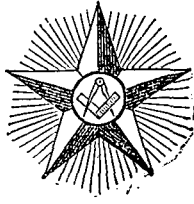


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Our Institutions and their Critics.



WHETHER or not correct in all their arguments and assertions, so long as they have been made in good faith, our correspondents have reason to be satisfied that they have at least secured some attention to their complaints. How far the explanation of one of our contemporaries,—which may reasonably enough be the result of a very creditable search into particulars on its own account, and quite as reasonably may be taken as the combined inspiration of others, and those others interested in the management of our Institutions,—will satisfy them and the craft generally, remains to be seen. The "Critics" have thought it advantageous that sundry objectionable matters should be enquired into, and have expressed their opinions thereanent in the manner most natural to them, and if it should be that they are to be treated with indifference, or merely receive such information as may be vouchsafed to them in an indirect manner, those who remain reticent may be sure that further attacks will be made.

If we ourselves criticise the explanation now set before us in the columns of our contemporary, it will be quite irrespective of the rights or wrongs connected with the management of the Institutions, for each and all of which we entertain personally the strongest feelings of regard, and not the faintest desire to do them, or those who direct or officially conduct their respective proceedings, the slightest injury. We would rather be altogether silent in regard to them, and devote our pages to other masonic matters, than invite discussion if we thought harm could come of it; but we cannot believe other than that the result of controversy, kept within reasonable limits, will

be for the general good of the Institutions and the increase in number of their supporters.

That "those who play at bowls must expect rubbers" is an axiom in the truth of which we feel assured our contemporary and the "Critics" themselves are alike agreed. There is, however, an equally forcible sporting maxim to the effect that "it is not fair fighting to hit below the belt," and that is just what those who have written in our pages complain of, whilst resenting the application to them of derogatory and uncalled-for epithets. For the word "ignorant" there is no synonym that is not more or less offensive; for the word "scribbler" there is, for it is but another name for a scribe, a secretary, or a penman. However, we shall leave our correspondents, designated by our contemporary as "Critics Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, &c.," to reply after their own fashion to the objections taken in the article referred to; but must say at once that there does not appear to us anything like a full and sufficient answer given to what they have already advanced. Indeed, we can hardly do otherwise than look upon the utterances of any journal, distinctly repudiating "inspiration," as being perfectly valueless for all purposes of explanation, unless the same should bear an official endorsement by those who *must* know the positive facts, and not have to take second-hand information such as that now offered to the "Critics," and which, whilst professing a general elucidation, nevertheless leaves quite untouched several burning questions which have been propounded, and which are far too important in regard to the future well-being of the respective institutions to be so lightly set aside as would seem to be desired, or to be lost in the whirlpool of personality because writers take such ready offence.

We would desire to leave out of our criticism of the attempted explanations so much as personally affects a very worthy brother, who cannot possibly be blamed for any access of good fortune accruing to him out of increased emolument, consequent on the conditions contained in any agreement made between his employers and himself; and we hope that in any further controversy it may be made distinctly understood that no reproach whatever is intended for him, but wholly and solely to the principle involved in the existing arrangement. All we care to remark on this subject is, that the large amount taken from the gross sum of donations and subscriptions, intended for relief of the infirm and necessitous, represents so much as would extend our charity, as it is pointed out, to as many as eighteen worthy old people now standing at our gates imploring assistance. If this diversion can be prevented without injustice to any individual brother it ought to be;

and there we leave that portion of the subject, as far as we are concerned, and Critic No. 1 to express his views in another column.

But what has been urged in reference to the reports of the Boys' School (issued annually but only limited in circulation) is not sufficiently explanatory to those who confess their want of that knowledge which it appears they can only obtain by agitation, unless indeed they keep on the continual look out for statements, tabular and otherwise, casually published in other pages than those of the reports themselves. On this point one of our correspondents enlarges fully, and in our opinion, his remarks are worthy of attention.

Nor, to our mind, is the lengthened reference to the admitted deficiency between sums promised at the late festival of the Girls' School and those actually paid, in any way an explanation or answer to the questions which have been propounded. And we think we are correctly advised by several members of our Order that what is stated as to the non-issue of proxies in respect of stewards' lists, the amounts represented in which have not yet been paid, is not altogether correct. In our last issue, QUIDNUNC put a leading question on this subject, to which, however, no answer has been given. One would have thought that if the enquiry had no foundation, the management concerned would have been but too glad to seize the opportunity for a direct denial. However, it is not forthcoming, either to ourselves or to our correspondent through us, and although we should have been much gratified to have been enabled to inform our readers that QUIDNUNC had no ground for his suggestion, we must treat the matter as one which cannot be satisfactorily explained.

We cannot afford the space to further enlarge upon other points contained in the lengthy attempt at explanation to which we refer. They will doubtless be challenged by others, and if the information sought for is persistently withheld, the craft will have reason to regret what will inevitably ensue in connection with our Institutions.

INDIFFERENCE TO ENQUIRY.

We take a liberty with our friend and contemporary, the *Freemasons' Chronicle*, a liberty which we are sure will not be resented, since its purpose is to set before that portion of the craft who probably see our pages and not those of our contemporary, words of great meaning and interest at the present moment; words which should bear abundant fruit in promoting the best work of Freemasonry, and preventing those evils which are now foreshadowed. From the editorial of the *Freemasons' Chronicle*, on the subject of "Excessive Enthusiasm," we append the following extracts, which we strongly exhort those whom they may concern to give grave consideration:—

"When so much credit is taken for the thousands annually spent by the Masonic Order, it is sometimes desirable to look on the other side of the picture, especially when, after such strong and continued appeals as are now made, so little information is obtainable or consideration shown to those who answer the appeals. It is not our present purpose to speak of specific complaints which have recently been made, but we cannot help referring to the indifference—we may say the silent contempt—with which any inquiry is treated by those who have the management of affairs. Is it likely men will continue to work for the charities if they are treated in this manner whenever they think there is cause for inquiry or room for improvement? May we not rather expect them to conclude that their criticisms are justified, and their complaints necessary; for the natural inference is, that if a charge is disregarded or unanswered—when made by anyone interested, or who has secured the right to a voice—it is true; or, at least, that there is some foundation for it, for we certainly cannot see any reason for supposing that in this respect masonic matters are materially different to what they are outside of it." * * * * *

"We have spoken of Freemasonry as existing at the present time, in the minds of some, on anything but a firm and substantial basis, and in proof of such theory we are told that the annual expenditure of the Fund of Benevolence far exceeds its income*; that the three Charities of the Order exist merely from hand to mouth, spending money as fast as they receive it, and entailing fearful responsibilities for the future; that private lodges conduct their financial affairs in a most unbusiness-like and unsound manner; and that Grand Lodge exercises little or no control in connection with matters which ought to be carefully supervised, if the reputation of the Craft is to be maintained. All this and much more is urged against Freemasonry, and what can its best friends say in reply? Can they truthfully say that the accusations are groundless, or can they urge that the matters are of so trivial a nature as to be unworthy of consideration? It is no answer to criticism to say that all has turned out right in the past and that the future may be left to take care of itself."

We are naturally pleased to find that we do not stand alone in calling attention to those abuses of Freemasonry which, unless at once cleared away, will surely ultimately bring "scandal on the craft."

* See following column.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, was in the President's chair; Bro. Henry Garrod, P.G.P., was in the chair of Senior Vice-President, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. James Brett; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied his appointed position. Among the brethren present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office; and the other brethren present were Bros. David D. Mercer, J. B. Grieve, Charles Dairry, G. P. Britten, Walter Hopekirk, George A. Cundy, W. P. Brown, Charles H. Driver, George Read, W. H. Perryman, C. H. Webb, Richard Croydon, W. R. Burnett, H. J. Chapman, W. F. Kibble, Geo. B. Chapman, W. J. Higgs, F. T. Ridpath, H. Massey, H. E. Frances, Philip Morrison, C. J. Hill, H. Cox, W. F. Nimmo, J. C. Tilt, W. C. Claridge, B. Carter, J. Savage, S. H. Goldschmidt, Robert Jackson, J. J. Berry, Robert C. Voisey, Thos. Weeks, T. M. Bilby, John W. Ray, Charles Daniel, John Bindon, Robert Bacon Higham, John G. Rymer, Samuel H. Parkhouse, George Abbott, F. J. Eedle, and Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The President announced that he had obtained the following statement, made out in Grand Secretary's office, that the brethren might see the position of the Fund of Benevolence:—

Year.	INCOME. Produced by Quarter-ages, 4s. and 2s., from Home Lodges, Interest on Invested Funds Fees of Honour, &c.	EXPENDITURE. In monthly grants and permanent payments to the R.M.B. Institution	ANNUAL DEFICIENCY.	Stock sold out to meet deficiencies from £50,016 Consols, credit from accumulation, 31st December, 1878.
1879	£ 8917	£ 9018	£ 101	
1880	9270	10,021	751	
1881	8961	10,603	1642	
1882	9160	10,219	1059	3000
1883	8178	9345	167	
1884	9185	10,052	867	1000
1885	9077	10,933	1856	2000
1886	9189	11,333	2144	3000
1887	9343	11,225	1882	
1888	10,051	12,263	2217	3000
10	£92,331	£105,017	£12,686	£12,000

Cash Account.

Dr.		Cr.
Amount of Deficiencies, 1878 to 1888	£12,686	Stock Sold... .. £12,000
Investment in 1879 to make up £50,016 Consols...	1200	Due Board of Gen. Purps., Cash advanced 31st Dec., 1888 ...
	£13,886	1886
		£13,886

Stock remaining in Consols, 31st December, 1888 ... £38,016.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the December, 1888, meeting to the Grand Master to the amount of £340. There were 44 cases; of which, forty were relieved with a total sum of £1,180; three were deferred, and one was dismissed. There were three recommendations to Grand Lodge of £100 each, and three of £50 each; five recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and five of £30 each; and eleven grants of £20 each, one of £15, ten of £10 each, and one of £5.

In reference to the above statement of receipts and expenditure, we direct the attention of our readers to our remarks on the subject under date of October 4th, 1888 (No. 7), and to express the hope that some energetic brother may be found who will, by resolution, bring the matter before the Grand Lodge, in order that it may have earnest consideration with a view to amendment of the present unpromising state of affairs.

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF BRO. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."

Owing to pressure of other matter, we are compelled to defer this until next week.

REVIEWS.

Texas Siftings Afloat.—The log of a three months' cruise of the yacht "Champlain" through the Canadian lakes and rivers down the St. Lawrence to New York, by J. Army Knox (Texas Siftings), Texas Siftings Publishing Company (Limited), 4, East Harding Street, E.C., London.—We have been much interested by a perusal of this humorous work, which, notwithstanding that it has no connection with the science of Freemasonry, cannot fail to afford masonic readers much useful information and amusement, and serve to while away an hour or so in relaxation from more serious study. We have marked one or two extracts for use when opportunity offers, feeling assured that our readers will appreciate the reproduction.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab of September and October, 1888; W. Bull & Co., Lahore.—We have been favoured with an opportunity for noting the progress of our Order in this distant district and the interesting communications made at the two last meetings of its Grand Lodge. One or two of these we shall have occasion to refer to in contemplated comments on the subjects of "exclusion," "the acquisition of suitable lodge buildings," and the inspection of lodges by Grand Lodge officers and duly qualified inspectors. For the present, our columns are too much occupied with affairs of greater home interest, but these we hope will shortly become less pressing and leave us space at disposal.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."
(Original and Selected.)

