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"Ars Quatuor Coronatorum,"

TRANSACTIONS OF THE LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI, No. 2076.



BY the courtesy of W. Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., the Secretary of the *Quatuor Coronati Lodge* (the Lodge of the Four Crowned Martyrs), we have been favoured by the receipt of the fifth part (completing the first volume) of the transactions of the Lodge since its consecration on the 12th January, 1886. The great majority of the Craft may not be aware that this new Lodge was formed by the following brethren distinguished as *litterati* and for their Masonic researches, namely, Bros. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., Wm. Harry Rylands, Robert Freke Gould, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford (since deceased), Walter Besant, J. P. Rylands, Major Sisson Cooper Pratt, William James Hughan, and George William Speth, "in honest attachment to the Craft, and in a sincere desire usefully to extend the many claims masonic history and archæology have on our time, our intellects and our sympathy as Freemasons who take pride in the Order, and who feel, and feel strongly, that knowledge and light, the opposites of ignorance and darkness, are, ever have been, and it is to be hoped ever will be, characteristic features and the abiding distinction of Freemasonry."

With such a programme, every particular of which has been strictly adhered to, it is not to be wondered at that *Lodge Quatuor Coronati* is fast becoming that exponent of true Masonic working which has been so long needed to stay the devastation of the true principles of the Order, of late years almost effaced by innovations and departures from ancient customs. No true Freemason—in which term we can include only those who are careful to put before every other consideration the practice of each and every of

its beneficent precepts—can fail to rejoice in having so representative a body of what Freemasonry should be. A report of its permanent and Audit Committee has been circulated and is now before us, and we feel assured that we cannot, at this season, better discharge our duty as journalists, or more fittingly accompany our hearty good wishes for the individual happiness of our several readers, and the general prosperity of the Craft during the year of Masonry, 5889, than by briefly recording the progress and present position of the *Quatuor Coronati Lodge*.

It commenced the past year with a membership of twenty-one, which by the accession of Bros. Whympers (the author of "The Religion of Freemasonry"), Castle, Macbean, Goldney and Williams, reached a total of twenty-six, now reduced to twenty-five by the lamented death of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford. The lodge met six times during the past year, and on each occasion in addition to the ordinary ceremonial working very interesting papers on Masonic subjects have been read, and these are most correctly described as being of such literary merit "as no society in the world would need to be ashamed of." These valuable contributions to Masonic literature, together with full and elaborate reports of the several meetings, and other useful information, form together the work so ably edited by Bro. Speth, and entitled *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, a work we have the utmost confidence in recommending for the perusal of every member of the Craft, without distinction of station, sect or country. It is no small claim to make, but to our mind it is perfectly justified, that the work "cannot fail to enhance our (*the lodge's*) reputation in the Craft, and the world outside it."

By a very happy arrangement, the spread of the vast amount of knowledge which the members of the *Quatuor Coronati Lodge* have the opportunity of gaining amongst themselves is secured to other brethren who might otherwise be precluded in sharing the benefits thereof by direct membership. A correspondence circle has been established with what we consider extraordinary success, and in the short period of two years no less than 500 brethren have been admitted, at what may be looked upon as merely a nominal subscription, to a participation in the advantages of hearing and reading the several essays we have referred to, and in claiming connection with some of the brightest lights of our Order as masonic historians and students. Not content with even this attractive addition to their work, the Lodge has still further evidenced its devotion to the best interests of the Craft, by commencing the establishment of a Library, already numbering between six hundred and seven hundred volumes now frequently utilized by members of both circles. It should here be

explained that by "both circles" is meant:—1st, The regular members of the Lodge itself, restricted to forty in number, which comprise the Inner Circle; and, 2nd, The brethren who, not being absolutely members of the Lodge, are sharers in its literary work and recipients of the advantages we have endeavoured, but feebly, to set forth, and these are known as the Outer Circle. Amongst these latter we note, in the list of members, some *sixty* Masonic Lodges and Chapters, the numbers and names of which we would, if our space permitted, announce in this present writing as examples which should be followed by every Lodge and Chapter attached to the English Constitution; for, if it be not already so, it soon will be recognized that Membership of the Correspondence, or Outer Circle, will be esteemed a "hall mark" of masonic distinction.

We could greatly extend our remarks as to the work of the lodge during the past two years by detailed information in respect of its financial position, and show that notwithstanding a large outlay in the production of its printed works, and in something beyond the ordinary expenditure of even the most expensive of our lodges, good balances are found in favour of the several accounts. This results from the devotion of masonic subscriptions and fees to masonic working purposes only, and not to the pleasures of the table on all occasions of meeting. In fact it does not appear that one single penny of lodge funds has been spent in the latter direction, but that on all occasions the brethren have dined together at their individual cost, and with much to be commended moderation. This is as it should be, and the practice of Lodge Quatuor Coronati in this respect might be followed with considerable advantage to Freemasonry.

With the report has also been forwarded to us a copy of the "St. John's Card" of the Lodge, bearing the date "St. John's Day in Winter, 1888" (Dec. 27th), and which is a Christmas Card, *in excelsis*, to the members of the lodge and Correspondence Circle from W. Bro. William Simpson, the present W.M. This book contains very interesting addresses from both Master and Secretary, lists of Lodge Members, and of the lodges and brethren who are members of the outer circle, and other interesting matter, including a full page illuminated allegorical design by Bro. Simpson who is an ardent student of symbolism, and the interpretation of which is left by him to the ingenuity and judgment of each individual brother. One portion of this design is expressive of the "Hearty good wishes" of the W.M. and his officers to those with whom they are more nearly connected in relation to the *Lodge Quatuor Coronati*, and we feel assured such wishes will be appreciated by all to whom they are addressed.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE FOR THE YEAR 1888.

During the year which closed on Monday last, Masonic benevolence produced an amount for the three English Masonic Charitable Institutions combined far surpassing that of any previous twelvemonth, and exceeding the largest annual sum hitherto collected for them by £21,855.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the oldest of the three institutions, which celebrated the completion of its first hundred years of existence on June 7th, shows a total receipt of £49,259 4s. 4d.; the youngest of the institutions, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, a sum of £21,361 15s. 1d.; and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was ninety years old last year, the amount of £12,293 2s. 5d., a less sum than either of these institutions has received in any one of the previous seven years.

The largest amounts in former years obtained by these institutions were £25,968 4s. 4d. in 1887 by the Benevolent Institution, and £25,010 17s. 1d. in 1883 by the Boys' School, but both these institutions were most seriously affected in 1888 by the special effort made to celebrate the centenary of the Girls' School last year by an extraordinary subscription, which realised, under the chairmanship of the Prince of Wales, at the festival at the Albert Hall, £44,660 11s. 11d.* The Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution will not have such an adverse circumstance to contend against this year, and the totals of the three will probably resume their normal amounts.

Apart from these institutions, another body which is doing a great work in relieving distress is the Board of Benevolence, which meets once a month, and dispenses the Fund of Benevolence, to which every English Freemason, by the very fact of his becoming a Mason and subscribing to a lodge, contributes. During the year 1888 the Board of Benevolence made grants to cases of distress to the amount of £11,468.

[*In reference to the foregoing, which has appeared in most of the daily papers, we may state that this is, to our knowledge incorrect, the total of contributions having been £51,500, not all yet paid over, but in course of collection.—ED. M.S.]

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF BRO. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."—(See page 272.)

IT is called "The Triad," and presents us with no less than 78 Triads selected from our Ritual. The collection is still obviously incomplete, and the author states that motives of prudence caused him to omit some. Surely only the partial blindness of familiarity can prevent us seeing the significance of this pregnant fact!

We are not here raising any theory as to Hiram being a type of Christ. If any other than the English Constitution can receive Hiram as typifying some one else, well and good, it is nothing to us. If another Constitution can differently apply all the symbols which, when introduced into our system, were intended to have a Christian significance, so be it; but any applicability which may be discovered concerns us not. If it really be the case that when our Society was formulated, by some happy chance, all its esoteric teaching regarding matters relating to religion was available by all religions, then Freemasonry must have a right to lay claim to higher consideration than any Mason, in his very wildest dreams, has ever as yet vaguely imagined. Nothing short of the inspiration of Omniscience could aforethought produce such a miraculous result.

The manner in which the high degrees in Masonry, which are admittedly Christian, came into existence, we think somewhat bears out our views. We believe that as the genuine principles of Masonry began to suffer by the ideas of Universality, the system was seen to have no finality, or that it would have none with the removal of the Christian element. It could then only be unsatisfying and incomplete. There was immediately a reason for high degrees—to complete the structure—which did not previously exist. The high degrees are said to have "crept in" at a time of Masonic degeneracy. They could not have crept in unless there was some room for them. Now we are told that the reason why the Craft does not recognise the high degrees is because the latter are Christian. We are of opinion that this theory could be fully supported by argument, for the present we will merely draw attention to the strong grounds there are for surmising that the Royal Arch degree was originally part of the Master Mason's degree.

