We do not wander beyond the exact length we are entitled to go—which is, that a Fellow Craft Mason must accept the Bible as the guide of his life or he has not done that which he has solemnly promised to do.

The more the Rituals of the Four Degrees in Masonry are studied, the more will it be evident that if the end of Masonry were merely to proclaim the unity of the Godhead, three of the Degrees are superfluous. If the end were (what we unhesitatingly assert is only the beginning) merely to express a belief in one God—then nothing more than the First Degree is required. The succeeding Degrees do not in any way further exemplify unity *per se*,—this is overlooked by the Universalist. The Degrees after the First introduce matter which establishes that Masonic belief goes further. If we are not to proceed beyond mere unity, why is the Ritual so careful to display the doctrine of the Trinity? We are not ignorant that Triad faiths are exceedingly common. We admit it might be possible to establish that a belief in some kind of a Trinity is as widely spread as any conviction of the Unity of God. The Hindoo would at once oblige us in this respect and satisfy enquiry by producing a Trinity, but no one can seriously argue that our system was founded with any such idea of Universality: if not, then what interpretation is bound up with our Triads, which are admittedly but mere symbols?

Have any of our readers ever thought out this matter of the ever recurring Triads in our Ritual? In the Library of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, London, No. 2076, is a MS. book,—original and unique,—designed and compiled by Bro. C. E. Ferry, a member of the Correspondence Circle or Literary Masonic Society attached to that Lodge.

* See Preston's "Illustrations," p. 59; also Emulation working, Charge after Passing.

(To be continued).

Shall I be a Mason?

[TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH OF BRO. P. TEMPELS BY BRO. G. W. SPETH, AND REPRODUCED WITH HIS PERMISSION FROM PART 3 OF *ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM*.]

WHERE is a chapter under this same title in a book written for the public in the xviiith century. The author indicates the disposition required in order to make those sacrifices to which one is exposed in Freemasonry. Those who do not possess this temperament, he counsels to abstain. Do not offer yourself, he says, without due consideration.

Read a History of Masonry: there is no lack of them. Read the libels published against Masons; the Bulls of Excommunication; examine the charges made. Read some earnest work on its tenets; for example, "Morals and Dogma," by the learned and Venerable Bro. Pike, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Southern States of America.

Do not present yourself out of mere puerile curiosity; you will only be disappointed.

Do not join the Craft except with a firm resolution to study the institution. It partakes of the nature of certain natural phenomena, of certain masterpieces of art, of the genius of certain men. The first view destroys the illusion; one must study them to comprehend them.

If, combined with the love of the true and the good, you have not also a slight mental attraction towards the poetry resident in all things, and a judgment tempered by feeling and sentiment, enter not; you will be bored. He who, with the culture of progress, combines that of old memories; who, whilst pursuing exact science can yet understand all the charm of a venerable myth; who loves custom *because* it is old, antique forms *because* they are beautiful, even prejudice *because* it is at the root of human history, such a one will find full play for his instincts as an archæologist. But, should you enquire how it will benefit your pocket or influence the elections,—go not in!

If, in religious matters, you start with the assumption that your opponent is a fool or a knave, venture not to approach. But, if you respect every sincere opinion, or if, being of a religious temperament, you can bear with those who are not so, or rather, are so differently from yourself, then go; no one will wound your susceptibilities, and you will hurt no one.

If, as regards God and your soul, you appreciate the majesty of the issue, whilst possibly of the opinion that the science of some does not differ greatly from the agnosticism of others, your aspirations may probably encounter comforting support.

If, as a physician or lawyer, a tradesman or merchant, official or clerk, you seek to find there either clients or patrons, you will be grievously disappointed. As an official you would inspire the good-humoured contempt of the minister, were he a mason, and his successor would, perhaps, send you about your business. As a merchant, you would cause both your masonry and your merchandise to be regarded with suspicion.

If, being ambitious, you have capabilities equal to your ambition, go: many will learn to know you thoroughly. But if you merely seek to acquire stilts for your too diminutive legs, keep aloof: and for the very same reason.

As a politician, do not dream of making partisans in a Lodge: you will only prevail with those who already follow you; and you will possibly lose them and have to endure their reproach that you have imported discord within the sacred precincts: your success will be short-lived.

If you hold opinions which possess *you* rather than *you them*, if your disposition be such as to render you too prone to blame others, or if you have no pride in your birthright independence in all matters that concern yourself, the education of your children, the actions of your religious, civil or family life, you will never possess the requisite masonic qualifications, you will never understand those who do.

If you be entirely absorbed by your profession, your associations, your position in society, approach not! Why should you undertake obligations which will be onerous to you?

If you owe all your time and resources to your family, abstract nothing from a duty which is above all others. The Lodge is an incentive to outlay. You would either regret not being able to do even as the others, or you would violate our statutes in consecrating to your pleasure that which is justly claimed elsewhere.

If you be a hypochondriac, keep away! but, if you love a word in season and a merry jest, enter in.

And cherish no illusions! Do not allow yourself to be carried away by the idea that you owe a sacrifice to humanity, to progress, and all the rest! Masons are apt to laugh at high-flown notions of self-sacrifice.

Join the Masons only if you desire it for your own sake; whoever you be, they can get on excellently well without you.

MELBOURNE.

The ceremony of installing Bro. J. Cook into the chair of the Admiral Collingwood Lodge, No. 727, E.C., took place on the 8th November, at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins Street. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, amongst whom were the District Grand Master of Canterbury, N.Z., and the Grand Sword-bearer of England, besides many other distinguished brethren of rank. The ceremony was performed by Bro. C. H. Bayley, P.M., P.P.G.P., assisted by Bro. G. H. Dickason, I.P.M., in a very impressive manner. The musical portions were rendered by a select choir, Bro. Stewart presiding at the organ. The following officers were also invested:—Bros. J. C. Hooghklimmer, S.W.; J. Gahan, J.W.; C. H. Bayley, P.M., D.C.; W. Smith, Treas.; J. Ure, Sec.; H. R. Stewart, Organist; R. Dickason, S.D.; J. H. Bell, J.D.; M. S. Tadich, I.G.; G. Anderson, E. Dickason, and Ure, jun., stewards. The business of the evening being concluded, the company adjourned to a banquet.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

A WELCOME INTO MASONRY.

Directed to one who subsequently acquired a distinguished name as a Masonic writer.

THERE were many with me were glad, Brother,
When we read your latest thought,
And to one another we said, Brother,
'Tis an omen of good import!
For the battle of law has begun, Brother,
The strife for "the good old way,"
And we need just such an one, Brother,
As we know you of old to be!

Yes, one of the daring type, Brother—
Such men as they had of yore,
With a head that in age is ripe, Brother,
And a heart that is brimming o'er;
To know what a LANDMARK is, Brother—
In love to be warm and true—
Oh, how have we longed for these, Brother,
And 'tis these we shall find in you!

In the day when your sands are spent, Brother,
And the Craft shall your history tell,
They'll say, as their grief has vent, Brother,
"He has done his labor well!"
For you know we have ARCHIVES, Brother,
And a COLUMN rent in twain,
And a NAME that still greenly lives, Brother,
Though the dust hath its dust again!

And these they'll give to you, Brother,
As the guerdon of your meed;
For the love that is warm and true, Brother,
For the heart and for the head;
For the battle of law has begun, Brother,
The strife for "the good old way,"
And we need just such an one, Brother,
As we know you of old to be!

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. ROB MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.]

We are requested to Notify that:—

—The next social meeting of "The Old Masonians" will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Friday, the 4th January, at 8.30, Mr. R. S. Speight presiding. A committee meeting will be previously held, at 7.45. The next Cinderella dance will take place on 1st February.

—The annual masonic ball will be held at the Warrior Square Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea, on Wednesday, the 16th January; the balance, if any, to be devoted to the R.M.I. for Boys.

—The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (*or Instruction*, which is it?) will not meet until the 8th January next. On the 15th, Comp. Brown will deliver a lecture explanatory of the R.A. Jewel, at 6.30 p.m., and no other business will be done on that evening.

—The installation meeting of the Loyal Lodge, No. 251, Barnstaple, Devon, will be held at that place, at 4 p.m. 7th January next, 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.

—A masonic ball will be held in the Royal Concert Hall, at Hastings, on the 16th January. Former re-unions of a similar character have been most successful, and it is anticipated that the same result will attend the forthcoming entertainment.