HELP ONE ANOTHER.

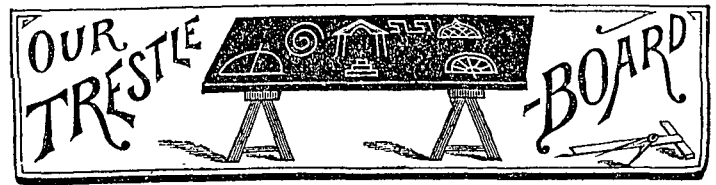
"Help one another," the snow-flakes said,
As they cuddled down in their fleecy bed;
"One of us here would not be felt,
One of us here would quickly melt;
But I'll help you and you help me,
And then what a big white drift we'll see!"
"Help one another," the maple spray
Said to its fellow leaves one day;
"The sun would wither me here alone,
Long enough ere the day is gone;
But I'll help you and you help me,
And then what a splendid shade there'll be!"
"Help one another," the dew-drop cried,
Seeing another drop close to its side;
This warm south breeze would drive me away,
And I should be gone ere noon to-day;
But I'll help you and you help me,
And we'll make a brook and run to the sea."
"Help one another," a grain of sand
Said to another grain just at hand;
"The wind may carry me over the sea,
And then, O what will become of me?
But come, my brother, give me your hand—
We'll build a mountain and there we'll stand."

From the *Sydney Freemason*.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

THE QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday last, the 25th inst. Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., vice-patron and trustee, occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. J. S. Cumberland, Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., L.L.D., Thos. Smith, G. H. Webb, J. Glasse, A. E. Gladwell, G. Motion, H. Massey, G. Britten, J. L. Dale, A. Motion, Joseph Boulton, S. Layton, J. Motion, H. Purcell, &c., and Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B., secretary. The notice of motion by Bro. W. H. Saunders, L.G.—"That Law No. 53 be suspended during the next April election for the purpose of admitting Harold Gray as a candidate at such election"—was refused to be put to the meeting by the chairman, as not being provided for by the rules. That by W. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, L.G.—"That the laws of the institution be referred for revision and correction to a Committee, whose recommendations shall be submitted to the Quarterly General Court on 26th April next, or to a Special General Court to be convened in accordance with Law 31"—was withdrawn on the ground that he felt some little difficulty in persevering with it until the expected report of the Special Committee of Enquiry had been made public. It was probable the question of revision and alteration of the laws might be dealt with by that Committee, and he preferred to defer his motion until after that report had been received. The chairman being asked when the report of that committee would be ready, replied that he had not heard, but it could not now be presented before the Quarterly Court in April next. On a recommendation from the general committee it was decided to elect, at the next Quarterly General Court on Friday, 26th April, 17 boys from an approved list of 72 candidates.

THE QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, the 26th inst., W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., P.G.T., in the chair. Present:—Bros. Frank Richardson, C. J. Perceval, J. C. Cumberland, C. H. Webb, A. E. Gladwell, G. W. Verry, H. Spaul, &c., and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary. After transaction of the formal business, Bro. Perceval withdrew the following notices of motion given by him, viz.—1. To amend Law 55 as follows: "That a girl shall not be eligible for election unless the father has been a subscribing member of some Lodge for seven years, but should death or permanent incapacity occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck or other calamity have occurred within seven years of his initiation, this rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member to some Lodge;" and 2, "That any candidate whose petition may be approved by the General Committee before this amendment of Law 55 may be confirmed shall not be affected thereby." Bro. Perceval said that he made this withdrawal on the understanding that it might be desirable, after the report of the Special Committee of the Boys' School had been made public, to revise and remodel the existing laws of this institution. Bro. Edward Letchworth V. Pat., in bringing forward the next motion, stated that, in consequence of the additions lately made to the schools, the institution was now in a position to accommodate more girls than heretofore; he therefore moved that 37 vacancies be declared instead of 17 only, and that at the election in April next that number of girls be elected out of a total of 74 candidates now upon the list of applicants, which was agreed to. He also stated that those present would be glad to hear that the total sum subscribed for the 1888 festival was £51,500, and that at the present time there was only about the sum of £3,000 association money still outstanding. That, of course, would be received as the donors were successful in obtaining their ballots, all of which was, of course, payable at the will and convenience of the donors. The Chairman said he felt it his duty to state most positively in reference to the fact that a portion of the balance of this association money is still outstanding, that no proxies for votes had been issued in respect of the same in any one instance, nor would they be unless the money was first paid over to the Secretary of the Institution in the usual way. The proceedings then terminated.



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

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We desire to call the attention of our provincial readers and advertisers to the list of agents published in our advertisement columns. We are making such arrangements that through our agents any local information or business matters can be respectively forwarded or transmitted without trouble or expense. We shall add to our list as may be desired in respect of other towns.

We shall be greatly obliged to Secretaries of Lodges and Secretaries of Chapters named in our list of forthcoming Lodge and Chapter Meetings if they will instruct us as to the dates of installations of W.M.'s and Principals respectively. The kindly consideration of one or two of our respected Provincial Grand Secretaries has enabled us to supply the desired information in some cases. We should like to be enabled to do so in all. [See foot-note at page 360.]

We remind our readers, and more especially our Leicestershire brethren, that the masonic ball, under the auspices of the five Leicester lodges, will take place at the County Assembly Rooms, at Leicester, on Friday (to-morrow), 29th inst. We learn it will be a very grand affair, and under such distinguished patronage as that of the Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, several Provincial Grand Masters, and other notable Freemasons, it should be most successful.

Last Saturday evening, on the conclusion of Miss Patti Rosa's clever performance at the Jodrell Theatre, a new "water curtain," the invention of Bro. J. F. Wiles, was exhibited for the first time. By means of a 4-inch pipe placed at the top of the proscenium with 500 brass tubes screwed therein, each about half-an-inch apart, a practically solid sheet of water descends to the stage close to the footlights, and in case of fire it is claimed would effectually isolate and prevent it spreading to the auditorium, as no flame could possibly penetrate it. It is a clever invention, and where adopted should go far to allay feelings of alarm amongst an audience in case of outbreak of fire; it being an established fact that the late terrible losses of life in such conflagrations are wholly traceable to panic.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1921).

The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Amongst the members present were Bros. W. R. Boyell, W.M.; H. Esling, S.W., W.M. Elect; J. H. Price, J.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., treas.; R. G. Cooper, P.M. 507 sec.; F. J. Potter, S.D.; W. G. Kent, I.G.; R. H. Davies, steward; Past Masters, Bros. H. S. Hunter, W. J. Forrest, and R. A. Kirkaldy; also Bros. A. A. Barnes, J. Howell, J. H. Evans, E. Belson, C. Rowan, and others. The visitors included Bros. R. Townsend, P.M. 1984, P.G.S.B.; G. Fanchild, W.M. 1319; W. Thomas, W.M. 2045; R. P. Stevens, W.M. 901; J. P. Fitzgerald, W.M. 2168; J. D. Clemming, P.M. 2168; D. A. Mostyn, J.D. 2045; W. W. Westlog, W.M. 186; G. F. Spencer, W.M. 2120; R. A. Hale, P.M. 1314; J. Mason, P.P. S.G.D. Middlesex; T. P. Deakin, P.M., 117; W. Hamlyn, P.M. 1622; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733 and P.G.P.; H. G. Glendon, 1186; J. Hyman, 2168; W. Trueman, 957; J. H. Muggeridge, W.M. 1507; W. E. Chapman, 2190; T. M. Clark, 2182; C. Smith, 1445; W. Medwin, P.M., 1613; T. J. Jearce, 382; E. Drighted, 1364; R. Trewer, 1685; J. Archer, 1426; R. Cursons, S.D., 1681; J. B. Reid, 1364; F. Dusterwald, D.C., 1586; J. Best, Abercorn; J. A. Stewart, 1364; A. Cotton, 1613; A. Prince, S.D., 901; R. Andrews, 35; A. Trelaver, 1327; W. A. Clench, 1776.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were adopted, and the audit committee's report received and adopted.

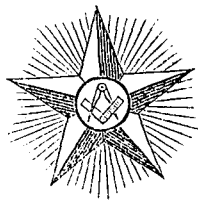
Bro. H. Esling as W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair by Bro. W. B. Fendick, P.M. and Treasr. in a very able manner.

The following officers were appointed and invested—Bros. J. H. Price, S.W.; F. J. Potter, J.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., Treasurer; R. G. Cooper, P.M. (507), Sec.; W. G. Kent, S.D.; R. H. Davies, J.D.; W. J. Harris, I.G.; A. A. Barnes, W.S.; J. Wheatcroft, 1st A.W.S.; J. Baxter, 2nd A.W.S.; W. H. Pain, D.C.; H. C. Theiss, 1st A.D.C.; E. Beeson, 2nd A.D.C. and G. Austin, Tyler. Propositions having been received and routine business transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent repast, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were duly honoured. The menu card and toast list did credit to the W.M.'s taste, and were much admired. Bro. W. R. Boyell, I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. H. Esling, W.M., in reply, said he felt very proud at the manner in which the toast had been proposed and the cordial reception the toast had received. That night was, for him, one of those events which occur in the life of a Mason, and was the chief point in a Master Mason's life—his first Mastership. He was highly honoured at his position, and more especially when he saw around him so many distinguished visitors from all parts. He assured the brethren that it would be his great pleasure to promote in every way the welfare and happiness of the Emblematic Lodge. The Visitors', the Past Masters' and the Officers' toasts having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a very successful and enjoyable gathering.

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THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

In your impression of the 17th inst. appears a letter which I addressed you under the above heading. Under date January 26th, "The Organ of the Craft" I find, sets about me in what it no doubt considers a most merciless and trenchant manner in its allusions to Critic No. 1 in a lengthy article entitled "Our Institutions and the Critics." In my letter it seems I used language which appears to have been for some reason unpalatable to the writer in your contemporary, who now retaliates in a long-winded diatribe of essentially a personal nature; but I am luckily impervious to "quibbles quick and paper bullets of the brain," and am not to be terrified by abuse or "bullied by reviewers." I have no desire whatever for any personal controversy with the gifted author ("scribbler" is evidently galling to him) of the effusion to which I have alluded, and which could in no way aid the main object I had in addressing you; still, some of his remarks are of such a nature as to call for a reply, and I can safely say that I should not attack him had he not commenced on the offensive.