A reference to Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," p. 52, will be instructive. He there quotes from Bro. Whythead (of York), Dr. Mackey, Dr. Oliver, and the late lamented Bro. Woodford, none of them mean authorities, and some of the very first rank, and all agree in the opinion, for which they give their reasons, that the Royal Arch degree is a shred torn from the cloak of the Master Mason's. Then we have the fact that in a Ritual of 1730 the third degree contains an allusion to the word "which was once lost and is now found."* We are bound to confess that that excellent authority, Bro. Hughan, does not himself hold these views, although he goes some short way with us. He says,† "We favour the theory that a word was placed in the 'Royal Arch' *prominently*, which was previously given in the *Sections* [*i.e.*, lectures] of the third degree, and known 'as the ancient word of a Master Mason.' We understand that it is still so communicated in some Master Masons' Lodges on the Continent, and we know that it is to be found on old tracing boards of early last century." Bro. Hughan therefore admits that some part of the present Royal Arch degree formed a part of the Master Mason's, and considering the importance attached by Masons to words under certain circumstances, our Brother's admission is of some consequence to us.

But whether the Royal Arch degree ever was or was not identical with, it is in reality now part of the Master Mason's degree, the complement thereof, and can hardly possess Masonic significance apart from it. We will as briefly as possible enumerate the Christian references in it.

In the course of the ceremony a Redeemer is specially mentioned.‡ Portions of the Scriptures are read at various stages. The Lord God of Israel is referred to, thus excluding all but Jews, Mahomedans, or Christians. At one time allusion was made to the prediction that the sceptre should not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from beneath his feet until Shiloh come. This is now usually omitted.

In a Ritual before us of the first half of the century, occurs the opening verse of the gospel according to St. John—"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God." Whatever may be the present meaning attributed to the *Word*, there can be very little doubt, after this, what it used to be.

The Royal Arch degree is the capstone of Craft Masonry. The discovery of the long lost word or knowledge of God is its subject, and its relation to its predecessors is briefly as follows—

Throughout the ritual of the preceding degrees, one idea is ever brought prominently forward, which is, that by a course of study, by earnest and arduous search, by a pure and moral life, a fit temple can be prepared for the reception of the knowledge or word of God. The ultimate discovery and acquirement of this word is the subject of the Royal Arch degree and the crowning or completion of the ideal Masonic edifice.

The actual characters which are feigned to be discovered, and which are supposed to form an ineffable name, are, like all else in Masonry, symbolical. The characters and the name they form are in themselves of no value whatever, but symbolically they are of the greatest importance. The meaning of the name itself is of doubtful authenticity. One acknowledged authority writes—"The name of God must be taken in Freemasonry as symbolical of truth, and then the search for it will be nothing else but the search after truth."§

* "Origin of the English Rite," p. 55. † *Ibid.*, p. 61.

‡ Metropolitan Working R.A.

§ Mackey and Peck's Encyclo.

Lodge Secretaries.

UNDER the above heading, we find in *The South African Freemason*, of 20th November last, an article which cannot fail to be interesting to each of the more than two thousand worthy brethren who discharge the secretarial duties connected with their respective lodges working under the English constitution. And probably, in almost an equal degree, it may prove of interest to those who have the selection of that all-important officer, the lodge secretary. We, therefore, reproduce it in its entirety, merely promising that whilst we do not perfectly agree with all its propositions, we think many of them worthy of earnest consideration. It would be interesting to learn the opinions of other members of the Craft on the suggestions made, and we shall be pleased to receive and publish the same for the information of our readers. Here is the article, *verb. et lit.*:—

“Next to the W.M., himself, probably the welfare of a lodge depends more upon the Secretary than upon any one else. If he does not bring energy and intelligence to bear upon his work, there is an end to smooth and harmonious progress. Not only does the interior economy of the lodge suffer, but the minds of Grand and District Grand Secretaries are sorely tried by bungled returns and neglected correspondence. So obvious is the necessity of a competent Secretary that it has become almost a general rule amongst English lodges to bestow the cross pens on a P.M., who having reached the *summum ultimum* of lodge honours, can afford to look upon the office as a sort of permanency, and can occupy it sufficiently long to acquire a ready knowledge of the multifarious duties attached thereunto, and to place that acquired knowledge at the disposal of the lodge for an indefinite period. This practice of appointing a Past Master is spreading amongst our Colonial lodges, and we are bound to admit that there is very much to be said in its favour. It furnishes the lodge with an official who may be relied upon to know his work, and to bring a fund of acquired experience to bear upon it. The W.M. is relieved from the task—very often a difficult one—of finding a junior brother of education and business-like habits to take the Secretary’s collar, and, moreover, has the satisfaction of feeling that there is no necessity for him to be constantly giving his personal supervision to the petty details of bookkeeping and correspondence. We cannot forget that even a well-informed brother, already pretty well acquainted with the requirements of the Constitutions and with the proper mode of making returns and the like, will find in what we call the office routine of the lodge very much which, although A.B.C. to the outgoing Secretary, is very difficult for a new man to understand. In fact, it is usually only about the close of his term that the Secretary begins to thoroughly understand his work. In short, all considerations connected with the efficient performance of that work militate very strongly in favour of always having a permanent official. But against it several weighty arguments may be urged. Firstly, we have the consideration that a salary must annually be paid to the incumbent of the appointment. It may be only a small one, but however modest, will be a consideration with most Colonial lodges. Then we have the undoubted fact that a year or two at the Secretary’s desk is an invaluable training for the chair of K.S.: Many experienced Masons go indeed so far as to say that no man is fit to be a Master who has not previously been a Secretary. And there is another consideration, not perhaps in a sense altogether justifiable, but still very weighty with many of the most experienced rulers of the craft, that is, that to a certain extent the fact of the Secretary’s collar being taken in the ordinary currency of Lodge office is an indirect means of guarding the approaches to the dais against unsuitable men. What we mean is this: in almost all Colonial lodges there is a varying number of men, oft-times very worthy and industrious Masons, but grievously deficient in education. Now, without any wish to disparage such men, and whilst heartily welcoming them as brother Masons, we are bound to say that their advent to the Chair of K.S.: very seldom brings very great credit to Masonry or their own lodge in particular. However sound a man’s moral nature may be, yet he is not fit to handle the delicate duties of the Master’s chair, unless his mental faculties have received some little cultivation likewise. Now, a Secretary must needs be a man of some education or he could not attempt to perform his duties. It is laid down by a pretty well understood unwritten law that every Secretary has a prescriptive right to a Warden’s chair. The W.M.: must have been a Warden, *ergo* the Board of Past Masters has at its hand an easy and delicate way of restricting admission to its ranks to men who can be expected to perform the duties of the dais in an appropriate way. We repeat this argument as we have heard it given, and we are certain that it is present in the minds of many brethren who argue in favour of retaining the Secretary’s collar as a link in the current chain of promotion. But whilst granting it a certain amount of weight, we do not think that argument or any other should stand against the paramount consideration of securing an efficient performance of the secretarial duties, and this, we are convinced, will best be attained by making the Secretary a permanent and salaried official of P.M.: rank.”

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

South African Freemason, Vol. 2, Nos. 8 and 9, East London, Cape Colony; *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, Vol. 1, Part 5; and *St. John’s Card*, December, 1888, Edited by W. Bro. G. W. Speth.

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

The Masonic “Poet’s Corner.”

(Original and Selected.)

NEW YEAR’S REFLECTIONS.

There is nothing esoteric in these initials. They are read, “The Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.”

SHALL we see it, loving Brothers,
Ere another New Year’s day?
Shall we join those loving others,
Whom the past year tore away?
Shall we change this toil and drudge,
For the bright CELESTIAL LODGE,
T. C. L. A. W.
T. S. A. O. T. U. P.

Shall we tread that one more station,
Take the last and best degree,
Whose consummate “Preparation”
Is to set the spirit free?
Lay our bodies off, that then
Souls unburdened may go in,
T. C. L. A. W.
T. S. A. O. T. U. P.

Shall we find beyond the river,—
Shall we find beyond the tomb,—
Those who left us, not for ever,
Left us till we, too, should come!
Shall we learn the long-lost Word
That admits a man to God,—
T. C. L. A. W.
T. S. A. O. T. U. P.

Then, be zealous, loving Brothers,
While your lives so swiftly tend;
Emulate those faithful others
In the prizes they have gained;
O’er the river, on the shore,
They are happy evermore,—
T. C. L. A. W.
T. S. A. O. T. U. P.

Toil,—your wages rich are ready;
Bear,—your burdens all shall cease;
Give,—however poor and needy;
Pray,—and God will give release
From this bitter toil and drudge
To the bright CELESTIAL LODGE.
T. C. L. A. W.
T. S. A. O. T. U. P.

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

We desire to thank the brother who, anonymously, sends us New Year’s Greetings accompanied by the following

ACROSTIC.

THOU art come at last bright little Star,
Henceforth effulgent rays to throw afar;
Each Mason bids thee welcome, shining light!

Masonry’s tenets thou’lt preserve aright,
Alter no landmarks, but maintain the truth;
So shall success on thee attend, forsooth!
Onward the Craft advance: take thou thy stand
Nor falter; wield the pen with mighty hand;
Into the front rank push thy glorious way.
Cease not to strive, courageous brave the fray.

Stand staunch to those who struggle against might;
To pause ’twere folly, thou would’st lose the fight!
Ambitious be, all Mason’s rights maintain,
Relying always that thou wilt not shine in vain!

MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT TO THE AGED POOR.—At the invitation of the officers and members of St. Kew Lodge (1222), Weston-super-Mare, about 350 of the aged and deserving poor of the town were entertained to a meat tea and subsequent entertainment. About 40 of those to whom invitations had been extended were unable, by reason of their infirmities, to put in a personal appearance at the Victoria Hall, but their little comforts were in no way neglected in consequence, those who were unable to attend being each presented with a good-sized packet of tea, in addition to fare, from the general board, at their own homes. The cost of the entertainment was entirely defrayed by the brethren of the above-named lodge, and the duties of the tea tables were discharged by ladies, for the most part wives of the brethren of the mystic tie—who wore prettily designed badges of Masonic pattern, whilst their “lords and masters” officiated as waiters, attired in evening dress and wearing jewels representing the several offices they have filled. The repast was of a bountiful description, and having been thoroughly enjoyed, a capital vocal and instrumental entertainment was given by those intimately associated with the order, which afforded thorough enjoyment to the venerable guests, whose post-prandial enjoyments included fragrant weed for the men and beer and non-intoxicants for both sexes, according to their respective tastes.

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HOW INNOVATIONS IN RITUAL ARE MADE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

This week I visited an old lodge which has passed its centenary, and in opening up to the third degree in answering the W.M.'s question, "Whence come you," the J.W. replied "the W.," and the S.W. followed by saying he was going to "the E."

I have once heard this answer given in another old lodge, but was inclined to think it was a slip. This time, on enquiry, I find that it is the regular working. My lodge is only 22 years old, but it is supposed to have the Emulation working, and in it I am taught that, in opening up, the J.W. is travelling from E. to W., and in closing returning from W. to E. Now which is correct?

Fraternally yours,

Denby Leigh, Yorks, Dec. 21st, 1888. B.

* * You can unhesitatingly inform the brethren who permit the above deviation from ancient ritual that they cannot have the slightest conception of the beautiful allegory contained in our traditional history, and that they are doing Freemasonry a great wrong by perpetuating such error.—ED. M.S.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

The various letters in your paper under above heading doubtless express the feelings not only of their writers but of many members of the Craft fairly well; but I quite agree with "Rus in Urbe" when he says "They may talk and talk as much as they please, but that's what it amounts to and ends in after all." On the subject of division of the metropolitan lodge area a great deal of talking was done a few years ago, and with what result? Perhaps all your readers do not file their newspapers as I do; so I've taken the trouble to unearth a few, all bearing date the year of grace 1882, in which reference is made to this very subject.

On May 6th, 1882, I find in the *Freemasons' Chronicle* a letter suggesting the subdivision of the metropolitan area into four Metropolitan District Grand Lodges, each taking one-fourth of the lodges then meeting at the hall. On May 10th, a letter in the *Freemason* approving the idea, but varying details. On May 27th, a letter in the *Freemason* treating on the subject, and saying the writer "thinks the time has fairly come," &c. In the same issue of this organ a leading article is devoted to the consideration of the subject, which says that "there are advantages in the way of a friendly discussion," but that "no action can properly or legally arise from public discussion or abstract resolution, as Grand Lodge itself could not pass any such resolution favouring such ideas without invading the direct and distinct prerogative of the Grand Master"; such a re-arrangement, &c., must come from the "*proprio motu*" of the Grand Master alone. This article then says, "We see no reason why the G.M. should not be advised," &c.

The next step appears to be a notice of motion thus: "That, having regard to the great increase in the number of lodges in the metropolitan area during the past twenty-five years, and the consequent almost total exclusion of the members thereof from any participation in Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge honours, this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the propriety of subdividing such metropolitan area into four District Grand Lodges."

In the *Freemasons' Chronicle* of 3rd June, the proposer of that resolution writes that "he has heard from the Grand Secretary that that resolution has not been received by the Board of Masters, and therefore will not be placed on the agenda of business at the ensuing Quarterly Communication. The reason given is the receipt of the following opinion from the Grand Registrar:—

"I think the motion is out of order, and ought not to be received. In my opinion any number of brethren may out of Grand Lodge petition or memorialise H.R.H. the Grand Master to establish a new Provincial Grand Lodge, but I do not think it would be regular to take a vote of our Great Legislative Assembly binding Grand Lodge to make the representation on the subject to the Grand Master. The matter is entirely within the prerogative of the Grand Master; Grand Lodge has no power or authority with respect to it."

The proposer then writes to the Grand Secretary, stating that he considers this to be an unconstitutional interference, &c., and that he, at the next Quarterly Communication, will rise in his place and question the propriety, &c., of the rejection by the Board of Masters, &c. On June 7th, appears the agenda—resolution omitted.

The *Freemason* of 10th June thus writes:—"The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday. The proposer of the rejected motion raised a question of privilege, and brought forward a complaint as regards a motion which had been refused (as we held) properly by the president of the Board of General Purposes" (?) but after an exhaustive speech by the G.M. it was ruled to be distinctly out of order (as we ventured to surmise) by the Pro. G.M. The question here, it will be remarked, was not the consideration of the suggested subdivision, but the refusal of the Board of MASTERS to place same on the agenda paper; Bro. Aeneas McIntyre stating "that the board was right in rejecting a motion on a matter that could not be properly discussed in Grand Lodge," and that "it was not a matter that came within the cognizance of Grand Lodge at all," and further that the constitution of provinces, &c., was a prerogative of the M.W.G.M." To this the brother replied, stating that his proposition was "that a respectful representation be made to the G.M.," &c.

The Pro. Grand Master finally said:—Now, this was obviously a very serious question. It touched the prerogative of the Grand Master. Rightly or wrongly, the subdivision of the metropolitan area into four Grand Lodges raised a constitutional question in the craft as serious as any that could be conceived, and therefore it became, as he apprehended, a matter of absolute necessity that any motion for that purpose should be expressed in language to which no possible objection, technically, or on larger grounds, could be taken. But those words were absolutely unintelligible; there could be no such thing as four *District* Grand Lodges in London. It was absolutely without sense or meaning. A District Grand Lodge was a totally different thing to a Provincial Grand Lodge, and therefore, in a motion that was as serious as this, it became necessary to contrast every word with the greatest care, and to require that a motion that goes to affect the highest and most constitutional interests of the craft should be couched in the most apt and precise language; and on that ground, though it was upon a narrow ground, he conceived that the Board of Masters were right in refusing to submit such a motion to the Grand Lodge; and he thought that he, in that chair, and the Grand Lodge, should give their support to the Board of Masters, and he had, consequently, no doubt or hesitation in ruling that such a motion was out of order.

On 17th June, *The Freemason* again alludes to the subject at length, but stating that "the Pro. G.M. carefully and cautiously expressed no opinion as to the other and very important question—the absolute prerogative of the Grand Master." *The Freemasons' Chronicle* of same date publishes long letters on the subject, one of which, signed Peter, says that "the Metropolitan Lodges require more looking after than they can possibly get under existing circumstances." So ends Act I.

The question comes up again on 12th August, 1882, when *The Freemason* told us the subject is to be brought up again with some slight verbal alterations in the motion—and on 19th August adversely criticises same at length, saying that "the whole proposition is *ultra vires*,"—though *The Freemasons' Chronicle* of same date says: "We see nothing in this notice to evoke anything like an objection to its being inserted in the agenda paper." However, this amended notice is thus referred to in the *Chronicle* of 26th August:—"Extract from a letter received, 24th Aug., from Grand Secretary."

"The proposed notice of motion was submitted to the Board of Masters at their meeting last evening, when the following communication from the Earl of Carnarvon, &c., was read:—

"Bro. _____'s notice of motion, dated 25th July, has been duly laid before me by the Grand Sec., and having carefully considered its import I am clearly of opinion that the notice is one which cannot be placed on the agenda paper for Grand Lodge, inasmuch as it might lead to interference with and encroachment on the undoubted prerogative of the Grand Master, and with his action in the performance of the important duties of his high office, as set forth in the Constitutions of the Order; and consequently the Board of Masters ruled the notice of motion could not be received." End of Act II.

I believe there is a third act to this comedy, but have not time just now to make myself fully acquainted with the details. It may be that I shall ask your indulgence for a further letter on the subject, perhaps next week. Meanwhile, MASONIC STAR readers, this was what occurred in 1882. Write and ventilate the whole

subject as much as you please, I predict that, if any similar attempt is made in 1889, a similar fate will befall it, should interposition between Grand Lodge and its Grand Master be still maintained. If any doubt this, well, let them put it to the proof.

Pardon my bringing this before your readers at such length. I have condensed the details as much as possible.

Yours fraternally,

NIHIL FIT.

P.S.—The key note of the situation is Prerogative, and ADVISERS: "proprio motu" is a very good card to conjure with, but I am doubtful as to "advisers." Which edition of the constitutions couples the M.W.G.M. with ADVISERS?

FREEMASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In my last letter to you I dealt with the objection of those who, like myself, are total abstainers to monopolise the virtue of temperance, stated that it was commanded to all Freemasons to be temperate, and gave my reason for being ready to work enthusiastically in a total abstinence lodge. With your permission I will now take the parts of "An Old P.M.'s" letter and deal with them *seriatim*.