—The next meeting of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, on Tuesday, the 1st January prox., at 4 o'clock p.m. Initiation, Passing, and Raising. Banquet 7 p.m.

—The Fourth Annual North London Masonic Benevolent Ball, the profits arising from which are to be given to the Masonic Charities, will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., London, on *Wednesday evening next*, the 2nd January, 1889. Masonic clothing may be worn. Other particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

—The usual meeting of the Star Chapter of Instruction will not be held to-morrow, as the convocation was adjourned to Friday, January 4th.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

By-Laws of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford; Night and Day, Edited by T. J. Barnardo, F.R.C.S.E.; *Freemasonry (London) Christmas Number*; *The South African Freemason*, Cape Colony.

Too many W.M.'s measure their success during their term of office by the number of initiations. This is a fatal mistake. A Master who feels he is not fulfilling his mission, or properly discharging his duties unless he has initiations at every meeting, is a curse to the craft. Such a brother, directly or indirectly, duns for candidates as he would for ordinary business, and thus robs Freemasonry of its dignity, placing it on a level with more modern societies.—*Canadian Craftsman*.

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THE CLOSING OF LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Kindly advise if a W.M. has by "virtue of his office" the authority to "close down" the lodge from one degree to another? I can find no authority for such practice, but am assured that it is a general practice.

Yours fraternally,
J. P.

* * * See our Editorial on this subject, which was in type before receipt of your letter.—ED. M.S.

FREEMASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I regret that such a letter as that of "An old P.M." should ever have been penned by a Mason. Although not so old in the craft as the writer, I still have been taught that "temperance should guide me" in all my dealings with men, more particularly masons, and I think the letter is wanting in that particular.

I may say that I have had 28 years' experience of total abstinence from alcoholic drinks, and enjoy splendid health; but I cannot bring myself to say that my fellow masons shall be as extreme (and intemperate) as I am in entirely ignoring wines, &c. It may be that it would be better for a few weaker brethren, and possibly we legislate for the weak, but the majority of masons I have met, have known when to stop, and have stopped accordingly.

I heartily approve of *Total Abstinence* (not temperance) lodges, and should any steps be taken to found one in S. London, should be an active member of the same. My reason, however, would be that there would be *more money* for benevolent purposes in such a lodge. I honour all who deny themselves for the sake of the brethren, and hope always to be found among them; but I shall never be so intemperate as to dictate what a brother should eat or drink.

I must not trespass more on your valuable space now, but shall hope to have more to say in the future.

Fraternally yours,
CHARLIE WOODS, 1869, R.A.C. 1275.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I notice in your impression of last week a letter signed "Observer" under the above heading; and also your editorial footnote appended thereto, inviting opinions on the subject. I have no wish to inflict my views on either you or your readers, as they may be unsound at best, but more especially because I doubt, even though theoretically they may be good, if benefit to the craft will accrue from their exposition,—*"vested interests"* being far too strong to allow of their being put to practical proof; still, you may consider the matter in a different light, and as worth space in your columns.

For the purposes of argument let us assume that out of a total of some 2,400 lodges there are about 400 (or one sixth of the whole) included in the ten miles radius from Freemasons' Hall, called London Lodges; I ask how is it possible for "visitation" of these Lodges to be carried out, this being, I have always understood, some "Grand Official's" duty? Such an unwieldly mass is quite beyond existing power to deal with properly, and scores of them are necessarily left to their own devices, year in and year out, not a soul from head-quarters ever going amongst them or taking part in their individual proceedings. Brethren affiliated to Provincial Lodges are far better off in this respect, and their P.G. Officers are able to, and frequently do, give them the light of their countenances, and thus, by personal acquaintanceship with those under their immediate sway, being able to form a pretty correct opinion as to their relative merits. Grand Lodge honours are consequently much more likely to be consistently meted out than in the case of Metropolitan Lodges.

The sub-division of the Metropolitan Masonic area could be easily effected by, say, taking Freemasons' Hall as a centre, allowing all lodges meeting within a radius of one mile therefrom to be styled London Lodges, and incorporating the remainder into the Provinces (Middlesex, Surrey, Essex and Kent), to which respectively they are immediately contiguous. It may be pleaded in opposition to this scheme that those particular provinces would thereby become unduly enlarged, and hence unwieldy in their turn. This could, however, be very easily remedied by a sub-division into East and West, North and South, as has been done in other large counties. The obtainment of purple, which "Observer" alludes to, would be brought within reach of many brethren, were this re-arrangement carried out, who under the present system have practically little or no chance of ever attaining to that honour. The relation of D.P.G.M. by one brother, for a lengthened period, is as your correspondent thinks, a defect, and certainly should be limited to say three years. How this is to be remedied, however, perhaps he can suggest. It seems to me that the rank and file in our order, though vast in numbers, have very little voice in aught that pertains thereto. They may talk and talk as much as they please, but that's what it amounts to and what it ends in, after all. "Their's not to reason why," but to submit themselves lowly and reverently in that station to which they may have been called. Perhaps in time some change may be made, but I fancy it is distant.

Fraternally yours,

22nd December, 1888.

RUS IN URBE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I am glad to see that a discussion on "Provincial Grand Lodges" is to be raised in your columns, for it is a subject which sadly needs ventilation and reform.

The suggestion that the office of Deputy P.G.M. should be held for a term of years, instead of for life, is a good one. But why should not the office of Provincial Grand Master be dealt with in a similar way, or as it is under the Mark Constitution?

There is, however, a reform which is very urgently called for, and that is a revision of the areas of the present provinces, as they are now most unequal and bear no sort of proportion to each other. Take "West Yorkshire," for instance. In that province there are 73 lodges and upwards of 600 P.M.'s who have never had, and never will have, P.G. honours—not only because the distribution of these collars often goes like "kissing" by favour, but because the province is at least *three times* too large, and it is simply impossible for the P.G.M. to do anything like justice to the province.

On the other hand, there are several provinces which possess less than half the number of lodges and brethren of "West Yorkshire," where nearly every P.M. wears the purple! Indeed, I know of one province in which there are at least three members of one of its *junior* lodges who had P.G. honours bestowed on them within a few years of their initiation, and they now take precedence at Masonic gatherings of those who, like myself, passed the Chair before they were born into the Masonic world, but who have not yet been fortunate enough to catch the Speaker's Eye!

Fraternally yours,

22nd December, 1888.

VOX POPULI.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I entirely agree with "Observer" with regard to the *purple* and London Brethren, and look forward to the time when the great opponent of such a policy shall alter his mind, and let the brethren respect him as much for that as they do for all his other Masonic actions.

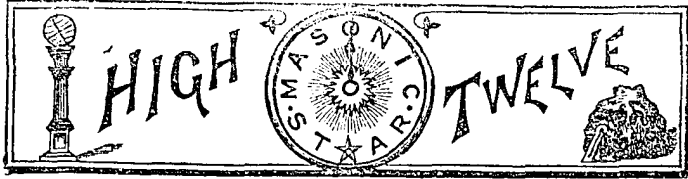
My idea would be to found a new Order of Grand Lodges as far as London is concerned. I would have five *DIVISIONAL GRAND LODGES*, particulars of which I shall be glad to give in another letter.

The chief change that I should advocate in these Divisional Grand Lodges would be that *all* the officers should be *elected*. I have duly weighed the *pro's* and *con's* and can in no other way solve the difficulty that has arisen in regard to provincial and other honours for "*Vox populi est vox Dei*" in most instances.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLIE WOODS, 1869, R.A.C., 1275.

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.]



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

Evenings Abroad.

The Actors' Christmas has now set in with a vengeance, and many are the anxieties of certain managers to get their houses in order for the holidays. Those not "in the know" can scarcely imagine the tremendous mass of work that has to be got through to produce a pantomime. Now-a-days, elaborateness is carried to such an extent that every manufacturing department of the theatrical tradesman is taxed to the utmost, while scene painters, musical directors, stage managers, and artists of all descriptions and grades have scarcely breathing time. Little do spectators know or care when they see the first performance of a pantomime what pains and trouble have to be bestowed upon it before it is submitted to public criticism; and I often think when "cat-calls" are indulged in, or derisive remarks are made at some hitch, trifling or otherwise, which must inevitably occur on first nights, what a pity it is that more consideration is not extended to those who are responsible for these seasonal entertainments. I am not one to shield anyone whose work exhibits signs unmistakable of neglect in preparation; but I sincerely pity these heavily taxed functionaries when things do not work well, and, therefore, get "guyed," as the phrase goes.