At the outset of his remarks he says "those who are now assailing our institutions with charges of gross mismanagement must not be surprised if their assaults are resented in language which is not particularly complimentary to their sense of self-esteem"; and continues thus—"the bulk of the warfare is conducted in a manner opposed to all good feeling; the principal weapons used being not reason and argument, but abuse, assertion, wordy declamation and innuendo." All this is most true; assaults have been "resented in language" which fulfils those conditions in the most ample manner; but I fail to discover these qualities in the so-called attacks! His present article is a good specimen of his abusive powers and journalistic intemperance. As for instance, besides giving the lie direct, and speaking of making pretence, he alludes to people unknown to him as "stupid," "exceptionally ignorant," "man of ignorance," &c., and accuses one of making a "clumsy attempt at apology for his own ignorance." I merely draw attention hereto for the sake of showing that he and he only is the author of heated vituperative language so far as this controversy is concerned; and I am surprised that "the Organ of the Craft" should admit such commonplace vulgarity to a space in its columns.

I maintain that the system under which a collector is entitled to draw a commission of £639 in one year out of our R.M.B.I. funds is WRONG, and this I feel convinced must be the opinion of all who have the good of the charity alone at heart. "The organ of the Craft" asserts my statement to the effect that "it appears, however, that no matter through what agency funds may flow into the coffers of the charity, Mr. Collector gets a percentage thereon," to be a suggestion certainly untrue (by the way what is a "suggestion certainly untrue"?). Why do not the charity authorities place their accounts in a comprehensible manner? They say that £639 15s. 8d. is the collector's commission, and return the takings as being £18,266 13s. 10d. No rate of commission is stated, and if part of this sum accrues to the charity intact why is it not shown, and not left to a newspaper writer to state that "there must have (not have) been sums paid to the institution under this head of receipt, amounting to about £5,500 on which no commission whatever was

paid." (I wonder whether the £2,670 mentioned by Bro. Birch is included herein). On the statements of account my letter was correct (*not untrue*). The accounts should be rendered clearly, and ought not to necessitate visits, as suggested, either to the secretary or Mr. Collector, for information which ought to be printed and published for the benefit of all concerned. Anyhow, whatever the amount taxable may be, the levy is far too great. No doubt, when appointed to the post, the sum total was so much smaller that commission on it represented a *fair* recompense for his trouble, and I should like to know what his share of it amounted to at that time. It is absurd to talk about the "conditions of his bond." Surely he holds the post in the same manner as scores of others in similar vocations, and any such thing as a "bond" only exists in the fertile brain of the writer who alludes to it. If, as I suppose, the agreement of the society is to pay him a certain commission, is there no possible termination to such an agreement? The statement of the writer in "The Organ of the Craft" to the effect that "the conditions on which he is employed were clearly defined at the time of his election to office, and that the sums he has since received as commission have been strictly in accordance therewith," is doubtless correct. I do not for one moment blame the collector for his share in the transaction; the agreement, and those who made it with him are the points I take exception to, and say that a new departure on economic principles is wanted. Personally, I believe as much money would be got together without a collector as with one, but even if one is necessary, I repeat it is preposterous to pay anything like the sum now appearing in the accounts, and which amount would suffice for the relief of 18 more old people annually. The idea of one official (especially in face of the immensely preponderating number of cases to vacancies) being so exorbitantly remunerated is a nasty pill to swallow, always bearing in mind the large salary of the secretary. My friend of the "Organ" *quasi apologetically* says that "it should be stated to the credit of Mr. Collector, that night after night, and at his own expense (italics are mine), he visits lodges in town and country pleading the cause of charity." If this is the case, what is the meaning of the items "provincial and other expenses," £80 0s. 1d. appearing in both male and female accounts? Where are these £3 a week laid out, and by whom? The concluding sentence of the foregoing paragraph, "and obtaining many a steward and many a handsome contribution as the result of these *voluntary* services," is so charmingly childlike in its beautiful bathos as to be quite refreshing, coming as it does in the midst of the terrific indictment of we poor "silly critics." If my friend would refer to any of the "men of business" he talks of, I do not think he would find them describe as "voluntary" the services of one of their employes travelling on commission. As regards my "flagrant case of error" in respect of publication of boys' school accounts, my statement is, that having consulted the book dated February, 1888, containing list, laws and balance sheets to 31st December, 1887, of the R. M. I. G., I turned to what I considered was a similar production relating to the boys, and as I stated in my letter to you, I could find no balance sheet in it. I now learn that a separate "annual report" was issued by this institution in May, 1888. This information, I am glad, has been published, as many subscribers who, like myself, were not aware of its existence, will now be able to obtain (I suppose) and peruse it. The tabular statement, so far as the expenditure was concerned, which it is asserted appeared as an advertisement, I know nothing about, advertisements being a class of literature having but little interest for me.

One of the points in my letter relating to the grant of 100 guineas to the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution is commented upon with the "eloquence of silence." Perhaps this will have future attention in "the Organ of the Craft," as I am therein told that my assertions are done with, at all events for the present. I fear I have already overstepped the limits of space this letter will require, but must say in conclusion that so far from "holding up to public ridicule and contempt" our Institutions, my object in having addressed you was and is to draw attention to details which (amongst others) have been and are the cause of remarks in all quarters of anything but a flattering character to those responsible for the administration of the charities. If these latter are not aware of their nature, they must indeed live "secluded from the world." I repeat, the whole internal working arrangements (let there be no false issue), for it is these which are being attacked, not the institutions, of our various charities require revision and reorganisation, but it requires a Hercules to crush the Hydra and to combat the enemies of reform who stop the way, and prevent much of intended relief ever reaching those for whom it is meant, and who are powerless to fight the battle of right against wrong themselves; but, to quote the preface of a well-known work—"If the writer succeeds in merely bruising one of the heads of the serpent, though his own hand should suffer in the encounter, he will be amply satisfied."

Fraternally yours,
SUBSCRIBER.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I asked for an egg and I get a stone—The writer in the *Free-mason* "furnishes" me with some of the "exuberance of his own verbosity;" what is the use of that? *Audi vidē tace*, excellent motto, and well acted up to by those responsible for the charities. My friend the "scribbler," in your contemporary resembles that noble instrument of music called the bagpipes, all his "notes" are discord, and the nimble way he hops about recalls the sword dance of the street Scotchman. Once more I assure him I don't care a button for what he may "dub" me—rather like it in fact—as it gives me his measure to a hair, but I really cannot wade through and remark on such a vapid mass of uninspired (?) "chatter of irresponsible frivolity." I daresay he thinks it capital "copy." Here's a sample of his reasoning powers—"the truth is that this matter of

arrears would never have attracted any notice, but for the sum announced at the anniversary festival, and the delight which some ill-natured people take in depreciating whatever is worthy of admiration and respect; why any one should have "respect or admiration for arrears" is beyond me. Mr. Scribbler, do try and say what you mean—this sort of twaddle is painful.

Only one question—How does he know that "there is hardly one such official who would not readily surrender a tithe or even a greater proportion of his well-earned salary, if only he knew, &c."? No inspiration! well, if *not*, it's precious cool to make promises of other people's money; but, perhaps, the "magic" and "prophetic powers" which he gabbles about have something to do with it. I am afraid he has missed his vocation in life. My inquiries meanwhile remain unanswered. Faithfully and fraternally,

January 29th, 1889. A SILLY CRITIC.

You will possibly think my remarks exceed due bounds, but I appeal to your sense of justice to give me a chance to reply to my contemptuous adversary.—A.S.C.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have just seen the current number of the *Freemason*, and have read the article on "Our Institutions and their Critics," especially that portion of it which more particularly refers to my letter *re* Collector and Accounts, which appeared in your recent issue; and was amused at the evident *pique* displayed by the writer. With regard to my "wilfully and deliberately" ignoring the rules, &c., of the R.M.B.I., I was quite innocent of any such intent, and was certainly not aware of any balance-sheet in proper form being issued; and from inquiries that I made of old masons, and have since made since the appearance of the article in question, I find that I was not alone in my ignorance. If, as is customary with other charities outside Freemasonry (which I have the pleasure of supporting), a report and balance-sheet were sent out to each donor and subscriber, *then* there would be no excuse for ignorance, but such *not* being the case, my remarks were quite justified, especially after having seen in your contemporary only *one* side given. With regard to the auditing of the accounts, I am still of opinion that a good firm of chartered accountants should be employed (as is customary with other institutions) to make up the accounts and issue the balance-sheet. I cast no aspersion on the strict honour and integrity of those brethren who were elected to perform this task, as I hold them in the highest esteem.

If the balance-sheet was thus issued it would make every subscriber as wise as the "know something" gentleman who wrote the article in question, and who hints that the "poor know-nothing critic" may not be even a subscriber to the charities. For myself, not out of any egotism, but for his own especial information, I may tell him that I am a life governor of two and subscriber to all three; may I ask if he is a subscriber to any?

The article in question is far more likely to do harm to the charities than any letter which has appeared in your paper. For myself I have our noble charities as much, and perhaps even more, at heart than the writer of said article, and it is only for their good that my letter was written. The arrows shot have evidently struck home, else why such a fluttering of feathers and flapping of wings by your contemporary, who claims "no inspiration" for their paper, but at the same time shows that the article in question was inspired.

Apologizing for the length of my letter,

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,
January 28th, 1889. JUNIOR WARDEN.

FREEMASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

A "P.M.'s" letter in last week's issue of your valuable paper is my only excuse for daring to intrude upon your space once more. He seems to have misunderstood me. I am a great advocate of *temperance*, and am myself a *total abstainer*; but, while strongly depreciating excessive drinking, I cannot yet see that total abstinence is temperance.

He must have noticed, too, in my former letter, that my strongest words on behalf of total abstinence lodges were that there would be more money for charitable purposes. This appears to me to be a great virtue, to deny one's self for the good of others. So far, then, I entirely agree with him.

But to speak of some other points, I conclude from the tone of the letter that the writer is a "dweller in towns." If such is the case, I am ready to admit at once that meeting places *could* be found in all towns. But are all lodges held in towns? There are also other questions besides that of the place, and I would especially ask, "Can suitable accommodation be found in many places for the brethren?" The social part of our meetings would not be so attractive if every sign of a banquet was refused to those who have come miles to the meeting and laboured hours with the ceremonies. On this point we total abstainers fail. It is so difficult to get a caterer in small places unless the local "hotel" keeper is called upon to supply the need.

"Shall it be admitted that we cannot carry on masonry without the drink?" Certainly not! I should think no one would wish to bring forward such a hypothesis. The words, however, in the letter which follow this question appear to me to be savouring too strongly of that intemperance of which I complain.

It is well, perhaps, when appealing to ignorant or even otherwise degraded people, to use strong language, and I have often done so when advocating total abstinence, but I take it for granted that all readers of your journal will be educated, thoughtful men, who will be offended by strong words rather than drawn into our ranks. We cannot afford in these days, when thousands of boys and girls glory in being members of Bands of Hope, to offend anyone. The great cause of total abstinence will be much advanced by temperance in speech.

I would like to quote the following words, which we all know so well. "You will learn (your duty) to *yourself*, by such a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline as may *best* conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy." May we act up to these words!