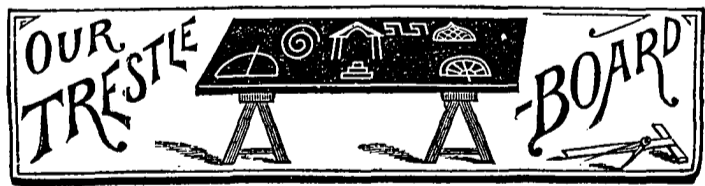
To state that there would be NO poverty among the craft if thrift were exercised is without question not consistent with the experience of mankind. True, the writer goes on to say that at least it would be *reduced to a minimum*. This is undoubtedly true, for there may be instances of poverty produced by carelessness, but there are surely more cases over which the BROTHER had no control. There is a tendency in this age to consider poverty as a crime, and I would beg the members of our order to keep themselves from being led away by anyone to this uncharitable way of thinking.

Surely the rich and influential do exercise those virtues which are enulogised by the writer! Having, however, to deal with mortals, they can hardly be expected to produce that millennial period to which we look forward as a reward, when all lodges shall cease to work and all brethren shall receive the reward of their labours.

It is *probable* that there are objections to the meetings of lodges in public houses, but to my mind there are insuperable objections to forbidding the same. We truly boast that in every corner of the globe, however unsophisticated, where man is found, there will be freemasons. Why, then, object to those worthy masons meeting together to practise their rites? For, without doubt, hundreds of lodges would cease to meet if they were forbidden to meet in the only public building which will answer *all* the requirements of a lodge, that can be found within measurable distance. "An Old P.M." knows that the Book of Constitutions contains a paragraph which specially forbids drunkenness; he also knows that every initiate is specially instructed to peruse that volume and make it his own, for he is told that therein will be found all that he requires to guide him in his dealings with his fellows. May I ask, here, that all P.M.'s will help us younger brethren to understand that volume by encouraging lectures and discussions upon its contents. I will conclude this part of my letter by saying that I am a member of *four* Lodges of Instruction, meeting in three different public houses, also that in each instance the lodge room is entirely removed from all sounds even that might be met with in such a building, and that admission is by a private door.

Fearing that I may have trespassed too much upon your space, I would conclude for the present. Fraternally yours,

CHARLIE WOODS, 1869, A. Soj.-Elect 1275.



"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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A worthy correspondent will persist in describing the opening of a private Lodge by the W.M. as "an opening in *ample* form," and our refusal to insert the exact wording of the reports he is good enough to send us is taken as an offence. As far as we can determine, by reference to the Constitutions, the expressions "ample form," "due form," and "form," are reserved for the distinctions arising in Grand Lodge only according to the Masonic rank of the President for the time being (see Sec. 61, B.C.). "According to ancient custom," is, we think, the proper phrase when alluding to the opening of a private Lodge, but our opinion may be erroneous, and we are therefore open to, and shall be glad to receive any, correction it may be in the power of any better skilled brethren to afford us.

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As far back as the 8th November, J. M., of Redhill, asked us to inform him, if we could, the *raison d'être* for the title of the Choughs Lodge, No. 2264, and we in our turn asked if any brother

"interested in the enquiry would kindly answer it." With what appears to be the customary apathy amongst Freemasons, no answer was vouchsafed to our correspondent, who will now have to thank the *South African Freemason* for the following:—"A new Lodge, the 'Chough,' 2264, has been consecrated in London. It is composed entirely of members of the Chough Musical Society. No lodges are more successful than those composed of men with kindred occupations and tastes." How true is the old saying that "you should go from home to learn home news!"

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The *Sydney Freemason*, referring to the indifference with which the great majority of Freemasons treat masonic literature, excepting only, in some degree, the so-called "ritual instruction books," which may be likened to the "body without a soul," and more frequently than not mislead rather than instruct, says: "How many Masons are there who seem to be satisfied with what they can learn of the Craft, its history, traditions, symbolism, work and progress by what they can gather in the lodge room, or by consulting the pages of a pocket monitor! The literature of the institution is, to them, a closed book. They never think of acquiring a masonic library. They do not even care to subscribe for and read a *Sydney Freemason*." We fear that this sweeping comment on masonic apathy in relation to aught beyond the mere routine of ceremonial within our "temples," and subsequent social enjoyment, is far too truly merited. We hope, however, that what is stated in reference to the *Sydney Freemason* may never require endorsement by THE MASONIC STAR.

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In last Saturday's *Standard* the following enquiry in relation to the ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS was made by a SUBSCRIBER:—"The year of the Queen's Jubilee having expired, can you kindly inform me if any portion whatsoever of the large sum subscribed at the Festival Meeting (over fifty thousand pounds) has been applied towards the benefit of the girls? I venture to ask you this, as many like myself, life governors or subscribers to the Institution, although not Masons, have no other means of ascertaining the facts, and the apparent delay is causing much dissatisfaction." We hope that in the best interests of the institution some account will be promptly rendered, in as public a manner as possible, of the purposes to which the large amount referred to has been, or is in course of being, applied. To longer withhold such information would be, we think, a great mistake, and lay the institutions generally open to much injurious misrepresentation.

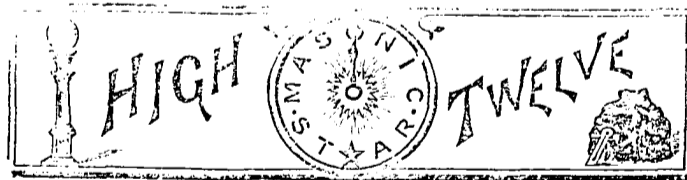
We are requested to Notify that:—

—The Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, Bro. Wm. Simpson, W.M., will meet at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., London, to-morrow, the 4th inst., at 5 p.m., when, after the election of joining members and members of the Correspondence Circle, and the reception of the report of the Audit Committee, the W.M. will read a paper on "The Worship of Death." We refer more fully to this Lodge and its "Transactions" in another part of this number.

—The Warner Lodge, No. 2256 (consecrated last year) will hold an emergency meeting for ceremonial work, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, Essex.

—The Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, will entertain their members and friends, their sweethearts and wives, at a Cinderella dance, at the Town Hall, Leyton, on Saturday, the 19th inst.

—A social meeting of "The Old Masonians" will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., to-morrow, Friday, the 4th, 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.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

Evenings Abroad.

The week last past has been an exceptionally busy one. In all no less than thirteen pantomimes, a new drama, a new eccentric American play, four revivals of popular plays, a new circus, two Christmas fairs, two "new editions" of popular musical pieces, two new minstrel programmes, and an adaptation, fresh to London, of a well-known Australian novel, besides a grand Shakesperian revival by the Lyceum company, and somewhere about twenty-four special programmes at as many music halls. The above total up to more than fifty different entertainments; and no one could have "done" the lot in the time at disposal since my last writing. Therefore, I can only give space for generalisation, at the moment, and must leave details to be recorded at some future date.

First comes *The Silver Falls* at the Adelphi. This piece has scored well, and has been pronounced a genuine success for the authors, Messrs. Sims and Pettitt. Chief honours amongst the exponents have been given to Mr. Terriss, Mr. Cartwright, Mr.

Shine, Mr. Beveridge, and to Miss Millward, Miss Nethersole, and Miss Jecks. The drama has been magnificently put upon the stage, and it has attracted audiences of such enormous numbers as to be exceptional, even at Christmas time, at this well-favoured house.

The Drury Lane pantomime, which Mr. Harris promised would exceed in elaborateness and beauty those preceding it, has realised expectations. The Toy ballet, and the Bird ditto, have fairly enraptured all beholders, and the doings of Messrs. Nicholls, Campbell, Stevens, Leno, Lauri, Andrews, and Griffiths have caused spectators to hold their sides with laughter, while the Misses Vernon, Dysart, Duggan, Grey, and many other fascinating and lovely female members of the Company have sent many an impressionable youth away with a headache. The scenery has aroused boundless admiration.

The Lyceum revival of *Macbeth* has proved a bit of a poser to the critics; they cannot cordially praise Irving's representation of the murderous Thane at the present day any more than they did when he originally played the part at this theatre thirteen years ago; and of Miss Terry, though she always commands admiration for all she does, the judges do not pronounce altogether in her favour. The second "leads" and the minor parts are fairly played taken all round, and Mr. Alexander, as Macduff, scored heavily. As may be readily imagined, the *mise-en-scène* is characteristic of the Irving régime in its marvellous correctness, attention to detail, and picturesqueness. Sir Arthur Sullivan's music, too, is made a great feature and doubtless will add to the attractions of this splendid revival.

At the Court Theatre in the afternoon, in the evening "Mamma" still occupies the bill and is likely so to continue for a long time to come, Mrs. John Wood has produced a fairy story for children, acted by children, and a pretty and interesting production this is. The whole entertainment reflects the greatest credit upon the able manageress, who is responsible for the general arrangements, and to all those concerned therein. There is not a single item that can reasonably be objected to, and one can indulge in the pleasure of recording the most cordial admiration of the whole. It is simply marvellous to see the perfection which has been attained; and some of the juvenile actors and actresses wholly exceed expectation. Masters Groves, Tucker, Phillips, and Solomon, and the Misses Dot Hetherington, Tucker, Martin, Carter, and Ashton, are a few of the performers who deserve singling out as little people of great promise; whose work, in some instances, was so clever as to denote natural talent, ably directed. The music by Mr. Levey, and the book by Miss Filippi, are alike excellent. Ballets are introduced, and are capitally executed by all concerned; altogether this juvenile play ought to become one of the features of the season.

Another juvenile play ought to be mentioned here—the revival of *Alice in Wonderland*. This musical dream play, originally produced two years ago at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, is now to be seen at the Globe. Mr. Walter Slaughter's music is simply charming, and the characters are admirably portrayed.