Nevertheless, it must be admitted that audiences are, as a rule, not unreasonable; and, generally, are tolerably good-humoured over what must be to them a certain disappointment. When people have paid to be amused, they sometimes are intolerant of shortcomings; still, after all, let us hope this year that no one will need to be too severely tried in their early experiences of the special Christmas entertainments which are now in full swing.

The fact that so many novelties are preparing just now has caused last week to be very unproductive of news theatrical; therefore, I can only note the forthcoming special dramatic novelties. I have already foreshadowed the coming events which are, let us hope, to cast their glamour of success over the fortunes of Drury Lane, the Lyceum, the Adelphi, and some other establishments, east and west. I may now note that the Surrey Pantomime will be on the subject of *The Forty Thieves*; *Sweet Cinderella* at the Grand Theatre; *Beauty and the Beast* at Sadlers Wells; *Babes in the Wood* at the Pavilion and Elephant and Castle, this same story, with et ceteras thrown in, being also the subject of the show at Old Drury; *Dick Whittington* at the Marylebone; *Cinderella* (I trust this version is to be as "sweet" as that at the Grand) at the Crystal Palace; *The Magic Demon* at the Britannia; *The Forty Thieves* at Greenwich, and *Sinbad, the Sailor*, at Stratford.

Sanger's Amphitheatre will have a pantomime after all. I made a misstatement in my last; I was misled. I correct my error, and at the same time cordially welcome Mr. Sanger and his extensive troupe, human and animal, to the scene of their former triumphs. *Robinson Crusoe* is the story to be pantomimically illustrated, and a good equestrian company, including, for the first time in England, Andries' Spanish Equestrians and Gymnasts, and "the only lady somersault act rider in Europe." This ought to be a great "draw." There, Mr. Sanger, if I left you out in the cold last week, I hope I have now given you good advertisement as a recompense.

Paul Jones at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, which, when re-opened, will be found to have been beautified by the decorators, is proceeding apace. Everything shapes very well; and, it is reported, that M. Planquette is so much pleased with Miss Agnes Huntingdon who is to play the title rôle, that he has added two numbers to his score, which have been composed specially for the lady named.

The foundation stone of Mr. D'Oyley Carte's new theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue was laid on Saturday, the 15th inst. Success to Carte! But speculators in amusements had better beware. It seems that we are getting too many new theatres.

The Olympic Theatre is to be opened by Mr. J. Pitt Hardacre with *East Lynne*, and the Jodrell Theatre with Pattie Rosa in *Bob*. Mr. Toole returns to his own theatre with *The Don*. The Shaftesbury re-opens with *The Lady of Lyons*, and Mr. Mansfield has removed from the Lyceum to the Globe, where *Prince Karl* is preceded by *Editha's Burglar*, in which that capital actor and humorist, Lionel Brough, appears.

A new ballet, *Irene*, has been produced at the Alhambra. It promises to be a great success. Mons. Jacobi has supplied the music, and Signor Cassati has invented the plot. It is admirably sustained by a new principal dancer, Signorina Legnani, and also by Signora Cossio, Mdlle. Cormani, Mdlle. Marie, Madame Roffey, and last, but by no means least, by Mi s Thurgate. Mr. Ryan's scenery, and Mons. and Madame Alias' costumes, designed by Cédât de Lavigerie, have been rapturously admired.

Mr. George R. Sims has published "The Dagonet Reciter," which contains some excellent pieces for reciters. *The Long Strike* is a very powerful poem and is quite new; altogether, this is a capital shilling's worth.

The next novelty, after the run of *Hands Across the Sea*, at the Princess's, will be Mr. Wilson Barrett's new play, in which the author will appear. Matinées, it is said, will shortly be given of *Oliver Twist*, in which Miss Hawthorne will play Nancy to the Bill Sikes of Herbert Standing. The nightly performances and Saturday matinées of Mr. Pettitt's drama will remain uninterrupted.

The new Lyric Theatre opened on Monday, the 17th inst. It is a most elegant theatre. *Dorothy* will be continued there until further notice.

Faust up to Date, and *Nudgy*, have had extra special attractions added for Christmas.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, DECEMBER 24TH, 1888.

The receipt by the Bank of England of a considerable amount of gold has had a very reassuring effect on the markets all round, and there is no longer much fear of any pressure, and the tendency towards better business and better prices, which I called attention to last week, has become more marked. This is reflected in nearly every description of securities, Consols being $\frac{3}{4}$ better than they were a week ago, while the rise in English rails is to be measured by whole figures.

For some reason or other, whenever there is a rise in the price of a railway stock, it is said that that stock is about to be divided into two classes, in the same way as the South Eastern and the Brighton Stocks have been, as accounting for the rise. An article in last week's *Bullionist*, however, will go far towards dispelling this delusion, as it is there shown that those stocks which are so divided are actually lower in value than the undivided ones. Why a division should ever have been supposed to enhance the value, is one of those mysteries which must ever be shrouded in darkness. The prospects of most of the English Railways look very bright, the traffics still show large increases, nor is there any reason to anticipate any increase in the proportion of working expenses. Up to now, the Caledonian Railway has received £92,479 more than at the same period last year; and the North British £82,338, the net increment in both cases being equal to an additional dividend of 1 per cent. for the half-year. None of the other lines have done so well as these two, but in most cases the improvement has been very satisfactory, sufficient, in fact, to give an appreciable advance in the returns. The buying during the last few days has been very good, which is somewhat unusual at this particular time of the year. I think that North Staffordshire Stocks affords the best opportunity for a successful bull just now, the heavy lines should also advance further during the next few weeks.

The rise in prices has also extended to Americans. Here I am in doubt, but should on the whole consider that they will now go better, as there is apparently a disposition on the part of the responsible directors to take a more active part in the settlement of disputes, instead of leaving everything to the traffic managers, who are guided more by their own personal ends than by the interest of the companies they are supposed to serve.

The Grand Trunk line after for a few weeks having increased takes, again shows a decrease, and the prospects for the half-year now nearly ended are anything but happy. The difficulty with the Canadian Pacific is as far from amicable settlement as ever, and in my opinion has not even yet reached the acute stage which is probable. As regards the last mentioned, a telegram from Canada announces that the Manitoba people have gained their point, and the Red River extension line is to be allowed to cross the Canadian Pacific. This is very serious for the C. P., as in consequence, some of their best paying traffic will most certainly be diverted, and a severe rate war may be looked for in this district.

The rise in Foreign Stocks must not be taken to indicate anything more than a desire on the part of Paris to get prices up, and the response here is not very warm. I should take Greek Stocks to be the best to buy, but as for Russians, Hungarians, Egyptians, and Spanish, they will probably recede again.

In miscellaneous shares there is no activity, attention being more given to the mining market where South Africans are still in great favour. The rise in some of these shares has been very large, and from the next rise I take Jumpers and Nabobs. Some of the cheaper mines should be looked after, as they will probably be run up, if not on their own merits, in sympathy with the rest. In this list Denvers are likely to be again in the ascendent, as the latest telegrams give better hopes of the prospect. The settlement now proceeding shows that Contangoes are not heavy, and as a consequence, there is a general rise in English rails, which are being largely bought for the new year.

CRAFTSMAN.

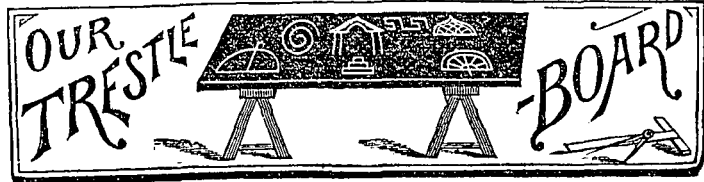
ANSWERS.

DEACON.—The Company was brought out in March, 1886. It has paid no dividend nor is it likely to. The shares have changed hands at 3/9, and you might find a buyer at a little under that price.

F. R.—The new edition will be published early in January.

NUNQUAM DORMIO.—We have handed the papers to our solicitor, as requested.

No. 40—Have nothing to do with it.



"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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Erratum.—In our Editorial of last week, referring to "Rule 210—Exclusion," the word "Exclusion" in the 23rd line of second column should read "Expulsion."