I should have preferred to write privately to "AN OLD P.M." and to "A P.M.," but they both choose a *nom de plume*, and so I have been denied that opportunity.

There is very much more I should like to say, but dare not, for you have been already too kind* in allowing so much space to

1, Sandmere Gardens, Clapham, S.W. CHARLIE WOODS, 1869: A. Soj. 1275.
25th Jan., 1889.

* *Not at all!* Continue the correspondence if you desire it, and believe that the craft can be benefited thereby.—ED. M.S.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In the Province to which I belong it has been the custom to declare the Board of Installed Masters duly constituted. After I had acted as Installing Master two or three times, I visited a lodge in another Province on the occasion of the Installation of the W.M. The D.P.G.M. of that Province performed the ceremony, and opened in due form a Board of Installed Masters. In conversation with him afterwards, he expressed great astonishment that the ceremony was new to me, and said that, in his opinion, it should never be omitted.

Being subsequently asked to instal a brother, I happened to mention to our own D.P.G.M. that I meant to open a Board of Installed Masters. He told me he intended to be present, and that if I did he should at once demand the gavel and take the chair.

Both were eminent brethren and respected for their knowledge of our ceremonies. Why should there be such a divergence of opinion? Is it to be traced to the difference in ritual of the two grand lodges—now the United Grand Lodge of England?

Yours truly and fraternally,
25th January, 1889. SUPER SABBINA.

THE PAST MASTER'S PROBLEM.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Can you oblige me with the following information: Why was the 47th Problem of the First Book of Euclid selected for the P.M.'s jewel? and when? and who by?

Can you also give me in round numbers the numerical strength of the Craft now and ten years ago? (under the Grand Lodge of England).

Yours fraternally,
* * * Information from brethren solicited.—ED. M.S. T. B.

Answers to Correspondents.

SECRETARY, 1534.—Thanks for Calendar forwarded.
F. C. D. F. 2291.—We have noted particulars as requested.
No. 2157.—You will see that we have attended to your favour.

We are requested to Notify that:—

—The fifteen sections will be worked in the following lodges of instruction, viz.:—

LEOPOLD, No. 1571, at the Blackwall Hotel, London Street, Fenchurch Street, on Thursday next, 31st inst., Bros. E. C. Talbot, 65 and 1310, W.M.; W. Martin, P.M. 879, S.W., and J. G. Milbourne, P.M. 13, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor, and Colley, J.D. 1571, Hon. Sec.

ROYAL STANDARD, No. 1298, by the members of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, to-morrow, the 1st February, at the Builders' Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N., at 7. Bros. H. Jenkins, S.W. 860, W.M.; H. Hill, P.M. 1805, S.W.; J. A. Powell, 186 J.W.

UPTON, No. 1227, on Monday, the 4th February, 1889, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., at 7 p.m.

RAVENSBORNE, No. 1601, at the George Hotel, Catford, S.E., on Wednesday, 13th February, at 7 p.m. Bro. C. Atkins, Sec.

CAMDEN, No. 704, at the Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, S.E., on Tuesday, 26th February.

—The meetings of the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902, will be held at Bro. Burrell's, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, W.C., on Wednesday evenings, from 6 to 8, instead of Friday, from 7 to 9. Bros. Batty, P.M., preceptor; W. R. Larter, org. 902, sec.

—The installation of Bro. J. T. Axford as W.M. of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., to-morrow (1st February), at 3.30 p.m.

—The regular meetings of the Montefiore Lodge of Instruction, No. 1017, will be held each Thursday throughout the year at the St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, London, at 8 p.m. Bro. N. P. Valentine, P.M. 1017, preceptor; Bro. F. R. Hardinge, 1017, secretary

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Calendar of Meetings in Province of Wilts for 1889 Bro. G. J. Farrington, Publisher, Bradford-on-Avon;—Society.—

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.]

Evenings Abroad.

Circus shows are always attractive at Christmas time : in London we have now grown to expect them at this season, and I am of opinion that certain youngsters of my acquaintance would as lief be without their puddings, nay, even without the vacation itself, as go without their circus. Therefore, the establishment of Hengler's, now to be seen at the Covent Garden Theatre instead of at Regent Circus, has been one of the principal institutions this year, and it well deserves the extensive patronage it has been accorded. Looking around the house one day last week, one could scarcely see a vacant seat and I think the laughter and applause from the enthusiastic crowd of visitors may be said to have fairly shaken the theatre and the temporary seats which occupy the stage side of the arena. The principal items of the lengthy programme can only be mentioned here ; but I can honestly advise all those who can appreciate a good circus to pay a visit to Covent Garden before the season is over. Juggling on horseback by Mr. H. Boswell and juggling on the floor by Mr. John Le Clair, will show all spectators how it is done, and, when they have seen all that they can see, they can go home and perform the feats, or at any rate they can try to. Madame Algeria, Senorita Encarnacion, Signorita Clotilde, and Mdle. Virginie give splendid exhibitions with their highly-trained horses ; while Messrs. Tom Yelding, Alfred Clarke, and Albert Hengler rival each other with the novelties they introduce. Mr. Geo. Lockhart's performing elephants, and "Caviar," the equestrian bear, must be seen to be believed ; while Mona and Karl on the triple horizontal bars, Senorita Pilar Jacques on the balancing trapeze, and the three Pierrots, as represented by Signorita Teresina, Eulalia, and Encarnacion, represent the highest possible perfection in their difficult arts. The fun of the clowns, Little Friskey and Whimsical Walker, is calculated to make anyone laugh immoderately ; and the dashing riding of young Ernest, a boy apparently without fear, is simply "tip top." Having thus enumerated some of the leading items of Hengler's Circus, I think I have proved the justness of my recommendation to all to patronize it. An addition to the programme is now to be seen in the shape of a pony which has been trained to perform the Baldwin-esque feat of descending from the roof of the theatre. This is even more startling than the "Baldwin monkey" at the Aquarium.

That Doctor Cupid, "fantastic comedy" by Robert Buchanan, produced at a matinée at the Vaudeville Theatre on the 14th inst., now occupies the evening bill at this house. The piece, though remarkably bright and amusing, is not up to the standard of this author's previous adaptations of "Tom Jones" and "Joseph Andrews." Indeed, it is more suggestive in its mixture of the superhuman and the natural, of opera bouffe than of comedy pure and simple. The leading idea is strongly reminiscent of *Faust*, the Dr. in the present instance being our old friend Eros. The author's cleverness, however, cannot for one moment be gainsaid, and he has produced a work of great and original merit. The chief interest lies in the interpretation ; and I must specially compliment Miss Winifred Emery, Miss Marian Lee, Miss Drummond and Miss Robertson, while equal praise is merited by Messrs. Tom Thorne, Fred Thorne, Cyril Maude, wonderfully clever in an eccentric part, and Frank Gillmore. All the other parts are acted by real artists, so the piece is thoroughly well played. The scenery and costumes are likewise excellent.

Mr. Irving was able only on Saturday night last to resume his impersonation of Macbeth. Rest and sea air have done him much good, and his representation of the wicked Thane is now stronger than it was. Mr. Hermann Vezin has certainly earned the popular manager's gratitude in coming forward at the moment and in so ably filling the vacant place.

Sorry indeed am I to record the demise of Miss Selina Dolaro, a charming little lady on the stage and one whose impersonations I shall always remember. Her Carmen was an ideal representation ; her Clairette, her Péricole, her Rose Dufard, and many other of her parts, were distinguished by true genius and were first-class. Ill-health forced her retirement some time since, and she devoted her energies to literature. I have never seen any of her dramatic work, which has not been over successful ; yet, it is stated, that the Kendals have got a play by the deceased lady in hand for production. For this I cannot vouch ; but I was so informed some time ago.

April Showers is a clever piece, produced at Terry's Theatre on Thursday last. The comedy is bright but weak, but it will doubtless be a boon to amateurs. The representation by Misses Maud Millett and Rose Norreys, Mrs. Edmund Phelps, Messrs. Lewis Waller, John Beauchamp, Walter Everard and Albert Chevalier was highly satisfactory.

The Begum's Diamonds, produced on Tuesday last at the Avenue Theatre, is a disappointing piece. It begins so well and ends so weakly ; the author has started with an excellent idea, the value of which he apparently does not appreciate, for he fritters away all his opportunities, and in the end he produces an unsatisfactory result. Still, *The Begum's Diamonds* is not hopeless ; alterations can, and probably will, be made in it which will render the piece far more acceptable. The actors and actresses engaged in the production worked with the utmost loyalty, and the author, Mr. J. P. Hurst, is doubtless very grateful to them. Messrs. Yorke Stephens, Lewis Waller, W. F. Hawtrey, Sidney Brough, Eric Lewis, and Hamilton Knight, and Misses Florence West, Rose Norreys, Violet Vanbrugh, and Ethel Hope supported the play admirably.

Atalanta at the Strand has ended her run, and Messrs. Charles Wyndham and William Duck are said to be in negotiation to produce *The Balloon* there. *Bob*, in other words Miss Patti Rosa, is also negotiating for this house.

Dear old "Granny" Stephens has retired from the stage. Those who can remember the thousand and one parts in which she shone, notably her Mrs. Willoughby in *The Ticket of Leave Man*, will know what a thorough artiste the stage has lost.

Dorcas will be the title of the comic opera at the Lyric, which will follow *Dorothy*. To follow is to succeed. So mote it be.

Yet another new theatre in London ! This time for Mr. Augustus Harris, and just off the Strand. The responsibilities and reservations of the Drury Lane lease are said to be anything but acceptable to the great "Gus," and he is going to end them by renting a theatre especially designed and constructed to suit his own views.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, JANUARY 30TH, 1889.

The supply of money now is fairly equal to the requirements, and rates remain steady with, perhaps, rather a tendency towards hardening. In view of the general condition of the market, it is anticipated that the Bank minimum will shortly be reduced to 3 per cent.

Business for the past week has been checked by two causes, one the recurrence of the fortnightly settlement, and the other the election in Paris. Both these events are now over, and a resumption of the previous activity may be expected. The remainder of the Railway dividends are looked for every day, and prices in this department are fairly well maintained with the exception of the Scotch division, where a certain amount of realisation has been accompanied by a sharp fall. This is as might have been expected, and I have before said that the prices to which Caledonian and North British was not warranted by the real position. As a symptom of the tendency towards division of ordinary stocks, or, perhaps, in response to the cry for some such new deal, the Directors of the South Western Railway mention in their report that they intend to apply to parliament for power to allow their shareholders to convert into preferred and deferred stock. Hull and Barnsley have again been looked after on the assumption that an arrangement is really to come off now with the North Eastern, and for my part I think the stock may go higher. I have before mentioned Furness Railway stock and do so again.

In the foreign division there is now a little firmer tone. Boulanger is elected and Paris is still quiet, so that the timorous who sold in expectation of something like a panic on the Bourse are now hastening to buy back, but at the same time I do not counsel any purchases here as prices even now are quite as high as they ought to be. No one seems to know why Linto's are so depressed, but there has undoubtedly been some heavy selling from Paris, which coming on a market indisposed to take anything coming from that quarter, where they are supposed to know more of the inside working of the copper gamble than we do, the price fell away quicker than it could be followed, consequently a rally of over 1½ per share quickly followed. The new Copper Trust is not yet out, although it is said that the whole capital has been underwritten.