The new American play, entitled *Bob*, at the Jodrell Theatre, introduces to the London public Miss Patti Rosa, a clever actress, vocalist, dancer, and instrumentalist. This comely looking lady deserves to do well, as she is a good actress, whose talents ought to be given some better means of display than are afforded by the late Mr. Fred Marsden's play.

The St. James' Theatre has closed suddenly. A new play by Messrs. B. C. Stephenson and Outram is announced for production shortly. This must be rather a blow to Mr. Gilbert, whose *Brautighame Hall* has collapsed so completely. Somehow there seems to be a sort of fatality which has attended some of Mr. Gilbert's serious plays.

The revivals of *Tricotee et Cacolet* at the Royalty Theatre, *Lady of Lyons* at the Shaftesbury, *East Lynne* at the Olympic, and *Prince Karl* at the Globe, are all in full swing, and I trust will do well.

Of the circus at Covent Garden, the Moore and Burgess and the Mohawks' new programme, and of the pantomimes at the Surrey, Grand, Pavilion, Britannia, Sanger's, Sadler's Wells, Elephant and Castle, Marylebone, Greenwich, Stratford, and the Crystal Palace, I hope to speak later on; those that I have sampled up to date are all good, some exceptionally so, and I do not think that anyone who will go to the Pavilion, the Grand, the Crystal Palace or the Surrey, will consider the time or the cost has been spent in any way other than profitably.

At the Lyric Hall, Ealing, there has been produced a dramatic version of Mr. Fergus Hume's story, *Madame Midas*. The dramatisation has been done by Mr. Philip Beech in a manner which does not commend itself to me. The play, as a play, is weak; it should be strong, indeed, for there is plenty of suggestion in the book from which it has been taken. The only noticeable features of the play were the acting of Mr. D'Estre Guinness in the part of Vandeloupe, and the Kitty of Miss Cresswell; both these parts were excellently played—the gentleman's was a fine performance. Miss Kinton, who played *Madame Midas*, was evidently unwell, so that criticism is disarmed as regards this performance. The parts of Dr. Noel Yorke and Randolph Villiers were tolerably well given. The remaining characters were not at all satisfactory.

At the Masonic Theatre, Lincoln, Mr. Henry Walsham's Opera Company have been giving their *repertoire* to good houses.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, JANUARY 2ND, 1889.

Owing to the ordinary demand for money to settle outstanding obligations to make a show of a good balance at one's bankers, money was in request on Monday, and 6 per cent. for short loans was freely given. The settlement, the last of the year, passed off quietly, without any appearance of pressure nor were there recorded any instances of difficulties. Had it not been for the warnings of a month ago, disaster might have been as widespread as in the year 1886, when prices fell so sharply. This price of money is not, however, likely to last, although I am not at all disposed to think that we shall have any reduction in the Bank rate yet. There is still a considerable amount of gold required for shipment to South America, and the vacuum in our reserve has not yet been filled up.

Everyone is now looking forward and anticipating improved business and higher prices in the year, but it appears to me that to a great extent this has been anticipated; at all events prices have been put up even before many dealings have taken place. It is unfortunately too true that the dealers in the Stock Exchange invariably strangle business by moving markets in anticipation of demand, and in the present instance they appear to have done as usual. There is scarcely any stock that has not advanced in price, and in some cases this is warranted, but not in all.

Foreign stocks generally are better, and will, I think, further improve. There is a talk of a fresh Greek loan, and this of itself is sufficient to give a lift to the stocks of that country, which can hardly be called a bad investment at present prices. Egyptian Dairas are also cheap, and will probably rise yet, as well as the grouped Turkish stocks. These last afford at the current prices as good a return as can be obtained from any foreign stock, to say nothing of contingencies. South Americans are doubtful, but I consider that an investment in Argentine Hard Dollars would not turn out badly. The present high rate on gold will not continue for ever, and with any fall a rise in securities may be surely anticipated.

Home railways are decidedly better, and it appears to be admitted that there was room for an advance. The heavy lines, as I have before pointed out, are the ones that afford the best opportunity for a rise, seeing that even now, with considerably improved prospects as to dividends, the prices have advanced but little. While the actual investment value of money has increased, owing to various causes, and which increase was evidenced by the success of the Goschen Conversion Scheme, if we look back for a few years we shall find that, with dividends such as the heavy lines will probably get, not only for the half-year just passed, but in the new year at all events, we shall find that there is room for a considerable rise, equal in fact to the best prices touched in recent time. The southern lines, however, seem to have run ahead too fast, and to have already reached as good a price as is warranted by facts. North British is also in this category, the present price being actually equal to 130 as compared with last year. Caledonian, on the other hand, have not improved so much in price, while traffic returns are fully equal to the improvement in North British. The air is still full of rumours of division of stocks, but there is nothing in it, and anyone who has bought stock upon no better reason than this had better take advantage of a run and get out.

I have before said that I would rather buy American railway stocks than sell them, and this is now further confirmed by advices I have recently seen from New York, and I think we shall have a recovery of three or four dollars in most of the active shares, New York Centrals, Louisvilles, Northern Pacifics, and Denver Prefrs.

There has been a recovery in Canadian Pacifics owing partly to the last monthly statement showing a reduction in the working expenses. This, I am afraid, is more apparent than real, and was really only made use of by those interested to put the price up so as to turn out a little or as much as they could; that this is so would seem to be the case, seeing that the dealers very soon let them down again when none but sellers came into the market. Trunks are somewhat better; well, let them remain so, they are not bad enough to buy nor good enough to sell, so they must be left alone.

The reported insurrection in Mexico turned out to be a hoax, but the reputation of the report did not put Vera Cruz rails up. I know that there is a big bull account open, but if that is depending upon any good report to lift prices, I fancy there will be some disappointment. Whether or not the second preference gets a full dividend depends upon the government paying something on account of arrears, for certainly they will not get it out of traffics so far as they have been published.

Miscellaneous shares are not very active. We have just now two new big Trust Companies on the scene, and as there is more truth in the remark ordinarily attributed to Carlyle, but which with more truth be attributed to Solomon, I suppose they will find supporters. But as far as a Trust Company is concerned, unless I happened to be one of the managers or directors, I would much prefer to arrange my own little investments, or gambles, at first hand, without the intervention of a middle man, who, without the help of myself and fellow fools, can do no better than I can myself. It is strange that a British public, which every day howls aloud about the middle coal-man, or the middle butcher-man, eagerly grasps the hand of the middle stock-man. Perhaps it is that the latter comes to us in such a respectable garb, and does not smell of the commodity he "middles" in. These "trusts" are not conducive to any good at all, and the expense of maintenance has to be paid for by poor little Tommy Tomfool.

Let the wary investor look out for the new ventures coming from Witwatersrandt. Some of the South African shares are perhaps

quoted too high, but there is no doubt that the bulk of the returns of gold are being got from this district, and there is no reason why some of the overlooked mines should not soon be at as good prices as the others. The interest in this market is not likely to cease yet.

CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

D.M.P.—There is no likelihood of a quotation being granted.
 FULLER.—I have heard a very good report of the property, and would advise waiting.
 J.P., 87.—The person has several businesses, but not one is carried on in his own name, which we will send you privately if you wish it. In the meantime, get your money back, if you can.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

PROVINCIAL.

CORNWALL.—CHACEWATER.—BOSCAWEN LODGE—No. 639.—At the meeting of the members, on the 27th ult. Bro. W. E. Grose, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. W. Bro. W. A. Bennett, P.M., was re-appointed treasurer, and Bro. Lean tyler.

CORNWALL.—ST. AUSTELL.—At the December lodge meeting of "Peace and Harmony," No. 496, under the presidency of W. Bro. W. Isaac Watts, W.M. Bro. James Bunt, S.W., was elected W.M. for 1889. W. Bro. William Guy, P.M., P.P.G., Treasurer, was elected treasurer for the twenty-fifth year in succession, and Bro. William Reel was elected tyler.

CORNWALL.—HAYLE.—CORNUBIAN LODGE—No. 450.—The annual festival of St. John took place on Thursday, the 21st ult., when Bro. F. W. Thomas, the J.W., was installed W.M., according to ancient custom. The ceremony was impressively carried out by the retiring W.M., Bro. Wagner. Bros. G. B. Pearce, P.P.G.S.W., and Tope, P.M., assisting. Among the brethren present were:—W. Wagner, P.M.; W. H. H. Tope, P.M. 450; G. Stevens, P.M.; F. Harvey, P.P.S.W.; J. P. Smith, P.P.J.D.; J. Pool, P.P.D.C.; W. Irlinance, P.P.S.W.; T. Mills, P.M.; G. H. Justice, P.P.G.S.B.; B. Spray, P.M.; J. B. Pearce, P.P.S.W.; H. J. Warren, P.M.; J. Mudge, P.P.G.J.W.; H. P. Vivian, No. 589, 1544, P.G.J.W.; J. M. Richards, 818, P.G.S.; J. T. Cox, P.M. 227; W. Ellis, P.M. 318; and J. Pengelly, W.M. 1544. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. James Richards, S.W.; W. N. Rowe, J.W.; F. Harvey, P.P.G.S.W., treas.; J. P. Smith, P.P.G.J.D., secretary; T. Mudge, S.D.; R. A. James, J.D.; T. Mills, P.M.D.C.; Rev. C. R. D. Carter, chaplain; Jobus Bickle, I.G.; J. L. Vincent, S.S.; John Pope, J.S.; J. V. Bray, tyler. Bro. Pearce was re-elected Librarian to the Coombe Library. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a capital banquet was supplied.