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Depreciation of stock £9,000! Current debt £2,067! Excess of grants in 1888 over those in 1887 £785! This represents the present monetary condition of our Fund of Benevolence. Let us again ask, as we did in the seventh number of this journal, "if the time has not fully arrived for earnest consideration of the whole subject of relief through the direct contributions of our several lodges?" We refer our readers to the number mentioned for particulars which we imagine should give cause for some anxiety in regard to the future, and we reiterate "that the boasted prosperity of the Order will not be exemplified very grandly by the possible exhaustion of its most important fund; and that there must be something wrong, somewhere, if we get so much as we do from amongst us for the three charitable institutions, and leave the oldest and most masonic fund to die out."

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We regret to hear of the accident that befel Bro. H. J. Butter, the deeply respected manager of the carriage department in Woolwich Arsenal, by which he lost his left hand on the 18th inst. We trust he will safely recover from the severe shock.

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The Christmas number of *The Freemason*, London, published by Bro. George Kenning, is a more than ordinarily interesting production. Amongst its contributions is a well written history of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 290, in narrative form, under the title of "Told by the Lodge Register," written by Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, and which cannot fail to please the large number of our brethren who delight in recognizing the services of distinguished freemasons in past times, as well as the present connection of well known names perpetuating ancient records. The "Thomas W. Tew M.S." of "Old Charges," with a transcript from "The Book of Masons," by Bro. William James Hughan, is also of considerable interest to those who desire to carry their masonic researches into the distant past. For lighter reading "The Masonic Talisman," by T. Johnston Evans, and "The Bells of St. Barnabas," by J. Marsden Sutcliffe, will serve to pleasantly while away a leisure hour; whilst musical brethren will find entertainment in the double page of music entitled "The Craft," the words of which are the production of Bro. F. W. Driver, P.M., No. 45, and the score by Bro. W. O. Dunkley, P.M., 1777 and P.G.P., Middlesex. An engraving, on loose sheet for framing, of the late Bro. Rosenthal's painting of the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as P.G. Master, Dec. 1st, 1869, is presented as a supplement. We commend the number to our readers as well worth its trifling cost.

THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The usual monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W. Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.D., president, James Brett, P.G.P., and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., vice-presidents, and about 55 members and brethren being present. Recommendations of the November meeting to the amount of £400 were confirmed, and a list of 47 applications were considered. These comprised cases from Metropolitan Lodges, and from others at Aberystwith, Adelaide, Canterbury, Croydon, Chard, Calcutta, Deal, Dagshai E.I., Jersey, Keynsham, Ledbury, Meerut, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, New York, Netherlands, Old Brompton, Port Elizabeth, Sidcup, Stonehouse, Shanghai, Wisbech, and York. Of these, two were dismissed, and three deferred; and the remainder were relieved by donations amounting to £967, inclusive of recommendations to the Most W. Grand Master. It was stated that the total amount awarded in the course of the present year was £11,468, and to meet the same stock to the amount of £9,000 had been sold out. When the Board commenced its proceedings on the above occasion it was in debt as much as £1,100. The business terminated with seasonable compliments and good wishes from the president.

DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS IN INDIA.—The present list of District Grand Masters of English Freemasonry in India, in order of appointment, is as follows:—R. W. Bro. the Hon. T. Prinsep, District Grand Master of Bengal; R. W. Bro. E. W. Parker, District Grand Master of the Punjab; R. W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, District Grand Master of Bombay; R. W. Bro. Lord Connemara, District Grand Master of Madras, elect.

THRIFT.—Bro. J. Knowles Rowbotham has recently been elected chairman of the National Thrift Society, and Bros. William Boddington, Capt. Darley, &c., have joined the committee. The society, the secretary of which is Bro. T. Bowden Green, 1, Finsbury Circus, E.C., is doing good work in London and the provinces, and deserves encouragement as well as support.

SOUTH AFRICA.

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT JOHANNESBURG.

We extract from *The Standard and Transvaal Mining Chronicle*, published at Johannesburg, on the 9th October last, the following interesting description of a new building for the purposes of Freemasonry in that "two-year-old city." We should like to see similar erections in many of our large and populous towns in England, where at present places of public resort alone afford meeting places for Masonic lodges:—

"**MASONIC TEMPLE.**—We had the pleasure of inspecting the interior of this edifice the other day, and were agreeably surprised to note its artistic character and general architectural beauty. It is not any exaggeration to say that from a decorative point of view the Johannesburg Temple is the finest in South Africa. Entering by the eastern door there are two rooms, one on the right being the refreshment room, having communication with the temple, and on the left the preparing room. Behind the latter, from a lobby which may also be entered by a door on the south, there is a principal entrance to the temple proper. As the door opened, and we obtained the first glimpse of the snug little hall, we were filled with astonishment and admiration that there should be such a building erected in this two-year-old city. It is 55 x 25 feet in area, and to the top of the cornice 17 feet high. The walls are decorated by a series of Grecian pilastres, and the top and lower portions of the cornice by a frieze. Between each alternative pilastre the panel is relieved by niches in which will be placed statuary. The room is lit by windows divided into three parts, about 12 feet from the floor. The painting and decorating was done by two tradesmen, Messrs. George West and Alfred Thomas of this town, as their subscription to the erection of the building, and truly it was a munificent gift, being valued at about £250. Apart from the monetary value, however, the donation was one the brethren should be proud of, being a labour of love; the whole art and talent of the donors were put into the work with the result as stated, that the temple is the prettiest in South Africa. The variety of designs, and yet uniformity, the blending and arrangement of colours are truly astonishing. The work, whilst as elaborate as it well could be, is chaste. The painting is bright, but there is no approach to the gaudy. The ceiling, which is lined, is of sky blue, spangled with stars in gold. The work, in fact, is that of the artist rather than the painter. The Master's chair, placed on a dais 2 feet high, approached by steps on either side, is beautifully carved with masonic pedestals, whilst the other official chairs are of the same design, these being the work and gift of Bro. Jorgenson. The portrait of the first master, Bro. Hart, a beautifully oil painted enlarged photo by Mr. Davis, has a fitting place at the opposite end of the room from the dais. Mr. Davis has just completed a photograph of the interior of the Temple, which is equal to anything in the photographic art which we have yet seen, considering the difficulty of obtaining the exact degree of light in a room so peculiar as this one necessarily is according to usage. Mr. Davis, however, after exposing the plates in each case for upwards of three hours, succeeded in taking two views, which give a correct idea of the temple. They are beautifully lighted, and the toning is excellent. All masons, and all who have a taste for good pictures, ought to secure copies."

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

ROYAL ATHELSTAN—No. 19.—On the 13th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.—Bro. G. H. Hoyle, W.M.—Election meeting. Bro. W. Nicholson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.M., was re-elected treasurer. The W.M. announced that an organ had been presented to the lodge, through the instrumentality of Bro. Moser and Bro. Gwynn. Bro. Gwynn was appointed organist, and enlivened the lodge working to the greatest satisfaction of the brethren present. The brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet, at which various toasts were duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHIRE.

LOYALTY LODGE—No. 320 **MOTTRAM**.—On the 12th inst., Festival of St. John the Evangelist, at the Masonic Rooms. The lodge was opened by Bro. Alfred Turner, W.M., and after the usual routine business had been transacted the installation ceremony was proceeded with according to the ancient rite and custom, the W.M. elect being Bro. Joseph Walker, S.W. The installing master was Bro. J. E. Steward, P.M. 336, P.P.G.J.D., who was assisted by Bros. the Rev. John Walker, W.M. 1427, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Chaplain 2060, and P.P.G. Chaplain, Northumberland, and Alfred Walker, W.M., Devonshire 625 (brothers of the W.M. elect); Alfred Turner, P.M. and W. S. Hadfield, P.M. The service was a full choral one, and the interesting ceremony was gone through in a most impressive manner. The officers for the ensuing year were invested in the following order:—Bros. W. F. Norman, S.W.; Alan Nield, J.W.; James Crook, P.M., treas.; John Wagstaff, P.M., secty.; George Sykes, S.D.; William Taylor, J.D.; R. S. Holland, I.G.; F. G. Thomas and W. T. Lee, stewards, and Robert Collier, P.M., tyler. This was Bro. Collier's 28th consecutive year of being appointed tyler of the lodge. Bro. Joseph Walker, W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented a handsome past master's jewel to Bro. Alfred Turner, in recognition of his services to the lodge as W.M. for the past year. Besides the above-mentioned brethren there were also present:—Bros. R. H. Swindlehurst, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Woodhouse, P.M.; John Whittaker, Wm. McMath, W. Hampshire, J. W. Scholes, H. Wyatt, E. Thornley, B. Hurst, J. Mills, and the following visiting brethren:—From the Devonshire lodge, 625, Glossop, Bros. Alfred Walker, W.M.; G. E. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Derbyshire; W. Eversden, S.W.; W. H. Bowden, S.D.; Charles Wilde, Hervey Smith, Industry, 361, Hyde; John Sherwin, W.M., Benevolence, 336, Marple; G. Holland, secretary, Stamford and Warrington, Stalybridge; J. Rowley, Probity, 61, Halifax; and S. T. Smethurst, 1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne. The installation banquet was presided over by the W.M. During the evening a number of songs were contributed by Bros. W. Fielding, C. Wilde, A. Walker, W. F. Norman, R. Woodhouse, J. Mills and W. Taylor. Bro. E. Thornley was the accompanist, and the proceedings throughout were of a successful and enjoyable character.