The gamble in South African mines is as active as ever, and every day sees some new counter thrown upon the table. The prices have been carried up so far, and upon such same premises that many of the dealers are seeking to keep clear in case of a smash, so that more than the ordinary difficulty was experienced in carrying over, the purchasers being required to take up shares, or rather to pass names for them ; but whether the sellers are in a position to deliver is another matter, which will be proved when the limit of time allowed is reached. There is a renewed demand for some of the Exploration Companies, and seeing the enormous development of mining properties in South Africa, there seems to be no limit to the profit to be expected from this class of venture.

Nitrate properties are not yet re-established in public favour, although prices have improved somewhat. Because Colonel North had made money out of them, the possibilities of wealth were apparently thought to be inexhaustible, and everything connected in the most remote degree with nitrate partook of the general colouring. The opening up of nitrate diggings, for they are hardly mines, in South Africa, must give a certain blow to South American produce, that is, of course, admitting that there is nitrate in Africa, and that it will pay to dig and carry to the port of shipment. Speaking of Colonel North, I remember its being proudly said by one of his followers, "the Colonel understands nitrates, and will never allow himself to be drawn into any other kind of investment." Now, it appears that the gallant gentlemen understand banking, and the provision trade, to say nothing of coals, which last adventure, in spite of the Colonel's name and "apt alliteration's artful aid," hangs fire woefully. He evidently does not understand coals.

Amongst the Witwatersrandt Mines I should choose the Royal at 6, and for a cheap mine the Wolhunter Klerksdork at ¾, for a good speculation.

CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

BROADSTAIRS.—The person named is not now a member of the Stock Exchange. Ask for further particulars.

E. G. D.—(1) Good to hold. (2) A settlement has been applied for but no day yet fixed. (3) The last dividend was declared in October at 2/9 per share.

FILLO.—We think not. The ordinary shares were not offered for subscription.

S. Y.—Have nothing to do with the firm, they are rank outsiders.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—Installation meeting on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Ship, Greenwich. There were present Comps. J. Addington, H.; J. Tuck, J.; Captain C. W. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; C. H. Stone, S.N.; G. S. Benedetti, A.S.; Major W. E. Williams, P.Z., treas.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; T. Grumman, P.Z.; W. Cowley, P.Z.; C. Meierhoff; W. F. Crook; G. H. Foes; Dr. H. Makeham; Bunstead, P.Z.; Charlie Wothers; Fry; C. N. M. North; Rowe; Janitor; R. C. Davie, 1329; G. A. Taylor, P.Z.; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1329; E. J. Burns, A. Soj. 1071; W. Kipps, 79; V. T. Murché, A. Soj. 1329; Capt. R. J. Vincent, H. elect, 1329, M.E.Z. 1777; J. J. Pitt, 169; and F. Walters, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A. Soj. Middlesex. Bro. Towers was exalted, after which Comp. Hilton, P.Z., installed Comp. J. Addington into the chair of Z., and Comp. J. Tuck into the chair of H., while Comp. T. Grumman, P.Z., installed Comp. Crook as J. The officers invested were Comps. Capt. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Major Williams, P.Z., treas.; Benedetti, S.N.; Fleck, P.S.; Meierhoff, 1st A.S.; and C. Woods, 2nd A.S. The whole of the work was performed in that excellent manner for which the Star Chapter has become famous. The Comps. afterwards enjoyed a sumptuous repast, and then succeeded a splendid treat in the shape of a musical selection, arranged by Bro. R. De Lacy, Vicar Choral, St. Paul's Cathedral. The vocalists were Mesdames A. H. Watkins and Lansell Sims, and Bros. De Lacy and Kenningham. The usual toasts were honoured, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

BURGOYNE—No. 902.—On Monday, the 28th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London.—Bro. John Charles Cross, W.M.—Bros. Walter Smith, S.W.; John Beddoes, J.W.; Gabb, P.M., treas.; H. C. Jefferys, P.M., sec.; White, S.D.; James, J.D.; Prince, I.G.; Larter, org.; R. Field, P.M.; Batty, P.M.; Byring, P.M.; Stafford, Norton, Brown, Norrington, Sendall, Leary, Notting, Pillinger, Green, Richmond, Bean, Noble, Rashleigh, Lewry, Gilbert (tyler); and visitors, Bros. James Stevens, P.M.P.Z., and J. Wall, 1793. The business on the agenda comprised the initiation of Mr. Thomas Matthias, and the passing of Bro. Arthur Andoive. A sum of ten guineas was voted in aid of the list of Bro. W. Smith, S.W., as steward at forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys. Bro. J. Beddoes, J.W., announced his intention to represent the R.M.B.I. at its next festival, and will doubtless be supported by the lodge and its members. Lodge was closed early, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was of a moderate character as compared with the "formal feasts" at present so customary; and whilst affording even more pleasure to the assembled company, reserved in the hands of the treasurer the means for increased assistance of "poor and distressed" brethren. It was loudly expressed, when the hour arrived for separation, that a more enjoyable evening had not been spent in connection with the lodge for a very long period. Songs and recitations were abundant, and some genuine talent was displayed amongst the members.

ST. MARK'S COLLEGE LODGE—No. 2157.—Meeting held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, 25th inst. Present:—Bros. John O'Connell, W.M.; T. Cross, I.P.M.; J. Easterbrook, M.A., S.W.; W. A. Carter, B.A., J.W.; J. Tidmarsh, S.D.; W. Goulden, J.D.; A. P. Lye, B.A., I.G.; Rev. J. H. Smith, B.A., P.P.G.C. Rutland and Leicestershire, treas.; J. Stanton, J. L. Johnson, W. T. Thompson, B.A., A. Streeter, Driver, Rowland, A. G. Fleming, J. Hugh Stanton, Arnold, Parry, Heathcote. Visitors:—Bro. Hall, P.M. 1622; Chisman, 274; Blowfield, P.M. 1566; Beal, 1566. Bros. Arnold and Parry were passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. in a very able manner. The lodge being duly closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room where the remainder of the evening was spent in social enjoyment. The visitors in returning thanks greatly praised the musical treat afforded them by the brethren of the lodge after dinner.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

RAVENSBOROUGH—No. 1601.—On the 23rd inst., at eight p.m., at the George Inn, Catford, S.E.—W. Bro. H. Shaw, P.M. and Preceptor, as W.M.—Bros. J. Clark, S.W.; G. Pickering, J.W.; H. Penter, S.D.; W. Reminton, J.D.; C. Thomas, I.G.; C. Atkins, sec.; C. Anderson; J. Stevens, P.M.; C. Blanchard, Colley, J. T. Axford, J. A. Shelton, Walter Smith, Ackroyd, and others. The lodge worked in the three degrees. Ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge called "off and on." Bro. J. T. Axford, W.M. elect, of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, under the guidance of the Preceptor, rehearsed the addresses to officers on investment, and closed down with full ceremony. The proceedings were generally instructive.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360.—On the 24th inst., at the Prince of Wales' Hotel.—Bro. Porter, W.M.—Bros. Holmes, S.W.; Shelly, J.W.; Wade, S.D.; March, J.D.; Wing, I.G.; King, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., hon. sec.; O'Connell, Jolliffe, Bond, Burges, Rutter, Pillinger, Morris, Salter, and Ackerman. Initiation rehearsed, Bro. Salter as candidate. Bro. O'Connell took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing Bro. Ackerman as candidate. Bro. Porter resumed the chair, and Bro. Holmes was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

LANGTON—No. 1673.—On Thursday, the 24th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C.—Bro. E. G. Brewer, W.M.—Bros. S. Lea Smith, S.W.; A. Toulmein, J.W.; P. H. Hall, S.D.; E. A. De Paiva, J.D.; S. L. Webb, I.G.; C. W. C. Webb, preceptor; C. W. Mapleton, sec.; J. R. Quick, H. M. Hobbs, G. F. Marshall, J. Jupe, E. L. Axford, J. T. Axford, and J. S. Fraser. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. S. L. Smith personating candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Marshall, Bro. C. W. C. Webb acting as candidate. Bro. Jupe was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

STAR—No. 1275.—On the 26th inst., at 7 p.m., at the Dover Castle, Deptford Broadway. Bro. Walter Martin, P.M., Preceptor. Bro. Judge opened the lodge, and there were also present Bros. Kemble, S.W.; Sykes, J.W.; Blanchard, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Vonberger, I.G.; Martin, preceptor; Wilkinson, sec.; Newell, org.; Past Masters Waterman, Duffield, Geo. Bolton, Jas. Stevens, Eagle, Hunt, and Skudder; and Bros. Bird, Smith, Faulkner, Black, Talbot, Marcus, Turpin, Best, Eaton, and Holding. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Talbot candidate, and lodge was called "off and on." Bro. Newell opened in F.C., and rehearsed the ceremony, Bro. Smith as candidate, and closed in 2nd degree. Bro. Judge again presided and conducted the remainder of the formal business, finally closing the lodge after a very instructive and agreeable evening.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 24th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, S.E. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Grumman, P.Z., M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, H. 169, H.; Whitby, M.E.Z. 1329, J.; Stone, S.E.; Addington, M.E.Z. 1275, S.N.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; C. Woods, A.S.; Cope; Wingham; and Capt. Vincent, H. elect 1329, M.E.Z. 1777. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Comp. Cope personating candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Whitby rehearsed the ceremony of installation of M.E.Z., while Comp. Vincent rehearsed that of the installation of J.

PROVINCIAL.

CORNWALL—PENZANCE—MOUNT SINAI LODGE—No. 121. Penzance—Held their St. John's Day meeting last week. Bro. Major J. J. Ross was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. G. H. Small, P.M. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. J. R. Mockridge, S.W.; James Tregarthen, J.W.; C. Read, treasurer; W. Colenso, secretary; B. Shakerley, S.D.; J. Quick, J.D.; B. C. Matthews, I.G.; S. Y. Dale, and J. H. Gartrell, stewards; R. White, jun., organist; T. H. Cornish, D.C., and R. Reynolds, tyler. The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Western Hotel.