DEVON.—DEVONPORT.—LODGE FRIENDSHIP, No. 202.—On the 27th ult., Bro. R. Carter, S.W., was installed W. Master for the year ensuing. The installing officers were W. Bros. E. J. Knight, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Welsh, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. March, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Viggers, P.M., 202; and J. Price, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Among the visitors present were W. Bros. M. Emdon, P.M. 195-202, P.P.G.D.; John Burns, P.M. 202, P.P.G.S. Wks.; H. J. Trethewey, P.M. 159-202, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Allford, P.M. 202; H. Langmead, P.M. 202; John Leonard, P.M. 202; C. Price, P.M. 202; W. G. Taylor, P.M. 202; R. Jackson, P.M. 202; R. Pike, P.M. 230, P.P.G.O.; F. Hooper, P.M. 1212-2025, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Poor, P.M. 1136, P.P.G.D. The W. Master invested his officers as follows:—Bros. G. Bray, S.W.; J. Oldfield, J.W.; W. Bros. H. Welch, P.M. Treas.; D. H. Sandley, Sec.; Bros. H. Holman, S.D.; G. W. Hancock, J.D.; W. G. Coome, I.G.; A. J. Verdi, D.C.; S. Martin, A.D.C.; M. Axworthy, Chap.; R. Maunder, Orgt.; W. Corry, S.St.; J. S. Collings, J.St.; J. Lark, 1st A.St.; Joseph Tilley, 2nd A.St.; T. Shears, Tyler. Previous to the installation Mr. Edward J. Leonard, aged 20 years and 3 months (by dispensation from the Grand Lodge); Mr. A. H. E. Latham, 2nd North Stafford Regiment; and Mr. Charles A. Egerton, 2nd South Staffordshire Regiment, were duly initiated, and Bros. Sargent and Lockie were raised. The brethren then adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant evening was spent. The W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. J. Leonard, on behalf of a number of brethren. The jewel bore the following inscription, "Presented to Wor. Bro. J. Leonard, I.P.M., by the brethren of the lodge as a mark of their high esteem and regard, 1888.—Richard Carter, W.M., A. J. Verdi, hon. treas."

DEVON.—BARNSTABLE.—LOYAL LODGE—No. 251.—On the 27th ult. the annual meeting of this lodge took place. Among the brethren present were:—Bros. W. A. Roberts, W.M.; J. Bosson, S.W.; O. J. Stoley, J.W.; C. Guppy, sec.; F. J. Codd, I.G.; G. C. Davie, P.G.S.; W. Ivimy, P.G.S., 1135; J. A. Kingdon, jun., J.D. 421; C. W. Kite, P.M.; C. A. Youngs; J. Smyth; T. Russell, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Seldon, P.M.; H. E. Russell, S.W. 1973; R. Probert, 1135; J. Crook; C. Pigot, org.; J. Brewer, P.M.; W. Coulthard, J.D.; J. H. Seldon, P.M.; R. Lake, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., 251, 1135; E. C. Cordes, W.M. 303; A. Thorne; T. W. Pearce, S.S.; T. Ebsworthy, P.M.; R. P. Morrison, P.M., P.P.G.W.; H. Tardrew, 489; W. J. Joint; R. Harper; W. G. Craig, J.S.; J. Gaydon, P.M.; H. J. Edwards, I.P.M.; J. Cummings; M. Squire; and H. Hancock. The new W.M., Bro. J. Bosson, was installed by Bro. G. C. Davie. After the installation the W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. O. J. Stoley, S.W.; A. F. Seldon, J.W.; J. F. Chantler, chaplain; J. Brewer, treas.; W. A. Roberts, sec.; W. Coulthard, J.D.; E. Coad, J.D.; T. Ebsworthy, D.S.; C. Pigot, org.; T. W. Pearce, I.G.; W. G. Craig, S.S.; R. Harper, J.S.; A. Bate and H. Hancock, tylers. Bro. W. A. Roberts was presented by the lodge with a Past Master's jewel in acknowledgment of the able manner in which he has carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel.

DEVON.—PLYMOUTH.—ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.—The installation of Bro. W. King, S.W., as W.M. for the year ensuing, took place on the 27th ult. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., W. Bro. W. T. Hocking, W. Bro. James Griffin, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.; W. Bro. J. B. Gover, P.M. and Secretary 70, P.P.G. Secretary; and W. Bro. W. Frank Westcott, P.M. Among the brethren present were W. Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.M., P.P.G. Ch., Pro. J.G.W.; R. Pengelly, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.C.; V. Bird, P.M. 70, P.P.G.T.; John Moysey, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.; John Du Pre, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.C.; F. B. Westlake, P.M. 70; R. Pike, P.M. 230-70, P.P.G.O.; E. Tout, P.M. 70; G. Sercombe, P.M. 70; W. F. Westcott, P.M. 70; W. T. Hocking, P.M. 70; C. G. Withell, P.M. 70, W.M. 205; S. Jew, P.M. 105-2025, P.P.G.T.; W. K. Michell, P.M. 156, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Cawsey, P.M. 230, P.P.G.D.; John M. Hilly, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C. The following brethren were appointed officers for the year ensuing:—W. Bros. F. Wreford, S.W.; J. H. Evans, J.W.; W. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189, P.P.G. Ch., P.P.G.J.W. Chap.; R. Pengelly, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.M., Secy.; W. L. D. Colling, S.D.; John Hicks, J.D.; W. H. Symons, D.C.; John Carr, A.D.C.; John Goad, I.G.; Mark Jacob, Organist; H. Griffin, S.St.; A. Brock, J. Std.; G. E. Sercombe, J.St.; J. Burton, Asstd. Std. and Bro. W. H. Phillips, Tyler. The Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189, P.P.G.J.W., then presented to the lodge an old tracing board (framed) of the Athole Masons (Lodge St. John having been a member of the Athole lodges), and a framed photo of an engraving of the Temple of Solomon, with sections of Council Chamber, Sanctum Sanctorum belonging to the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554. The thanks of the lodge were accorded to Bro. Lemon. The brethren, to the number of 100, adjourned to the refectory, where they sat down to the annual banquet. Bro. Elford's String Band provided an excellent programme of music. During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to W. Bro. W. T. Hocking, in appreciation of his masonic zeal and ability.

ESSEX.—PRIORY LODGE—No. 1000.—On Thursday, the 17th ult., at the usual monthly meeting of this lodge at Southend, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Worshipful Master, Bro. G. J. Glascock; Bro. F. Wood, treasurer; Bros. E. Burton Durham and C. H. Bowmaker, auditors; and Bro. A. Martin, tyler.

GLOUCESTER.—PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.—A special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Cheltenham on Tuesday week, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presiding, to consider resolutions of the committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of the decoration of

the reredos in Gloucester Cathedral. The reredos was erected fifteen years ago by the Freemasons of the province at a cost of £1,300. The cathedral authorities being desirous of decorating the interior of the niches of the reredos, and of gilding the details of the tabernacle work, a communication on the subject was laid before the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Stow-on-the-Wold in May last, and a committee was appointed to ascertain the views of the brethren of the province, and to take such action in the matter as might seem to them desirable. It was now proposed that the decoration of the reredos be carried out in accordance with a plan approved by the committee, at a cost not exceeding £300. An amendment was proposed practically negating it. On a vote being taken, the amendment was rejected by a considerable majority, and the original resolution carried.

HEREFORD.—PALLADIAN LODGE—No. 129.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult. Among the brethren present were Bros. G. J. Caldwell, the retiring W.M., J. S. Norton, S.W., the W.M. elect; O. Shellard (Deputy Mayor of Hereford), P.M., D.C., the oldest officer of the lodge and a Past Provincial Grand Officer; Thomas Smith (G.W.R.), P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.W.; H. C. Beldoe (Mayor of Hereford), Treas. and Pro. G. Treas.; Wm. Earle, P.M., P.G., Sec.; John Marchant, P.M., P.G. Supt. W.; Edward Maddison (Easton Lodge), P.M., P.G.D.C.; M. J. Ellwood (Royal Edward Lodge), P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas Blinkhorn, P.M.; John Davies, P.M.; W. Rowe, P.M.; Edward Blinkhorn (Islington), P.M. 751; E. George, J.D.; Wm. Parby, secretary; E. Stephens, steward; W. A. Gurney, Frank Richardson, W. F. Marvin, T. Wainwright, George West, F. S. Prosser, J. Watson Morrison (Ancient Lodge, Danee, 49); C. A. Stephens, P.G.T. The newly installed W.M., Bro. J. S. Norton, installed the following brethren as officers of the lodge:—Bros. B. Culwick, S.W.; C. Caldicott, J.W.; H. C. Beldoe, treasurer; Wm. Parby, secretary; Ed. George, S.D.; T. G. Chance, J.D.; O. Shellard, P.M., D.C.; G. J. Caldwell, I.P.M., Organist; E. Stephens, I.G.; W. C. Gethen and W. A. Gurney, stewards; C. A. Stephens, tyler. The W.M. presented Bro. Caldwell with a Past Master's jewel for his efficient services during the past year. Bro. Caldwell suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. Hearty good wishes were received from the visiting lodges, and the business shortly terminated.