DEVON.

PRUDENCE—No. 1550—**PLYMOUTH**.—On the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, the Annual Banquet was held, under the presidency of Bro. A. Goodman, W.M., who was supported by the officers and past masters of the lodge, including W. Bros. J. B. Gover, P.P.G.Sec.; J. R. Lord, P.G.T.; T. Goodall, P.P.G.O., Sec.; R. G. Bird, J.Y. Avery, M. C. Lakeman, G. H. Selleck, G. Dimier, G. F. Watson, and J. Maton. Among the visitors were W. Bros. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.G.J.W.;

J. Griffin, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. Kinton Bond, P.P.G.D.C.; W. T. Hocking, W.M. 70; J. Little, W.M. 156; H. Haynes, W.M. 954; W. H. Hamblyn, W.M. 1247; T. R. E. Oliver, P.M. 1247; J. Wallis, 1255; J. Gidley, 2025; W. Coath, 893 (Cornwall). Covers were laid for 70 brethren, and an excellent dinner was provided. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and the health of the W.M. was received with great cordiality, testimony being borne to the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. since his appointment to the office. It was also reported during the evening that the lodge was in a satisfactory financial position. An excellent band, under Bro. Elford's direction, was in attendance, and played some choice selections of music during the evening, and valuable musical service was also rendered by several of the brethren.

CHARITY LODGE—No. 223.—On the 18th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Installation.—W. Bro. P. H. Bridgman, W.M., presiding.—Messrs. J. B. R. Orchard, of Plymouth, and N. Trogaskis, of Bude, were duly initiated. Bros. J. C. Fellow and E. J. Hallahan were passed to the second degree, and Bro. J. Goal and J. Edmunds raised to the third degree. The lodge was then called off from labour to refreshment, and at 7 p.m. resumed business. The W.M. Elect, W. Bro. W. Stenlake, was ably installed as W.M., by W. Bro. P. H. Bridgman, the retiring W.M., assisted by the following Board of L.M.'s:—W. Bro. W. Browning, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Hiley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. W. Cornish, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. P. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; S. R. R. Anniss, P.M.; T. C. Lewarn, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. S. Hill, P.M.; R. Blight, P.M.; J. Moysey, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Neno, P.M.; F. R. Goodyear, P.M.; J. Hoyten, P.M.; W. J. C. Hannaford, P.M., all of 223; W. Bro. Major M. Tracey, R.A., P.M., W.M. 2258, P.G.S.W.; Bro. S. Jew, P.M. 1847, 2258, P.P.G.T.; T. W. Lemon, P.M. 189, P.J.G. Warden; R. Pike, P.M. 230, P.P.G.O.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.G.T.; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; B. Johns, P.M. 159; P. G. L. Pearce, P.M.; J. Bray, P.M. 1212; H. E. Sitters, W.M. 1205; R. Rawlings, W.M. 1071; R. Selmon, W.M. 159; Frank R. Thomas, W.M. 189; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. H. Williams, P.M. 1847; W. T. Hocking, W.M. 70; J. Leonard, W.M. 230; F. Hooper, P.M. 2025, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bro. R. Pike, P.M. 202, P.P.G.O.; W. H. W. Macey, P.M. 1847; W. L. Lavers, P.M. 1255; and P. J. Wallis, P.M. 1255. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. J. A. Lavers, S.W.; H. Earl, J.W.; W. Bro. Fred. R. Goodyear, P.M., treas.; W. Bro. W. Browning, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., sec.; Bros. G. Payne, S.D.; H. Rogers, J.D.; W. Hutchings, I.G.; I. A. Court, D.C.; C. B. Gale, A.D.C.; C. H. Soper, musical director; P. Hannaford, organist; S. Yeomans, S.S.; S. W. Sanders, J.S.; W. Biscoombe, 1st Assistant Steward; C. H. Tozer, 2nd Assistant Steward; and W. Bro. W. H. Phillips, tyler. W. Bro. J. Neno was appointed charity steward. The W.M. welcomed the brethren in their new home. They had been in the old rooms for 27½ years, and he trusted they would not regret the change—(applause.) The I.P.M. proposed that the amount realized by the sale of lodge furniture, &c., be added to the reserve fund, increasing it to £200, which was carried *nem. con.* The annual banquet was fixed for Wednesday, January 9th, at the New Masonic Hall. It was decided to make a presentation to Bro. T. Mair, the late tyler, and his wife, in appreciation of their services. The lodge then adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant evening was spent by all.

ESSEX.

BLACKWATER—No. 1977.—On the 17th inst., at the Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon, the regular monthly meeting was held under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. M. W. Mead, who was supported by the Rev. Thos. Lloyd (chaplain), Rev. E. H. Crate, P.P.G.C., S. Shawyer, P.G. Std. B.; W. Strutt, treas.; G. A. Eustiss, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., sec., &c., and the following visitors:—W. Bros. A. Barritt, W.M. 1024; F. G. Green, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. 1024; W. H. de Cean, P.M. 1024; and Bro. Joseph Sadler (Mayor of Maldon), C. F. Rush, and H. T. Baker, 1024, and F. Harris (O Tentosama Lodge 1263, Yokohama, Japan). After lodge was closed about 30 brethren sat down to supper. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of the Mayor of Maldon, was received with enthusiasm, as was also "The health of the Treasurer, Bro. William Strutt." During the evening songs were contributed by W. Bros. S. Shawyer and Edward Gowers, and Bro. W. Hunt, C. F. Rush, H. T. Baker, and N. E. Blaxall, and recitations by W. Bros. A. Barritt and W. H. de Cean.

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

YARBOROUGH LODGE—No. 551.—On the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, High Street, Ventnor.—W. Bro. Clough, W.M.—Installation Meeting. A large number of brethren from all parts of the island, and of visitors from the main land, attended. The ceremony of installation of Bro. F. P. Ansie, was performed by W. Bro. Scott in a most impressive and able manner. The W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows:—F. Trueman, S.W.; John S. Ineson, J.W.; J. J. Webber, P.M., treas.; E. A. Swane, sec.; F. H. Sheppard, S.D.; W. Drake Bidgood, J.D.; W. C. Norman, I.G.; M. Hibberd, D.C.; Rev. W. M. H. Elwyn, chaplain; Rev. J. A. Alloway, organist; S. Tuddenham and W. J. Wetherick, stewards; and C. Small, tyler. The W.M. then uncovered a very handsome new banner, which had been presented to the lodge by some of the brethren, and most artistically painted and worked by Mrs. Cole Norman, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded. Mr. Woodman was initiated into Freemasonry by the newly installed W.M., in a most efficient manner, and after the dispatch of ordinary routine business, the brethren adjourned to Cass's Hotel, where a very excellent banquet was served in the style for which this old-established hostelry is famous. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were honoured. In proposing that of the M.W. the Grand Master, the W.M. made the following happy quotation:—

"He is complete in feature and in mind,
With all good grace to grace a gentleman."

Bro. G. A. Mursell and Bro. F. Topham Jones responded to the toast of the R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and the Grand Officers. The toast of the Charities was proposed by W. Bro. Alloway, and a collection was made, resulting in the sum of £3 ss. 6d. being handed to the treasurer. The W.M. was then honoured by a most gratifying reception. For the visitors Bros. Walker of the Southampton Lodge, Greenham of the Chine Lodge, and Linfield, a former member of the Yarrowborough, responded in full acknowledgment of the pleasure afforded them by the visit. A very pleasant evening was spent by all the brethren before the inevitable separation for distant homes.