BODMIN—"ONE AND ALL" LODGE—No. 330.—The installation meeting was held last week, the W.M. elect, W. Bro. Tom Whala, was installed by the retiring W.M., W. Bro. R. P. Edyvean, P.G. Regr., his brother, Bro. B. F. Edyvean, assisting him. There was a very large attendance, the Board of Installed Masters including W. Bros. Hext, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Rowe, P.P.J.G.W., treasurer; Adams, P.P.G.S.W.; Spear, Derry, P.P.G.D.; Vercoe, Perry, 856; J. B. Blight, W. Isaac Watts, and J. Bunt, 496. The visitors included, in addition to those above mentioned—Bros. Stewart and W. McLean, 856; J. Brewer, W.M. elect, and T. R. Hards, 1954; W. Smale, 1138 (Devon); W. H. Luce, 406; and C. F. Zimber, 967. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—W. R. Brewer, S.W.; F. S. Page, J.W.; W. Bro. Rowe, P.P.J.G.W., treasurer; T. P. Tonkin, secretary; R. L. Randall, S.D.; W. J. Adams, J.D.; John Alfred Rowe, I.G.; W. Bro. Dennis, P.P.G.D., tyler; R. Roscola, Org.; W. A. Sandoe, D.C., and E. J. Goodfellow and G. B. Trevorton, stewards; W. Bro. Rowe, steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Beneficent Fund; W. Bro. T. Hicks Spear, steward of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association. The lodge having been closed, brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel to partake of the annual banquet. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND—WHITEHAVEN—LEWIS LODGE—No. 872.—An installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 21st inst., Bro. W. D. P. Field, P.G.A.D.C., being the W.M. Bro. Dr. Muir, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Thomas Brackenridge, P.M., P.P.G. St. Br., and was duly installed. On his behalf Bro. Brackenridge invested the officers, viz.:—Bros. Joseph Moffatt, S.W.; D. Atkinson, J.W.; Rev. James Anderson, P.P.G. Chaplain, chaplain; John Spittal, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Ws., treasurer; D. Pattinson, sec.; Robert Shepherd, S.D.; Dr. John Pirie, J.D.; H. J. Webb, D.C.; A. W. Johnston, I.G.; R. Mann, F. Farquharson, and H. Kerr, stewards; Jonah Sewell, tyler. An address was delivered by Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. There were also present Bros. C. Morton, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. Rose, P.M.; F. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. Burns, P.M., P.P.G. Purst; James Kirkbridge, William Lewis, J. M. Clarke, Thomas Allinson, W.M., 119, P.G. Purst; W. C. Johns, P.M.; W. J. Tyson, George Starkey, J.W.; D. H. Cook, H. Meagren, W. C. Mulcaster, Joseph Abbott, W.M. 371; G. W. Roll, 1,225; W. Bradley, P.M. 1,390; James Stout, J.W. 1267; R. Ward, W.M. 1,400; J. Rubery, P.M.; H. Hartley, S.W. 1660; J. Paterson, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Sw. Br.; D. Rice, P.M., P.P.G. Purst; J. Dickinson, J.W. 1,989; R. Briggs, 1,989; John Atkinson, 1,390, and many others. One candidate was proposed for initiation. Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

DEVON—PLYMOUTH—FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.—The installation banquet was held on the 24th inst., at the Farley Hotel. W. Bro. A. W. Spinney, W.M., presided, and over seventy brethren sat down to one of those capital banquets for which Bro. Routly is noted, and which was splendidly served. Amongst those present were:—Bros. S. Edgecombe, S.W.; W. J. Sweet, J.W.; S. Jew, chap., P.P.G.J.D.; J. T. Browning, treas., P.P.G. treas.; C. H. Cooper, sec., P.P.G.J.D.; William Hearder, P.G.O.; J. W. Parson, P.M.; M. Emdon, P.P.G.J.D.; H. J. Kitt, P.M.; T. Gray, P.M.; Geo. Horswill, P.M. 105; R. B. Twose, P.P.G. treas.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.S. wks.; A. E. Lyons, P.M. 105; E. G. Dyke, P.P.G.O.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.S. wks.; F. B. Westlake, P.P.G.S.D.; R. C. Balkwill, P.M. 1486; George J. Firks, P.M. 1247; Fred R. Goodyear, P.M. and treas. 223; W. H. Williams, P.M. 1847; Frank R. Thomas, W.M. 189; Fred Orchard, W.M. 230; W. R. Rawling, W.M. 1071; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G. treas.; William Browning, P.P.G.D.C.; William King, W.M. 70; W. H. Michell, W.M. 156; W. L. Lavers, P.M. 1255; Bros. A. H. McBryde, S.D.; T. W. Soper, J.D.; C. Luke, I.G.; S. H. R. Gibbins, D.C.; A. T. Lidiard, A.O.; T. G. Taylor, J.S.; W. H. Phillips, tyler; Bros. W. Biscombe, 223; W. T. Lewis, 105; C. Collingwood, 105; T. Mc D. Rendle, 1928; J. H. Turner, 230; George Miller, 1099; J. Hockley, 105; M. Montague Joel, 105; A. J. Verli, D.C. 202; R. D. Sale, 202; F. Maitland, 105; C. F. Cooper, 105; W. F. Lewis, 105; T. Lean, 105; R. S. Tyler, 105; R. S. Pinkham, 1550; H. Matthews, 223; H. P. Matthews, 105; George S. Williams, 1837 (St. Keyna); S. D. Funnell, 105; A. Routly, 105; W. Fitch, 223. Amongst those who contributed to the evening's entertainment were Bros. A. E. Lyons, R. B. Twose, W. Hearder, Bros. Maitland and Miller, and others.

KENT—DOVER—THE CORINTHIAN LODGE—No. 1203.—Held their monthly meeting, at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate Street, on 21st inst., and unanimously elected Bro. C. L. Adams, W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation will take place in February.

SOMERSET—CLEVEDON—COLERIDGE LODGE—No. 1750.—Held in the Masonic Rooms at the Public Hall. Bro. Michael H. Clark, S.W., was formerly installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., of Somerset, in the presence of a large number of members. The newly-installed Master invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. G. Rivers, S.W.; Captain Rose, J.W.; T. Barnes, treas.; J. Jupp, P.M., sec.; Major-General Montague, C.B., S.D.; A. B. Wickenden, J.D.; C. A. Hayman, I.G.; W. Somerton, org.; F. Stevens, tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to Regent House, where upwards of forty sat down to a *vecherche* banquet. Regret was expressed by the brethren generally that Bro. T. Barnes, who has just attained his jubilee as a Freemason, was prevented attending through illness. He was initiated in 1838, and is highly respected for his services to the craft, not only in the Coleridge Lodge, but throughout this and neighbouring provinces.

STAFFORDSHIRE—LICHFIELD.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE—No. 1039.—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the George Hotel on the 23rd inst. Bro. F. Harper, W.M. installed Bro. J. Gladman into the chair of K.S. The following officers were invested:—Bros. W. A. Wood, S.W.; G. Haynes, J.W.; Rev. T. Spain, chap.; J. J. Perkins, P.M., P.P.G.P., treas.; T. Cox, sec.; A. Smyrk, S.D.; C. F. Lloyd, J.D.; C. Trigg, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; G. Bullock, tyler. There were also present, Bros. James Clark, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; C. Trigg, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Fowler, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. J. Perkins, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Ashmall, P.M., P.G.P.; Harper, and other members of the lodge. Also the following visitors:—Bros. Buckley, 153; Brooke, 739; R. C. Wills, 1909, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Notts; Spalding, 1,909, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Notts; J. Ryder, 1,792, P.M., P.G.S.D.; E. Mousley, S.W., 726; W. D. Batkin, W.M., 726; J. Woodbridge, 726, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. E. Allen, 419; Bro. Griffin, 442, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; M. Barker, 1,792, P.M., P.P.G.W.; and J. J. Simpson, W.M., 1,520. A banquet followed the ceremonies.

SUSSEX—BRIGHTON.—ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS—No. 75.—The installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, on the 23rd inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. H. W. G. Abell, who was supported by the following officers, viz.:—Bros. James Ridge, S.W.; J. Harrison, M.O.; T. Hills, registrar; J. C. Buckwell, sec.; J. Belcher, S.O.; R. Willard, org.; W. A. Tooth, chaplain; T. Bullock, steward; and H. H. Hughes, tyler. The brethren present also included Bros. C. F. Goode; T. Wickham; T. Chapman; H. E. Currie, Cape Colony 86; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Prov. G. sec.; R. Paige, P.P.G.I.G.; J. T. Musson, P.G.S.; J. J. Abell, P.G.O.; G. Masrers, P.G.S.; T. H. Challis; and S. Langley. The newly elected W.M., Bro. James Ridge, P.P.G.S.B., was duly installed, the ceremony being impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. H. W. G. Abell, who was presented with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the year. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:—J. C. Buckwell, S.W.; R. Willard, J.W.; F. Downard, M.O.; J. Parsons, S.O.; T. Hills, J.O.; W. A. Tooth, chaplain; G. R. Lockyer, treas.; J. Belcher, R. of M.; T. Bullock, sec.; R. B. Higham, S.D.; A. F. Lamette, J.D.; E. Histed, D. of C.; E. Buchanan, org.; J. J. Abell, I.G.; W. Tebbs, 1st steward; T. Wickham, 2nd steward; and H. H. Hughes, tyler. The lodge being closed the brethren sat down to banquet.

YORKSHIRE—YORK.—AGRICOLA LODGE—No. 1991.—The members of this lodge held their first annual ball in their recently acquired premises in Castlegate, on Thursday evening, the 24th inst., when all the members of the lodge vied with each other to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of their friends and guests. The various rooms were very tastefully decorated by Bro. Laverack, D. of C., Bro. T. N. Lathom, I.G., and Bro. G. Osborne; the shields, &c., which were most artistic, being the work of Bros. Laverack and Lathom, the effect of these decorations being greatly enhanced by the judicious display of a large number of beautiful plants, &c., which were kindly lent for the occasion by Bros. Baker and Hingston. The music for the ball programme was most effectively rendered by Mears' band, the programme being nicely varied during the evening by songs, &c., by Bros. J. E. Wilkinson, J. W. A. Sample, P.P.G.O., J. Dow, steward, C. Garrod, T. Laverack, D. of C., J. Horner, 1611, &c. The characteristic songs of Bro. Laverack, and the comical sketches by Bro. Horner exciting roars of laughter. Bros. A. Sample, P.P.G.O., and W. S. Child, P.G.O., accompanied alternately the songs of these brethren with their usual ability. The duties of M.C. were effectively performed by Bros. Geo. Manton, J.D. (the energetic hon. sec. of the ball committee), and J. W. Dow, whilst the duties of steward were well looked after by Bro. D. Young, lodge steward, assisted by the willing hands of several brethren. By permission craft clothing was worn, which with the brilliant dresses of the ladies, combined with the uniform of the military brethren, made a most effective and pretty sight. The company separated late on Friday morning, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and looking forward to another re-union at an early date. This is the first instance in the history of the lodge of the presence amongst them of the fair sex, and the Worshipful Master and his brethren may well be gratified at the result of their first effort, which will doubtless encourage them to essay a similar re-union at a further date, but perhaps on larger premises, so that they may have an opportunity of entertaining a larger number of friends. The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 28th inst., when two military brethren were proposed as joining members, and four gentlemen as candidates for initiation, when, after other business had been disposed of, a hearty vote of thanks to the lodge committee, and to all who had assisted to render the ball so successful, was carried with acclamation, the Worshipful Master (W. Bro. A. M. White, P.A.G.P., N. and E. Yorks., who was one of the seven founders), being heartily congratulated upon his successful year of office which will expire at the end of the ensuing April.

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.