LANCASHIRE.—WESTERN DIVISION—BLACKPOOL—No. 703.—The Clifton Royal Arch Chapter held their annual meeting for the purpose of installing principals and investing officers at the Clifton Arms Hotel, on 27th ult. The following were the officers invested:—W. B. Richardson, Z.; J. Wilm, H.; W. Bond, J.; A. Hall, P.Z.; H. M. Ormsby, D.C.; J. Harling, P.S.; Rev. Baynes, A.P.S.; G. E. Litchfield, A.P.S.; J. Wray, S.E.; H. Gardner, treas.; W. Longbottom, S.N.; W. H. Hampson, steward; J. Hopwood, janitor. The companions afterwards partook of banquet.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—ST. MARTIN'S LODGE—No. 93.—BURSLEM.—On the 20th ult., at the Lodge Room, Town Hall.—W. Bro. Stephen Bentley, Prov. G.J.D., W.M.—Installation meeting. Bro. John Godwin was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. Dain, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Pedley, P.P.G.S.Wks.; Weston, P.P.G.S.B.; and Pierpoint. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Pearson, S.W.; W. Garner, J.W.; Rev. L. G. A. Edgeworth, M.A., I.L.D., chaplain; R. Dain, P.P.G.A.D.C., treas.; Pedley, P.P.G.S. Wks., sec.; Weston, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; J. Mason, S.D.; Platt, J.D.; J. Garner, org.; S. G. Torr and B. Wilkinson, stewards; J. Scarrett, I.G.; Boardman, tyler. Before the installation Bro. Bentley presented to the late chaplain, Rev. Bro. Riddlesden, a resolution, very neatly engrossed on vellum, expressing the regret of the brethren at his removal from the district. The Rev. Bro. briefly and feelingly responded. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet.

SUFFOLK.—WOODBRIDGE—Doric Lodge No. 81.—The anniversary meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on the 24th ult., when Bro. H. W. Page Phillips was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. E. J. Horsey, the chair was occupied by Bro. Edward Smith, P.M., P.P.G.P. Amongst those present were Bros. H. W. Page Phillips, S.W. (W.M. elect); W. P. T. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas Greenwood, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Alfred Barnes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; B. Gall, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Major-General Hessey, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Bro. H. W. Page Phillips was installed by his father, Wor. Bro. W. P. T. Phillips, P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. invested his officers for the year as under:—Bros. Booth, S.W.; Gros, J.W.; Gall, treasurer; Parrett, secretary; A. S. Gross, S.D.; Brooke, J.D.; Kirkpatrick, I.G.; Hall, tyler.

NORTH WALES.—LLANGFENL.—THE ANGLESEA LODGE—No. 1113.—December 17th, 1888. The W.M. elect Bro. E. G. Humphreys (Menai Bridge), and the members present at the installation included Bros. G. Davies-Dew, the retiring W.M.; E. G. Humphreys, S.W.; Dr. Evan Williams, P.P.S.W., P.M.; R. G. Thomas, J.W.; R. H. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Lloyd Griffith, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. Hugh Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.C. Amongst the visitors were Bros. T. E. Harris, P.G. Sec., P.M.; John Pritchard, P.G., J.D., P.M.; Rev. H. Lloyd, P.S.G.C., P.M. 1488; Dr. O. T. Williams, P.P.G.St.B., P.M. 597; Rev. James Smith, P.G.C., P.M. 1438. The W.M. elect (Bro. E. G. Humphreys) was installed by Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith, P.G.S.W., and appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. R. G. Thomas, S.W.; J. Wells, J.W.; Rev. Hugh Thomas, P.P.G.C., chaplain; Dr. J. W. Rowlands, secretary; Dr. E. Williams, treasurer; Edward Laungray, S.D.; Dr. W. Francis Jones, J.D.; R. H. Hughes, director of ceremonies; W. A. Hughes, organist; R. Ross, I.G.; W. R. Jones, S.S.; and H. Jones, J.S. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards dined at the Bull Hotel.

YORKSHIRE, W.R.—LEEDS.—EXCELSIOR LODGE—No. 1042.—The installation of Bro. William Bingham, as W.M., took place at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, on the 20th ult., in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft, comprising, in addition to members of the Excelsior and of the other Leeds lodges, brethren from York, Ripon, Huddersfield, Hkley, and other towns in the province. The ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bro. William Flockton, P.M., assisted by the V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth, Past Grand Chaplain of England. The officers were invested as follows:—Bros. H. Cowborough, S.W.; J. W. Booth, J.W.; J. B. Mays, secretary; H. Cowborough, jun., treasurer; W. Flockton, P.M.D.C.; Newby, S.D.; J. W. Blackburn, J.D.; Grisdale, I.G.; R. J. Smith, S.S.; Turley, J.S.; and Barrand, tyler.

YORKSHIRE, W.R.—AIRE AND CALDER LODGE—No. 458.—GOOLE.—On the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Boothferry Road. Festival of St. John, and installation meeting. W. Bro. Major Porter, W.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren from Hull, Leeds, Doncaster, Pontefract, Wakefield, Howden, Thorne, Crowle, &c. W. Bro. C. L. Mason, P.P.G.T., impressively installed Bro. R. Dayson, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Special attention had been paid to the musical portion of the ceremony, in compliment to the musical tastes of the incoming W.M., who, having been installed, invested the following officers:—Bros. R. C. Bruce, S.W.; A. Goodridge, J.W.; W. R. C. Stavely, chaplain; J. A. Bray, P.M., treas.; C. Chappel, sec.; Jos. Leach, S.D.; A. Peacock, J.D.; E. Goodridge, P.M., D.C.; R. Earnshaw, I.G.; B. W. B. Wood, and T. S. Mills, stewards; G. Witheringham Cutts, org.; and J. Robinson, tyler. W. Bro. H. Wilson, P.P.G.S.B., was unanimously appointed charity steward. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to tea.

YORKSHIRE, N. & E. RIDINGS.—RICHMOND.—LENNOX LODGE—No. 123.—On Thursday, 27th ult., the installation ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, and was conducted by the Honourable W. T. Orde-Powlett, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, North and East Yorkshire. Brother John Gibson was duly installed Worshipful Master, and afterwards appointed the officers. At the conclusion of the business the members adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where a banquet was held.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360.—At the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, on the 27th ult.—Bro. Cawse, W.M.—Bros. March, S.W.; Ewen, J.W.; Bond, S.D.; Hallet, J.D.; Shelly, I.G.; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., Sec.; O. Cornell, Chapman, Morris, Johnson, Magee, P.M., and Salter. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chapman candidate, the charge being given by Bro. Ewen. Bro. Morris was elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was passed for the able manner in which the W.M. had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time. Bro. March, S.W., was elected as W.M. for the ensuing week.

JORRA—No. 188.—On Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.—Bro. R. J. Chillingworth, W.M.—Bros. Ansell, S.W.; Dodd, J.W.; Saqui, secretary; P. M. Pege, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Phillips, I.G.; J. Botibol, Marks, Poppmacher, Carrociero, Da Costa and Moss. Bro. Moss worked the 1st, 2nd, and 4th sections of the First Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Da Costa, candidate. It was resolved that the annual dinner of the lodge take place on the 15th inst., at the Manchester Hotel.

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 his 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.

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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.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd.			(2nd) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9th.		
538	La Tolerance	F. M. H.	11	Enoch	F. M. H.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney	13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
1288	Fin-bury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	15	Kent	F. M. H.
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.	87	Vitruvian	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate	147	Justice	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
1790	Old England	M.H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon	749	Belgrave	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate	781	Merchant Navy	Silver Tav., Burdett Rd., Limehouse
1963	Duke of Albany	Albert Palace, Battersea Park	820	Lily of Richmond	Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
R.A.C.			1306	St. John	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
181	Universal	F. M. H.	1349	Friars	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street	1694	Imperial	Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
1716	All Saints	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow	1718	Centurion	Inns of Court Hotel
Mark.			1986	Honor Oak	White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood
244	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.	R.A.C.		
(1st) FRIDAY, JANUARY 4th.			1260	John Hervey	Holborn Restaurant
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich	1305	St. Marylebone	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1815	Penge	Thicket Hotel, Anerley	1446	Mount Edgecombe	St. Botolph Chmbrs., 191, Bishopsgate St.
2076	Quatuor Coronati	F. M. H.	1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A.C.			1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
3	Fidelity	F. M. T.	Mark.		
1489	Ezra	Metropolitn. Asy'mm, Ball's Pond Rd., N.	284	High Cross	Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham
(1st) SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th.			K.T.		
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	129	Holy Palestine	33, Golden Square, W.
1622	Rose	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	(2nd) THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th.		
2182	Sternedale Bennett	Ditto	49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
(1st) MONDAY, JANUARY 7th.			91	Regularity	F. M. H.
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.	206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street	534	Polish National	F. M. H.
144	St. Luke's	Ditto	657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
188	Joppa	F. M. T.	860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
862	Whittington	F. M. H.	879	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1319	Asaph	Ditto	1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1924	Wickham	St. Peter's Ho., Wickham Park, Brockley	1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
R.A.C.			1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. T.	1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
Mark.			1708	Plucknett	Baldface Stag, East Finchley
5	Mallet and Chisel	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.	1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
Red N.			2033	University of London	F. M. H.
	Premier Conclave	16a, Great Queen Street, W.C.	2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith
(2nd) TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th.			2163	Derby Alleroft	Athenæum, Camden Road
46	Old Union	Holborn Viaduct Hotel	R.A.C.		
180	St. James's Union	F. M. H.	73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
198	Percy	Ship and Turtle, E.C.	140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street	619	Beadon	M. H., Masou's Avenue, E.C.
548	Wellington	White Swan Tav., Deptford	813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
917	Cosmopolitan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.	898	Temperance-in-the-East	Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby Place, Poplar
933	Doric	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	1472	Henley	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1196	Urban	F. M. H.	1716	All Saints	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
1604	Wanderers	Ditto	R.C.		
1614	Covent Garden	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.	42	St. George	33, Golden Square, W.
1635	Canterbury	33, Golden Square, W.			
1665	Samson	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.			
1969	Waldeck	F. M. H.			
Mark.					
22	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.			