WILLIAM OF WYKEHAM LODGE—No. 1883—WINCHESTER.—On the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall. W. Bro. W. H. Jacob, P.M. 76, W.M. Installation meeting. Amongst the visitors were the following Provincial Grand and other distinguished brethren:—R. W.P.G.M., W. W. B. Beach; Bros. Jewel, P.G. treas.; Groves, P.G.R.; Wise, P.G.S.D.; Marks, P.G.J.D.; Jenkins, P.P.G.J.W.; Palsgrave, P.G.A.D.C.; Webb, P.G. std.; Taylor, P.G. std.; Webber, P.G. std.; Swansborough, W.M. 2016; I. Harris, W.M. 76. The ceremony of installing Bro. I. Greig as Master was performed by the retiring Master. The following brethren were invested as officers:—Bros. F. Bascomb, S.W.; S. Frampton, J.W.; F. H. King, P.M. treas.; Geo. Harrison, sec.; C. Campbell, S.D.; H. Sealey, J.D.; A. Somerset, org.; D. Davis, I.G.; R. Snook, D.C.; E. Chalkley, A.D.C.; J. Silence, S. std.; S. B. Cook, J. std.; C. Sims, tyler. The P.G.M. was heartily welcomed and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Jason, for his service as Installing Master. The lodge and the visitors, about forty, dined together after the ceremony, and W. Bro. Greig received a hearty welcome and hopes for a prosperous year of office.

LANCASHIRE.

CROSTON LODGE, No. 986, Croston.—W. Bro. T. Baildon, W.M., Installation meeting. At the Grapes Inn, on the 17th inst. The members present included Bros. W. J. Melling, P.M.; T. Baildon, W.M.; T. Whittle, P.M. treas.; J. S. Warburton, P.M. asst. sec.; H. Catterall, P.M., P.P.G.P. sec.; I. Ashcroft, P.M.; James Ashton, S.W.; J. Bowling, J.W.; Dr. A. T. H. Kerr, S.D.; W. Bretherton, J.D.; C. Taylor, S.S.; J. Singleton, J.S.; A. Mills, G. Houlden and J. Hale, tyler. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. A. Beattie P.M. 343; J. Haigh 844; J. Threlfall, sec. 1,032; Robert Riding 580; H. Archer 580; Jos. Rothwell 1,403; Henry McCartney 246, Ireland, and Jas. Houseman 730. Bro. Jas. Ashton, W.M. Elect, was installed by Bro. W. G. Melling, P.M., in an able and eloquent manner. The officers were invested as follows:—Bro. J. Bowling, S.W.; Bro. Dr. A. T. H. Kerr, J.W.; Bro. T. Whittle, P.M., treas.; Bro. J. S. Warburton, P.M., sec.; Bro. W. Bretherton, S.D.; Bro. G. Houlden, J.D.; Bro. C. Taylor, I.G.; Bro. J. Haig, org.; Wm. J. Melling, P.M., D.C.; Bro. J. Ashcroft, P.M., S.S.; Bro. W. Blackwell, J.S.; and Bro. J. Hale, tyler. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Thos. Baildon, for the very able manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the last twelve months. After dinner had been partaken of, the usual loyal toasts were honoured. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Dr. Kerr, J.W., who insisted upon the necessity of all Masons exercising self-denial in order that they might individually, as well as collectively, help on those grand Masonic institutions. He

also suggested the advisability of holding once a year, in certain centres, Masonic reunions, to which all Masons should be invited, the different lodges in the district joining in the expense. A pleasant evening was spent.

SOUTH WALES.

BUTE LODGE—No. 969—CARDIFF.—On the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Installation, W. Bro. James Radley, W.M., presiding, supported by the following Officers and Brethren:—Bro. John Munday, P.G.R.; C. Carey Thomas, S.W.; D. S. Varzopolo, P.G.T., J.W.; W. C. Peace, P.M., Treas.; R. Elliott, sec.; John Hussey, D.C.; John Dutton, S.D.; Thomas James, J.D.; John Rees, I.G.; W. B. Ferrier, steward; Amos Jenkins, tyler; P.M.'s H. White, P.P.G.T.; W. H. Davies, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Matthews, P.P.S.G.W.; D. Williams, P.P.A.G.O. Members:—Bros. P. L. Thomas, J. Harris, W. S. Prestage, S. O. Williams, A. Taubmann, J. Lancaster, T. H. Anderson, S. Sheldrick, James Rate, F. H. Simpson, H. Siemens, J. Edwards, T. H. Storkey, John Radley, W. B. Davies, A. M. Passons, C. E. Davey, Charles Jones, Thomas Elliott, John Williams, Thomas Rees, W. H. Williams, Charles Knabe, A. C. Botterill, Arthur V. Dovey, Thomas Evans, C. H. Owen, George New, W. Evans, E. I. Champney-Smith, A. K. Hamilton. Visitors:—F. W. Dingle, Royal Albert Edward, Bath, P.M.; J. Gordon, St. Jerman, P.M.; R. J. Watkins, Glamorgan; Hugh Brown Tennant; S. Cooper, Glamorgan, P.M.; C. Cullen, W.M.; Albert Edward, J. E. Strangala, Windsor; E. Waring, Glamorgan; J. W. Peacock, W.M., Glamorgan; J. Brittain, Royal Somerset; D. E. Davies, Albert Edward; J. H. Pettengell, Homfray, W.M. elect; Arthur W. Price, Glamorgan; F. E. Hodges, Windsor, P.M.; H. A. Rowan, St. John, N.B.; F. Harris, P.M., Loyal Cambrian; J. E. Davies, W.M., Loyal Cambrian; George Thomas, P.M.; Glamorgan; Walter Nicol, Glamorgan, J.D.; S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M., Mon.; H. M. Tainsh, Tennant; Isaac E. Thomas, P.M.; George Hazell; Edwin J. Whiteley, W.M. Silurian Lodge.

Bro. C. Carey Thomas was installed by Bro. James Radley, W.M.P.G.D.C., the ceremony being of a most interesting and successful character. The following officers invested:—D. S. Varzopolo, S.W.; R. Elliott, J.W.; W. C. Peace, treas.; C. E. Dovey, sec.; John Munday, D.C.; J. Dutton, organist; T. James, S.D.; J. Rees, J.D.; W. B. Ferrier, I.G.; C. J. Champneys, Smith, and H. Samuel, stewards; and Amos Jenkins, tyler. Subsequently the brethren dined at the Park Hotel, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, speeches alternating with songs and instrumental music.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

MENTURIA LODGE—No. 418—HANLEY.—W. Bro. W. Tunnicliffe, W.M. The festival of St. John and the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, took place on the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cheapside. There was a very large number of brethren present, including members of the lodge and visitors from neighbouring lodges. Bro. Herbert Windle was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being very effectively performed by the retiring W.M., assisted by W. Bros. W. H. Hales, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Bromley, P.P.G.S.W.; J. B. Piercy, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Bickley, P.P.G.J.W.; J. S. Crapper, P.P.G.D.; and E. V. Greatbatch, P.G., superintendent of works. The officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows:—Bros. J. Robinson, S.W.; W. Hampton, J.W.; the Rev. F. E. Waters, chaplain; W. H. Hales, treas.; E. B. Devereaux, sec.; Joseph Barlow, S.D.; David Jones, J.D.; E. V. Greatbatch, D.C.; C. F. Baker, org.; Edmund Jones, I.G.; W. Jones and J. Goodson, stewards; G. Wilkes, tyler. A banquet was served in the Court room of the Town Hall, at which the W.M. Bro. Herbert Windle presided, and about ninety brethren sat down. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured; and that of the Worshipful Master was made more than ordinarily interesting by comments on the fact of the day of his installation being the 46th anniversary of his birth, and the year that of the celebration of his silver wedding. It was also stated that the lodge since the formation of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association had contributed as much as £54 16s. During the evening songs were contributed by several brethren.

SUFFOLK.