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

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

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THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, JANUARY 31st.						
22	Neptune	Guilddhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.	1397	Anerley	Thicket Hot., Anerley	
1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	1472	Henley	Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich	
2192	Highbury	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	1633	Kingsland	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	
2264	Chough	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.	2150	Tivoli	Tivoli Restaurant, Strand, W.C.	
(1st) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st.						
11	Enoch	F. M. H.	2190	Savage Club	F. M. H.	
59	Royal Naval	Ditto	R.A.C.	Temperance	Railway Tav., New Cross Rd., New Cross	
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich	169	Mark.		
890	Hornsey	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.	236	Clapton	Rudolph Chmbrs., 191, Bshpsgte St., E.C.	
1489	Marquis of Ripon... ..	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	315	Henniker	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.	
1627	Royal Kensington	F. M. H.	350	Temperance-in-the-East	Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby Place, Poplar	
1815	Penge	Thicket Hotel, Anerley	355	Royal Savoy	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.	
2233	Old Westminster	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.	R.C.	72	Canterbury... ..	33, Golden Square, W.
R.A.C.	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.	(1st) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th—continued.			
259	Mark.		511	Zetland	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.	
8	Thistle	F. M. T.	1258	Royal Standard	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	
(1st) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd.						
142	St. Thomas's	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.	1491	Athenaeum	Athenaeum, Camden Road	
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	1585	Royal Commemoration	White Lion Hot., Upper Norwood	
1622	Rose	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	1687	Rothesay	St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, W.	
1949	Brixton	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton	R.A.C.	Urban	F. M. H.	
(1st) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4th.						
12	Fortitude & Old Cumberland	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.	1196	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.	(1st) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th.			
69	Unity	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.	GRAND CHAPTER, AT 6 P.M.			
83	United Lodge of Prudence	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	511	Zetland	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.	
144	St. Luke's	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	1258	Royal Standard	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	
188	Joppa	F. M. T.	1491	Athenaeum	Athenaeum, Camden Road	
256	Unions	F. M. H.	1585	Royal Commemoration	White Lion Hot., Upper Norwood	
1305	St. Marylebone	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.	1687	Rothesay	St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, W.	
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.	R.A.C.	Urban	F. M. H.	
1625	Tredegar	Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, E.	1196	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	
1669	Royal Leopold	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	(1st) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th.			
1731	Cholmeley	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.	10	Westminster and Keystone	F. M. H.	
1853	Caxton	F. M. H.	27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	
1996	Priory of Acton	Royal Ass. Rooms, Acton	45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall St., E.C.	
2020	St. Botolph's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.	
2098	Harlesden	National Schools, Harlesden	227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.	
R.A.C.	Bayard	33, Golden Square, W.	231	St. Andrew's	F. M. H.	
1615	Cable	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.	538	La Tolerance	Ditto	
1764			554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.	
(1st) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th.						
7	Royal York of Perseverance	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H.	
9	Albion	F. M. H.	1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge	
18	Old Dundee	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.	1351	St. Clement Danes	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand, W.C.	
101	Temple	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.	1361	United Service	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.	
166	Union	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.	1425	Hyde Park... ..	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.	
172	Old Concord	F. M. H.	1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.	
217	Stability	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	1724	Kaiser-i-Hind	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.	
765	St. James'	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.	1765	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.	
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	C. of G. Hope Tav., Commercial Rd., E.	1772	Pimlico	Victoria Mansions Rest., S.W.	
1241	Golden Rule	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.	1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon	
1341	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.	1801	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow, E.	
			2291	West Ham Abbey	Town Hall, Stratford, E.	
			R.A.C.	St. James's	F. M. H.	
			2	Mount Moriah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	
			9	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington, S.E.	
			Mark.	1381	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
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BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's ...	25th Feb M. H., New Street	708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
74	Athol ...	6th Feb M. H., Severn Street	778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
468	Light ...	19th Feb Great Western Hotel	788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
473	Faithful ...	12th Feb M. H., New Street	1194	Villiers ...	16th Mar Ditto
587	Howe ...	11th Feb Ditto	1293	Burdett ...	27th Apr Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Feb Ditto	1415	Campbell ...	13th Apr Ditto
887	Leigh ...	27th Feb Ditto	1494	Felix ...	Ap to Jy only Ditto
925	Bedford ...	18th Feb Ditto	1512	Hemming ...	21st Feb Greyhound Hotel
938	Grosvenor ...	20th Feb Ditto	1597	Musgrave ...	16th Mar Ditto
1016	Elkington ...	26th Jan Ditto	1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1031	Fletcher ...	13th Feb Ditto	2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl Ditto
1163	Emulation ...	28th Feb Ditto	2087	Electric ...	25th May Ditto
1180	Forward ...	4th Feb Ditto	2105	Cama ...	21th June Ditto
1474	Israel ...	11th Feb M. H., Severn Street	2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Feb Ditto
1551	Charity ...	19th Feb M. H., New Street	R.A.C.		
1644	Alma Mater ...	15th Mar Ditto	778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
R.A.C.			1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May Ditto
43	Fortitude ...	12th Mar Great Western Hotel	1293	Burdett ...	11th May Ditto
74	Athol ...	26th Feb M. H., Severn Street	1691	Quadratic ...	15th Apr Ditto
587	Howe ...	7th Feb M. H., New Street			
938	Grosvenor ...	5th Feb Ditto	HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
1016	Elkington ...	7th Feb Ditto	57	Humber ...	7th Feb F. M. H., Osborne Street
1031	Fletcher ...	5th Mar Ditto	250	Minerva ...	13th Feb M. H., Dagga Lane
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			1010	Kingston ...	6th Feb M. H., Worship Street
37	Anchor and Hope ...	11th Feb F. M. H., Institute Street	1605	De la Pole ...	22nd Feb 58, Charlotte Street
146	Antiquity ...	13th Feb Ditto	2134	Wilberforce TO-MOR.,	1st Feb Ditto
221	St. John ...	18th Feb Ditto	R.A.C.		
348	St. John's ...	28th Feb Ditto	57	Humber TO-DAY,	31st Jan F. M. H., Osborne Street
1723	St. George ...	27th Feb Ditto	250	Minerva ...	21st Feb M. H., Dagga Lane
R.A.C.			1010	Kingston ...	15th Mar M. H., Worship Street
37	Concord ...	15th Apr Ditto	1605	De la Pole ...	22nd Feb 58, Charlotte Street
221	St. John ...	6th Mar Ditto	ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
348	St. John's ...	12th Mar Ditto	1004	Athole ...	6th Feb M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Feb M. R., Ramsey
302	Hope ...	18th Feb M. H., Darley Street	1242	Tynwald ...	13th Feb M. H., Douglas
600	Harmony ...	21st Feb F. M. H., Salem Street	2049	Ellan Vannin ...	5th Feb Ditto
974	Pentalpha ...	5th Feb M. H., Darley Street	2050	St. Trinians ...	20th Feb Ditto
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Feb M. H., Darley Street	2164	St. Germans ...	12th Feb Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
1648	Prince of Wales T-MR.,	1st Feb Ditto	2197	Spencer Walpole ...	11th Feb M. H., Douglas
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
302	Charity ...	18th Feb Ditto	1004	Athole ? 14th or 21st Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
600	Sincerity ...	5th Feb F. M. H., Salem Street	LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			289	Fidelity ...	7th Feb M. H., Carlton Hill
271	Royal Clarence ...	15th Feb Royal Pavilion	304	Philanthropic ...	27th Feb M. H., Great George Street
315	Royal York ...	5th Feb Ditto	306	Alfred TO-MOR.,	1st Feb M. H., Kelsall Street
732	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Feb Ditto	1042	Excelsior ...	21st Feb M. H., Great George Street
811	Yarborough ...	16th Feb Ditto	1211	Goderich ...	4th Feb Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	2nd Feb Old Ship Hotel	1221	Defence ...	11th Feb M. H., Carlton Hill
1636	St. Cecilia ...	26th Feb Royal Pavilion	1311	Zetland ...	15th Feb M. H., Great George Street
1821	Atlingworth ...	21st Feb Ditto	2069	Prudence ...	9th Feb Ditto
1947	Stanford ...	13th Feb Town Hall, Hove	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.			289	Fidelity ...	12th Feb M. H., Carlton Hill
271	Lennox TO-MOR.,	1st Feb Royal Pavilion	304	Philanthropic ...	6th Feb M. H., Great George Street
315	Royal Pavilion ...	19th Feb Ditto	306	Alfred ...	8th Feb M. H., Kelsall Street
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar Ditto	1042	Excelsior ...	21st Feb M. H., Great George Street
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb Ditto	LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar Old Ship Hotel	279	St. John's ...	6th Feb F. M. H., Halford Street
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			523	John of Gaunt ...	21st Feb Ditto
68	Royal Clarence ...	11th Feb F. M. H., Park Street	1391	Commercial ...	22nd Feb Ditto
103	Beaufort ...	5th Feb Ditto	1560	Albert Edward ...	12th Feb Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	13th Feb Ditto	2081	Golden Fleece ...	*18th Feb Ditto
326	Maira ...	14th Feb Ditto	R.A.C.		
610	Colston ...	20th Feb Ditto	279	Fortitude TO-MOR.,	1st Feb Ditto
686	Jerusalem ...	12th Feb Ditto	1560	St. George's ...	*4th June Ditto
1388	Canynge ...	2nd Feb Ditto	LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.		
1404	St. Vincent ...	28th Feb Ditto	32	St. George's ...	27th Feb Adelphi Hotel
2257	Powell ...	25th Feb Ditto	155	Perseverance ...	15th Feb M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.			203	Ancient Union ...	21st Feb Ditto
68	Royal Clarence ...	16th Mar Ditto	216	Harmonic ...	14th Feb Adelphi Hotel
103	Beaufort ...	26th Feb Ditto	241	Merchants ...	12th Feb M. H., Hope Street
187	Charity ...	7th Feb Ditto	249	Mariners ...	7th Feb Ditto
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			292	Sincerity ...	11th Feb Ditto
42	Relief ...	21st Feb Grey Mare Hotel	594	Downshire ...	21st Feb Ditto
128	Prince Edwin ...	13th Feb Bridge Inn	667	Alliance ...	19th Feb Ditto
191	St. John ...	14th Feb Knowsley Hotel	673	St. John ...	5th Feb Ditto
1012	Prince of Wales ...	7th Feb Derby Hotel	680	Sefton TO-MOR.,	1st Feb Ditto
1392	Egerton ...	28th Feb Stanley Arms	724	Derby ...	27th Feb Ditto
R.A.C.			786	United Service ...	14th Feb Ditto
42	Unanimity ...	28th Feb Derby Hotel	823	Everton ...	20th Feb Ditto
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb Bridge Inn	1013	Royal Victoria ...	6th Feb Ditto
CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			1094	Temple ...	13th Feb Ditto
88	Scientific ...	11th Feb Red Lion Hotel	1182	Dk. of Ednbg. ...	14th Feb Ditto
441	Three Grand Principles	4th Feb Ditto	1264	Neptune ...	4th Feb Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	5th Feb Ditto	1299	Pembroke ...	21st Feb Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1492	Alma Mater ...	21st Feb University Arms Hotel	1325	Stanley ...	25th Feb M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.			1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	11th Feb Ditto
88	Pythagoras ...	26th June Red Lion Hotel	1356	Toxteth ...	13th Feb 80, North Hill Street
441	Fidelity ...	3rd July Ditto	1393	Hamer ...	21st Feb M. H., Hope Street
859	Euclid ...	6th Mar Ditto	1502	Israel ...	18th Feb Ditto
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			1505	Emulation ...	28th Feb Ditto
253	Tyrian ...	26th Feb M. H., Gower Street	1547	Liverpool ...	13th Feb Ditto
751	Arboretum ...	13th Feb Ditto	1570	Prince Arthur ...	19th Feb Ditto
802	Repose ...	19th Feb Ditto	1609	Liverpool Dramatic	26th Feb Ditto
1085	Hartington ...	6th Feb Ditto	1620	Marlborough ...	6th Feb Derby Hall, Tuebrook
R.A.C.			1675	Ancient Briton ...	26th Feb M. H., Hope Street
253	Justice ...	12th Mar Ditto	2042	Apollo ...	6th Feb Ditto
731	Truth ...	17th Apr Ditto	2114	Lodge of Prudence	18th Feb Ditto
			2215	Anfield ...	28th Feb Eaton Hall, Breck Road
			2229	Lathom ...	27th May Adelphi Hotel
			R.A.C.		
			32	Jerusalem ...	18th Feb Ditto
			203	S. John of Jerusalem	5th Feb M. H., Hope Street
			216	Sacred Delta ...	15th Feb Ditto
			241	Friendship ...	25th Feb Ditto
			249	Mariners ...	21st Mar Ditto
			292	Liverpool ...	28th Feb Ditto
			594	Downshire ...	11th Mar Ditto
			673	St. John's ...	13th Feb Ditto
			680	Sefton ...	22nd Feb Ditto
			823	Everton ...	26th Feb Ditto
			1094	Temple ...	26th Mar Ditto
			1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	20th Mar Ditto
			1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Feb Ditto
			1393	Hamer ...	7th Mar Ditto
			1502	Israel ...	12th Feb Ditto