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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ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.			OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship 1st Feb	Albion Hotel	340	Alfred 5th Feb	M. H., Alfred Street
62	Social 31st Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	357	Apollo University 26th Feb	Ditto
64	Fortitude 25th Jan	Ditto	478	Churchill 4th Feb	Ditto
152	Virtue 18th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street	1515	Bertie 8th Jan	Ditto
163	Integrity 30th Jan	Ditto	R.A.C.		
204	Caledonian 9th Jan	Ditto	340	Alfred 20th Feb	Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	Ditto	357	Apollo University 27th Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's 16th Jan	F. M. H., Salford	PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—		
633	Yarborough 16th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street	16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.		
645	Humphrey Cheetham 6th Feb	Ditto	Lo. 70	St. John's 25th Jan	Huyshe Masonic Temple
915	Blair 11th Jan	Town Hall, Hulme	105	Fortitude 14th Jan	Ditto
852	Zetland 9th Jan	F. M. H., Salford	156	Harmony 7th Jan	Ditto
935	Harmony 24th Jan	Ditto	159	Brunswick 6th Jan	M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
992	St. Thomas 6th Feb	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton	189	Sincerity 14th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
993	Alexandra 11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme	202	Friendship 24th Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
999	Robert Burns 25th Feb	Albion Hotel	223	Charity 15th Jan	193, Union Street
1009	Shakspeare 7th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street	230	Fidelity TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
1011	Richmond 17th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove	954	St. Aubyn 8th Jan	Ditto
1052	Callender 15th Jan	Town Hall Buildings, King Street	1205	Metham 21st Jan	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1055	Derby 10th Jan	Bedford Street, Cheetham	1247	St. John's 10th Jan	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1077	Wilton 7th Jan	Red Lion Hot., Blackley	1255	Dundas 21st Jan	Ditto
1083	Townley Parker ... 30th Jan	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street	1550	Prudence 5th Jan	Ditto
1134	Newall 5th Feb	F. M. H., Salford	1847	Ebrington 8th Jan	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
1147	St. David 10th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street	2025	St. George 22nd Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
1161	De Grey and Ripon 5th Feb	F. M. H., Manchester	2258 {	Western District } 16th Jan	East Stonehouse
1170	St. George 21st Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street	2258 {	United Service } 16th Jan	East Stonehouse
1219	Strangeways 30th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove	R.A.C.		
1253	Travellers 11th Jan	Queen's Hotel	70	St. John's 28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1458	Truth 5th Jan	Conservative Club, Newton Heath	105	Fortitude 19th Feb	Ditto
1534	Concord 17th Jan	Chester Bank, Prestwich	156	Harmony 6th Mar	Ditto
1633	Avon 23rd Jan	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenhays	159	Brunswick 23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1773	Albert Victor 18th Jan	Town Hall, Pendleton	189	Sincerity 28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
1798	Zion 7th Jan	74a, King Street	202	Friendship 14th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
1993	Wolsley 5th Feb	74A, King Street	223	Concord 25th Jan	193, Union Street
2109	Prince Edward ... 9th Jan	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor	230	Fidelity 22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
2156	Arthur Sullivan ... 9th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross	954	St. Aubyn 21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
2185	Ardwick 14th Jan	Midland Hotel, Ardwick	1205	Elliott 28th Jan	Metham M. H., Stonehouse
R.A.C.			1255	Dundas 23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
62	Social 13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	2025	St. George 21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
152	Virtue 25th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street	PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—		
204	Caledonian 17th Jan	Ditto	11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
317	Affability 21st Feb	Ditto	257	Phoenix 23rd Jan	110, High Street
325	St. John's TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	M. H., Salford	342	Royal Sussex 16th Jan	F. M. H., Landport
581	Rectitude 7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick	487	Portsmouth 16th Jan	M. H., Highbury Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham 19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street	1069	United Brothers ... 14th Jan	Grosvenor House, Southsea
815	Blair 22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme	1428	United Service ... 11th Jan	M. H., Landport
935	Starkle 10th Jan	M. H., Salford	1776	Landport 17th Jan	Ditto
993	Alexandra 11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme	1834	Duke of Connaught 22nd Jan	Ditto
1055	Derby 15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham	1903 {	Prince Edw. Saxe } 15th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne-DY 3rd Jan	M. H., Grainger Street	139	Britannia 10th Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
406	Northern Counties 6th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street	296	Royal Brunswick ... 14th Jan	Ditto
481	St. Peter's 14th Jan	Ditto	1239	Wentworth 7th Jan	Ditto
541	De Lorraine 18th Jan	M. H., Grainger Street	1779	Ivanhoe 29th Jan	Ditto
685	Northumberland ... 5th Feb	Assembly Rooms	2263 {	St. Leonards (con- } 24th Jan	Ditto
1342	Walker 9th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street	2263 {	separated 21 July) } 24th Jan	Ditto
1427	Perey 15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street	R.A.C.		
1626	Hotspur 24th Jan	Ditto	139	Paradise 21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
1676	St. Nicholas 11th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street	296	Loyalty 18th Feb	Ditto
1712	St. John's 25th Jan	Ditto	SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS		
1863	Priory 10th Jan	Grand Hot., Tynemouth	130	Royal Glo'ster ... 10th Jan	M. H., Albion Place
2260	Ridley 15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street	359	Peace & Harmony 21st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			394	Southampton ... 17th Jan	Ditto
24	De Swinburne 17th Jan	Ditto	785	Twelve Brothers ... 25th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex 8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street	1780	Albert Edward ... 5th Feb	Ditto
481	St. Peter's 20th Feb	Ditto	R.A.C.		
685	Northumberland ... 15th Jan	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road	130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	Ditto
1863	Priory 11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth	359	Peace & Harmony TO-MR. 4th Jan	Ditto
NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
471	Silurian 6th Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street	80	St. John 8th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
683	Isca 16th Jan	Ditto	94	Phoenix 6th Feb	F. M. H., Queen Street
1429	Albert Edward ... 10th Jan	Ditto	97	Palatine 10th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
R.A.C.			1389	Fenwick 18th Jan	Ditto
471	Silurian 25th Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street	2039	Londonderry ... 25th Jan	Ditto
683	St. Woolos 9th Jan	Ditto	R.A.C.		
NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			80	St. John's 19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
Lo. 52	Union 5th Feb	Norfolk Hotel	94	De Lambton 29th Jan	F. M. H.
93	Social 8th Jan	23, St. Giles Street	97	Strict Benevolence 21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
213	Perseverance 15th Jan	Ditto	Installation Meetings, as far as known, are marked * before date of meeting.		
807	Cabbell 31st Jan	Ditto	Secretaries of Lodges will greatly oblige us by checking our Lists of Lodge Meetings, in regard to their individual lodges; and in any case of error by forwarding a post-card to the Editor, at 59, Moor Lane, London, E.C., thus:		
943	Sincerity 22nd Jan	Ditto	No 486. Blair (Craft). F.M.H., Surrey Street. 1st Mon. every month.		
1500	Walpole TO-DAY, 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.					
Lo. 47	Newstead 5th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street			
402	Royal Sussex *15th Jan	George Hotel			
411	Commercial *14th Jan	M. H., Goldsmith Street			
1405	Southwell TO-MOR., 4th Jan	Ditto			
1434	Nottinghamshire ... 7th Jan	Ditto			
1435	Annesley 25th Jan	Ditto			
1794	De Vere 18th Jan	Ditto			
1909	Carnarvon 21st Jan	Ditto			
2017	Duke of Portland ... *24th Jan	Ditto			
R.A.C.					
47	Abbey 29th Jan	Ditto			
402	Royal Sussex 12th Feb	Ditto			
411	Commercial 26th Feb	Ditto			
1435	Annesley 8th Mar	Ditto			
1909	Carnarvon *28th Jan	Ditto			

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

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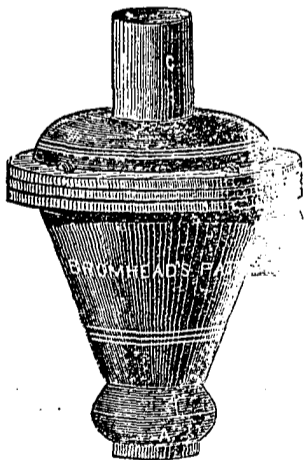


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