PERFECT FRIENDSHIP LODGE—No. 376—IPSWICH.—On the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Installation meeting. W. Bro. E. A. Bales, W.M. Amongst the members present were:—Bros. R. E. Younger, S.W. W.M. elect; N. Tracey, P.M., P.G.S.; S. R. Amess, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Albert Cannon, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Buckham, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; A. A. Bennett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. B. Fraser, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. B. Jeffries, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Fred. C. Atkinson, J.W.; W. P. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., treas.; H. E. Leach, S.D.; H. Sidney, P.M., sec., P.P.G.R.; A. J. Wright, D. of C., P.G.S.; H. Campion-Monteith, I.G.; T. Thwaites and A. Spalding, stewards; R. Amess, A. Hayward, E. T. Read, H. George Tunmer, J. Snare, W. Darby, N. Vogan, J. Tibbenham, and G. Gould, tyler. The visitors included:—Bros. A. J. H. Ward, W.M. H. G. Everard, P.M., 650; C. H. Vincent, P.M. 1823, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Tibbury, W.M. 114; W. B. Hanson, P.M. 959; S. J. Morley, W.M. 225; John H. Pearson 442; T. Palmer, S.D. 114, P.P.G.O.; G. T. Pick, S.W. 959; T. B. Read 114; W. Leathers 225.

The installation of Bro. R. E. Younger as W.M., was ably and impressively performed by P.M. Bro. S. R. Amess. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. Fred. C. Atkinson, S.W.; H. E. Leach, J.W.; W. P. Mills, P.P.G.S.W., treas.; H. Sidney, P.P.G.A.D. of C., sec.; H. C. Monteith, S.D.; T. Thwaites, J.D.; A. Spalding, I.G.; H. J. Wright, P.G.S., D. of C.; J. Norman Vogan and J. Tibbenham, stewards; G. Gould, tyler. The installation banquet was admirably served by Bro. J. Hardwick. Excellent songs were given during the evening by several brethren, Bro. Palmer, Mrs. Bac., kindly presiding at the pianoforte.

YORKSHIRE.

YORK—No. 236.—On the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place—Bro. W. Smith, W.M.—Bro. S. Border (ex-Sheriff of York) was installed Worshipful Master by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., treasurer. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. C. M. Forbes, S.W.; T. S. Brogden, J.W.; the Very Rev. A. P. Pury-Cust, D.D., Dean of York, P.G.C. England, P.P.G.C., chaplain; J. Todd, treas.; E. W. Purnell, sec.; J. B. Sampson, S.D.; H. S. Hopton, J.D.; E. Carter, D.C.; A. Sample, organist; F. Watkinson, I.G.; M. Bryson and T. Archey, stewards; and W. G. Calvert, tyler. The installation banquet followed.

THREE GRAND PRINCIPLES—No. 208.—On the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Dewsbury—Bro. W. D. Quarby, W.M.—Installation meeting. Bro. F. W. Reuss was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by his predecessor, Bro. Quarby, and appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Geo. Clay, S.W.; Marmaduke Fox, J.W.; Thos. Richards, P.M., sec.; A. C. McIntyre, P.M., treas.; C. J. Fox, S.D.; John Lane Fox, J.D.; P. R. Sewell, I.G.; James France, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as D.C. The usual banquet took place afterwards, at which a large number of visiting brethren from Leeds, Wakefield, Bradford, and the neighbouring lodges were present.

FALCON LODGE—No. 1416.—At Masonic Hall, Thirsk, Bro. John T. Hansell was installed Worshipful Master. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., and W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. F. R. Hansell, S.W.; J. H. Buchanan, J.W.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M., treas.; C. Greensides, sec.; W. W. Hall, S.D.; A. W. Cass, J.D.; Rev. Eusebius Richardson, chaplain; A. C. Bamlett, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Moss, P.M.; J. Wright, P.M., org.; Henry Longford, P.M., I.G.; J. C. Conlson, and H. Smith, P.M., stewards; G. Ayre, P.M., almoner and charity steward; John S. Farmery, tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous repast at Bro. W. Hall's Fleece Hotel, at which the usual loyal and masonic toasts were honoured.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

ST. AMBROSE—No. 1891.—A small gathering of the members took place on Monday evening, the 17th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when two ceremonies were rehearsed and other business transacted. *The lodge was adjourned until Monday, the 7th January next*, Bro. J. T. Gracia being W.M. elect for that occasion.

THE STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, 21st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Fred. Hilton, P.Z., 1275, M.E.Z. and Preceptor; T. Grumant, P.Z. 1275, H.; Neeld, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; W. Briant, 1329, S.N.; A. C. Wood, P.S.; Addington, M.E.Z. Elect, 1275; Eddie and R. C. Davis, 1329. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comp. Grumant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, which was fixed for the first Friday in January.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1471.—Held at Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Convocation December 13th, 1888, at 8 p.m. Comps. Wm. Radcliffe, M.E.Z.; J. McLaren, II.; W. B. Kidder, J.; J. B. Sheffield, S.E.; W. C. Wigley, S.N. and T. C. Edmonds, P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was very ably rehearsed, and a pleasant and instructive evening was spent under the guidance of Comp. T. C. Edmonds, preceptor.

REPORTS, &c., RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

ST. NICHOLAS, THORNE—No. 2259.—At the December regular meeting of this lodge, on the 19th inst., Bros. C. W. Darley, W. Walker, and A. Goodkins, were passed to the second degree. Capt. G. Dove, W.M., in the chair. Bro. J. Constable, sec., was presented with a Founder's Jewel. A Masonic Ball will be held in connection with this lodge on January the 31st.

THE PYTHAGORAS CHAPTER—No. 88.—CAMBRIDGE.—On the 19th inst., held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge. An illuminated address of thanks was presented to Miss Chennell, of Foley House, Newmarket, in recognition of her artistic work in the painting of a new set of twelve banners, which had been given to the Chapter by her father, M. E. Comp. Chennell, the First Principal. The address was enclosed in a casket, elegantly mounted with pierced and engraved silver. This work had been carried out by Comp. F. R. Leach, of Cambridge. The presentation was made to Comp. Chennell, on behalf of the Chapter, by M. E. Comp. Andrew H. Moyes, P.Z., and Comp. Chennell suitably replied on behalf of his daughter.

ELIOT LODGE—No. 1164—CORNWALL.—This lodge held its annual meeting on the 20th inst., when the installation of Bro. Roberts as W.M. was ably performed by W. Bro. Joseph Doney, P.P.D.G.D.C., assisted by the following board of installed masters:—Bros. J. Bedford Kerswill, P.P.J.G.W.; W. F. Creber, P.P.G. Std.B.; J. Crossman, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Roberts, P.P.G. steward; and W. R. Rawling, W.M. 1071. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were:—Bros. J. Bersey, S.W.; Fred. A. Rawling, J.W.; W. P. Wood, S.D.; C. W. Bickle, J.D.; S. J. Ball, I.G.; J. Bedford Kerswill, treasurer; W. H. Maynard, secretary; F. W. Hawke, tyler. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the Eliot Arms, where the annual banquet was held, the W.M. presiding.

Can any of our readers help a brother who is collecting Masonic autographs, seals, parchments, drawings of clothing in all degrees and rights in all countries, to obtain a copy of the Old Edition of the Irish Constitution, which has coloured plates, and was published at 3s. 6d. a few years ago? If so, a communication addressed to us shall receive immediate attention. Our brother also requires an old "Royal Arch Parchment" and one of the 18th degree.

THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

In the opinion of many Brethren the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the Brethren, whose names are subjoined, may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft universal, who, in this way, will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned Brethren have formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual Subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Dr. RALPH GOODING, P.G.D., Hon. Sec. and *ad interim* Treasurer (Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E.), and will be duly acknowledged.

COMMITTEE.

Chairman—THE EARL OF CARNARVON, PRO GRAND MASTER.

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Together with many distinguished Past Grand Officers and well-known Brethren of the Craft in all parts of England.

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.

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THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th.			(1st) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd.		
Mark. 118	Northumberland	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.	1298	Royal Standard	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
			1687	Rothesay	St. James's Hall, Piccadilly
			1827	Alliance	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
			R.A.C. 1328	Granite	Holborn Restaurant
(4th) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th.			(1st) THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd.		
(Last) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29th.			538	La Tolerance	F. M. II.
(Last) MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st.			554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
1889.			1288	Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
(1st) TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st.			1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
9	Albion	F. M. II.	1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
166	Union	Criterion, Piccadilly	1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon
172	Old Concord	F. M. H.	1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate
765	St. James'	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge	1963	Duke of Albany	Albert Palace, Battersea Park
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington	R.A.C. 181	Universal	F. M. II.
1472	Henley	Three Crowns, North Woolwich	1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1662	Beaconsfield	Chequers, Walthamstow	1716	All Saints	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
2032	Richmond	Station Hot., Richmond	Mark. 244	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
R.A.C. 1	Grand Masters	Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's			
1159	Marquis of Dalhousie	33, Golden Square, W.			
Mark. 1	St. Mark's	M. H., 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.			