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.			OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship TO-MOR., 1st Feb	Albion Hotel	340	Alfred 5th Feb	M. H., Alfred Street
62	Social 25th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	357	Apollo University 26th Feb	Ditto
64	Fortitude 12th July	Ditto	478	Churchill 4th Feb	Ditto
152	Virtue 15th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street	1515	Bertie 12th Feb	Ditto
163	Integrity 27th Feb	Ditto	R.A.C.		
204	Caledonian 13th Feb	Ditto	340	Alfred 20th Feb	Ditto
317	Affability 7th Feb	Ditto	357	Apollo University 27th Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's 20th Feb	F. M. H., Salford			
633	Yarborough 20th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street			
645	Humphrey Cheetham 6th Feb	Ditto			
815	Blair 8th Feb	Town Hall, Hulme			
852	Zetland 13th Feb	F. M. H., Salford			
935	Harmony 28th Feb	Ditto			
992	St. Thomas 6th Feb	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton			
993	Alexandra 8th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme			
999	Robert Burns 25th Feb	Albion Hotel			
1009	Shakspeare 4th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street			
1011	Richmond 21st Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove			
1052	Callender 19th Feb	Town Hall Buildings, King Street			
1055	Derby 14th Feb	Bedford Street, Cheetham			
1077	Wilton 4th Feb	Red Lion Hot., Blackley			
1083	Townley Parker 27th Feb	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street			
1134	Newall 5th Feb	F. M. H., Salford			
1147	St. David 14th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street			
1161	De Grey and Ripon 5th Feb	F. M. H., Manchester			
1170	St. George 18th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street			
1219	Strangeways 27th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove			
1253	Travellers 8th Feb	Queen's Hotel			
1458	Truth 2nd Feb	Conservative Club, Newton Heath			
1534	Concord 21st Feb	Chester Bank, Prestwich			
1633	Avon 27th Feb	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenhays			
1773	Albert Victor 15th Feb	Town Hall, Pendleton			
1798	Zion 4th Feb	74a, King Street			
1993	Wolsley 5th Feb	74A, King Street			
2109	Prince Edward 12th Feb	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor			
2156	Arthur Sullivan 13th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross			
2185	Ardwick 11th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick			
R.A.C.					
62	Social 13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly			
152	Virtue 22nd Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street			
204	Caledonian 21st Mar	Ditto			
317	Affability 21st Feb	Ditto			
325	St. John's 7th Mar	M. H., Salford			
581	Rectitude 7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick			
645	Humphrey Cheetham 19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street			
815	Blair 26th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme			
935	Starkie 14th Mar	M. H., Salford			
993	Alexandra 15th Feb	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme			
1055	Derby 19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham			
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—		
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne 7th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street	16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.		
406	Northern Counties 6th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street	Lo. 70	St. John's 5th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
481	St. Peter's 11th Feb	Ditto	105	Fortitude 11th Feb	Ditto
541	De Lorraine 15th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street	156	Harmony 4th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland 5th Feb	Assembly Rooms	159	Brunswick 6th Feb	M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
1342	Walker 13th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street	189	Sincerity 11th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
1427	Percy 19th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street	202	Friendship 23th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
1626	Hotspur 28th Feb	Ditto	223	Charity 19th Feb	193, Union Street
1676	St. Nicholas 8th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street	230	Fidelity 7th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
1712	St. John's 22nd Feb	Ditto	954	St. Aubyn 12th Feb	Ditto
1863	Priory 11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth	1205	Metham 18th Feb	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
2260	Ridley 5th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street	1247	St. John's 14th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
R.A.C.			1255	Dundas 18th Feb	Ditto
24	De Swinburne 21st Mar	Ditto	1550	Prudence 2nd Feb	Ditto
406	De Sussex 8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street	1847	Ebrington 12th Feb	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
481	St. Peter's 20th Feb	Ditto	2025	St. George 26th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
685	Northumberland 19th Feb	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road	2258	Western District } United Service } 20th Feb	East Stonehouse
1863	Priory 11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth	R.A.C.		
			70	St. John's 28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
			105	Fortitude 19th Feb	Ditto
			156	Harmony 6th Mar	Ditto
			159	Brunswick 22nd May	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
			189	Sincerity 22nd Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
			202	Friendship 14th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
			223	Concord 22nd Feb	193, Union Street
			230	Fidelity 22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
			954	St. Aubyn 15th Apr	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
			1205	Elliott 29th Apr	Metham M. H., Stonehouse
			1255	Dundas 23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
			2025	St. George 21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—		
471	Silurian 6th Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street	11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
683	Isea 20th Feb	Ditto	257	Phoenix 27th Feb	110, High Street
1429	Albert Edward 14th Feb	Ditto	342	Royal Sussex 20th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C.			487	Portsmouth 14th Feb	M. H., Highbury Street
471	Silurian 22nd Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street	1069	United Brothers 11th Feb	Grosvenor House, Southsea
683	St. Woolos 13th Mar	Ditto	1428	United Service 8th Feb	M. H., Landport
NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			1776	Landport 21st Feb	Ditto
Lo. 52	Union 5th Feb	Norfolk Hotel	1834	Duke of Connaught } Prince Edw. Saxe } 26th Feb	Ditto
93	Social 12th Feb	23, St. Giles Street	1903	Weimar } Hampshire Lo. of } 19th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
213	Perseverance 19th Feb	Ditto	1990	Emulation } Portsmouth Tem- } 9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
807	Cabbell TO-DAY, 31st Jan	Ditto	2063	perance } St. Clair 25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street
943	Sincerity 26th Feb	Ditto	2074	St. Clair 18th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1500	Walpole 7th Feb	Ditto	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.			257	Friendship 13th Feb	110, High Street
52	Royal George 15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel	342	Royal Sussex 10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
213	Perseverance 14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street	487	Portsmouth 12th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
807	Cabbell 11th Apr	Ditto	1428	United Service 15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			1776	Landport 28th Feb	Ditto
Lo. 47	Newstead 5th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street	2063	Portsmouth Tem- } perance } 25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street
402	Royal Sussex 19th Apr	George Hotel			
411	Commercial 11th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street			
1405	Southwell 1st Feb	Ditto			
1434	Nottinghamshire 4th Feb	Ditto			
1435	Annesley 22nd Feb	Ditto			
1794	De Vere 15th Feb	Ditto			
1909	Carnarvon 18th Feb	Ditto			
2017	Duke of Portland 21st Mar	Ditto			
R.A.C.					
47	Abbey *30th Apr	Ditto			
402	Royal Sussex 12th Feb	Ditto			
411	Commercial 26th Feb	Ditto			
1435	Annesley 8th Mar	Ditto			
1909	Carnarvon 29th Apr	Ditto			
SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS		
139	Britannia 14th Feb	F. M. H., Surrey Street	130	Royal Glo'ster 14th Feb	M. H., Albion Place
296	Royal Brunswick 11th Feb	Ditto	359	Peace & Harmony 18th Feb	Ditto
1239	Wentworth 4th Feb	Ditto	394	Southampton 21st Feb	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe 26th Feb	Ditto	785	Twelve Brothers 22nd Feb	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards 28th Feb	Ditto	1780	Albert Edward 5th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
139	Paradise 18th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street	130	Royal Glo'ster 7th Feb	Ditto
296	Loyalty 18th Feb	Ditto	359	Peace & Harmony *1st Feb	Ditto
SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			394	Concord 28th Feb	Ditto
80	St. John 12th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace			
94	Phoenix 6th Feb	F. M. H., Queen Street			
97	Palatine 14th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace			
1389	Fenwick 15th Feb	Ditto			
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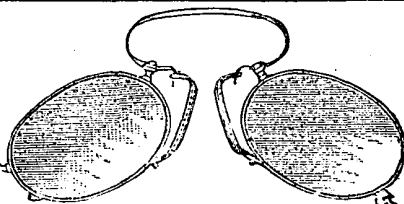
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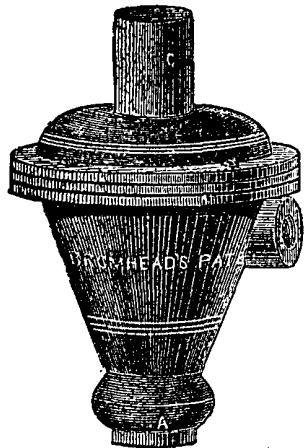
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Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

JEMIMA SARAH TRUSLOW,
Aged 78 Years,

Widow of the late Bro. HENRY TRUSLOW, Master Lighterman, who was initiated in the Kent Lodge, No. 15, February, 1851, paid 6½ years; joined the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169, May, 1856, and paid thereto 19½ years; exalted in the Temperance Chapter, on the 3rd February, 1863, and continued a subscribing member until his death. Being totally without means of support, owing to great age and infirmity, the petitioner respectfully solicits the sympathies of the craft.

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