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).

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BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

43	St. Paul's ...	28th Jan	M. H., New Street
74	Athol ...	2nd Jan	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light ...	15th Jan	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful ...	8th Jan	M. H., New Street
587	Howe ...	14th Jan	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Feb	Ditto
887	Leigh ...	23rd Jan	Ditto
925	Bedford ...	21st Jan	Ditto
938	Grosvenor ...	16th Jan	Ditto
1016	Elkington ...	22nd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher ...	9th Jan	Ditto
1163	Emulation TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
1180	Forward ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1474	Israel ...	14th Jan	M. H., Severn Street
1651	Charity ...	15th Jan	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude ...	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol ...	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
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.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	14th Jan	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity ...	9th Jan	Ditto
221	St. John ...	16th Jan	Ditto
348	St. John's TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
1723	St. George ...	23rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord ...	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John ...	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's ...	12th Mar	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope ...	14th Jan	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony ...	17th Jan	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha ...	1st Jan	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	9th Jan	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	4th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity ...	14th Jan	Ditto
600	Sincerity ...	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ...	18th Jan	Royal Pavillion
315	Royal York ...	1st Jan	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	10th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	19th Jan	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	5th Jan	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia ...	29th Jan	Royal Pavillion
1821	Atlingworth ...	17th Jan	Ditto
1947	Stanford ...	9th Jan	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox ...	1st Feb	Royal Pavillion
315	Royal Pavillion ...	19th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	24th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	14th Jan	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort ...	1st Jan	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	9th Jan	Ditto
326	Moira ...	17th Jan	Ditto
610	Colston ...	16th Jan	Ditto
686	Jerusalem ...	12th Feb	Ditto
1388	Canynge ...	5th Jan	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent ...	24th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell ...	28th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	19th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort ...	22nd Jan	Ditto
187	Charity ...	3rd Jan	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief TO-DAY (?)	27th Dec	Grey Mars Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	16th Jan	Bridge Inn
191	St. John ...	10th Jan	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	3rd Jan	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity ...	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific ...	14th Jan	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	28th Jan	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Unvsty.	5th Feb	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ...	17th Jan	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity ...	23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid ...	?	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian ...	22nd Jan	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arborctum ...	9th Jan	Ditto
802	Repose ...	17th Jan	Ditto
1085	Hartington ...	2nd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice ...	8th Jan	Ditto
731	Truth ...	16th Jan	Ditto

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HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel	
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto	
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto	
1194	Villiers ...	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett ...	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell ...	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming ...	17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave ...	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel	
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric ...	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama ...	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel	
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett ...	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ...	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber ...	3rd Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva ...	9th Jan	M. H., Dagg Lane
1010	Kingston ...	2nd Jan	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	4th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber ...	31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva ...	17th Jan	M. H., Dagg Lane
1010	Kingston ...	18th Jan	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole ...	25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole ...	2nd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	15th Jan	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald ...	9th Jan	M. H., Douglas
2049	Eilan Vaunlu ...	1st Jan	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	16th Jan	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	14th Jan	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C.			
1004	Athole ...? 16th or 23rd Jan		M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity ...	3rd Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	30th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ...	4th Jan	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior ...	17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1221	Defence ...	14th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland ...	18th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence ...	12th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity ...	8th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	5th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ...	8th Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior ...	17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's ...	9th Jan	F. M. H., Hialford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	17th Jan	Ditto
1391	Commercial TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	8th Jan	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	21st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	23rd Jan	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	15th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	17th Jan	Ditto
216	Harmonic ...	10th Jan	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants ...	8th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners ...	3rd Jan	Ditto
292	Sincerity ...	14th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
667	Alliance ...	15th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John ...	1st Jan	Ditto
680	Sefton ...	4th Jan	Ditto
724	Derby ...	23rd Jan	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 Edmbgh. ...	10th Jan	Ditto
1264	Neptune ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1299	Pembroke ...	17th Jan	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley ...	14th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	14th Jan	Ditto
1356	Toxteth ...	9th Jan	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer ...	17th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel ...	21st Jan	Ditto
1505	Emulation TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
1547	Liverpool ...	9th Jan	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	15th Jan	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	22nd Jan	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	2nd Jan	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	22nd Jan	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo ...	2nd Jan	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	21st Jan	Ditto
2215	Anfield TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Latham ... 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 ...	15th Feb	Ditto
241	Friendship ...	28th Jan	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 ...	22nd Feb	Ditto
823	Everton ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple ...	22nd Jan	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	13th Jan	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Feb	Ditto
1393	Hamer ...	3rd Jan	Ditto
1502	Israel ...	8th Jan	Ditto

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.			OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship ...	1st Feb	Albion Hotel		
62	Social ...	31st Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly		
64	Fortitude ...	25th Jan	Ditto		
152	Virtue ...	18th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street		
163	Integrity ...	30th Jan	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 TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto		
992	St. Thomas ...	2nd Jan	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton		
993	Alexandra ...	11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme		
999	Robert Burns ...	25th Feb	Albion Hotel		
1009	Shakspeare ...	7th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street		
1011	Richmond ...	17th Jan	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 ...	30th Jan	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street		
1134	Nowall ...	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 ...	30th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove		
1253	Travelers ...	11th Jan	Queen's Hotel		
1458	Truth ...	5th Jan	Conservative Club, Newton Heath		
1534	Concord ...	17th Jan	Chester Bank, Prestwich		
1633	Avon ...	23rd Jan	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys		
1773	Albert Victor ...	18th Jan	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 TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street		
204	Caledonian ...	17th Jan	Ditto		
317	Affability ...	21st Feb	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		
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—		
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 ...	18th Jan	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 TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto		
1676	St. Nicholas ...	11th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street		
1712	St. John's TO-MOR.,	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 ...	11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth		
NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			16 LODGES, 12 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 TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street		
683	St. Woolos ...	9th Jan	Ditto		
NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 52	Union ...	1st Jan	Norfolk Hotel		
93	Social ...	8th Jan	23, St. Giles Street		
213	Perseverance ...	15th Jan	Ditto		
807	Cabbell TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto		
943	Sincerity ...	22nd Jan	Ditto		
1500	Walpole ...	3rd Jan	Ditto		
R.A.C.					
52	Royal George ...	15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel		
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street		
807	Cabbell ...	10th Jan	Ditto		
NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—		
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 TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	Ditto		
1794	De Vere ...	18th Jan	Ditto		
1909	Carnarvon ...	21st Jan	Ditto		
2017	Duke of Portland's	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		
OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—		
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		
PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—			16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 70	St. John's TO-DAY,	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 TO-DAY,	27th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport		
223	Charity ...	16th Jan	193, Union Street		
230	Fidelity ...	3rd Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport		
954	St. Aubyn ...	8th Jan	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 ...	22nd Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse		
2258	Western District } United Service }	16th Jan	East Stonehouse		
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 TO-MOR.,	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 ...	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse		
1255	Dundas ...	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple		
2025	St. George ...	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse		
PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—			11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
257	Phoenix ...	23rd Jan	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 ...	17th Jan	Ditto		
1834	Duke of Connaught	22nd Jan	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 }	28th Jan	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		
SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS		
139	Britannia ...	10th Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street		
296	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Jan	Ditto		
1239	Wentworth ...	7th Jan	Ditto		
1779	Ivanhoe ...	29th Jan	Ditto		
2263	St. Leonards (con- } secrated 21 July) }	24th Jan	Ditto		
R.A.C.					
139	Paradise ...	21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street		
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R.A.C.					
130	Royal Glo'ster ..	3rd Jan	Ditto		
359	Peace and Harmony	4th Jan	Ditto		
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2039	Londonderry TO-MR.,	28th Dec	Ditto		
R.A.C.					
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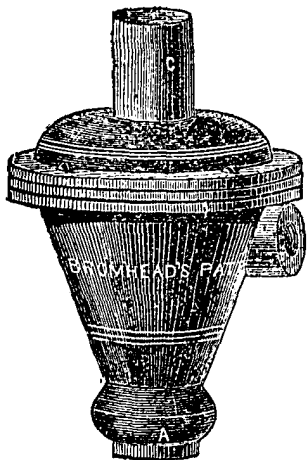


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