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The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.



THE Anniversary Festival of this Institution is appointed to take place at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Wednesday next, the 27th inst., under the Presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts; a Province which it would appear from the recent publication of the past seven years' statistics has not hitherto so well supported the Institution as might have been desired. It is true that the number of Lodges which are comprised in the Province of Norths and Hunts is but ten in all, and that, at the best, a large amount of subscriptions in any one year cannot be expected from it; but we go so far as to say that the relief which it should afford to the aged of both sexes in connection with our Order should be, at least, equal to that afforded by other Provinces of no greater extent. There are three of these having respectively the same number of Lodges, and whilst they figure in the said statistics for a seven years' average of, severally, £127, £93 and £62 per annum, Norths and Hunts can show only an average yearly contribution of £43 during the same period. Now it has the opportunity, by a zealous support of its highly-esteemed and popular Grand Master at the ensuing Festival, to break this record, and we sincerely hope, in the interests of this important Institution, it will do so. We learn that the number of Stewards for the forthcoming Festival has been increased, up to the end of last week, to 324 as against 276 who acted in that capacity in connection with the Festival of last year, when a grand total of £15,296 was announced, of which sum £5,849 was contributed from London, and £9,446 from the Provinces. It was feared at one time

that, consequent on the celebration of the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School in that year, and the certainty that a very large share in the benevolence of the Craft would be accorded to that Institution, the above-named total would not be reached. But although less in amount than that realised in the preceding year, the result of the combined efforts of the 276 Stewards was considered magnificent, and gave considerable satisfaction. With an increased number of Stewards this year, and in recognition of the many claims upon the resources of the Benevolent Institution, we trust that the Craft generally will enable the executive to announce, on the 27th inst., a still more magnificent result.

We have referred to existing claims upon the Institution, and would urge upon the brethren who may not as yet have determined what their donations shall be, the consideration of the fact that there are as many as *sixty-two* aged brethren and *eighty-one* widows of brethren now seeking election; and that the present state of the funds does not justify the declaration of more than seventeen vacancies in the former case, and in the latter than ten; and in respect of each class the advantage of successful candidature must be deferred to no less than three. With so many as forty-five male applicants and seventy-one widows, whose appeals must be refused, it is quite needless to advance further arguments that a great effort on behalf of the Benevolent Institution should be now made to improve its financial condition. Let us again express the hope that this year's Stewards' lists may be far more productive than any which have preceded them.

It would not, we think, be advisable to close our remarks in relation to the forthcoming Festival without reference to the recent controversy which has arisen in respect, not of the Benevolent Institution alone, but also of the Educational Institutions. We feel assured that no greater mistake can possibly be made by the respective managers of our charities than that they should assume that their present critics are animated by even the slightest desire to inflict injury on the respective Institutions, either by accident or in wanton caprice. Rather than resent such criticism by contemptuous silence or narrow-minded action it should be their earnest desire, as true friends and in discharge of their duty to their constituents, to accept all reasonable suggestions for reform, and to discuss them temperately. It has been said that they—the critics, assisted by the press—are engaged in a work of destruction as affects the best interests of our Charities. This is not the fact; there is a vast gulf between the would-be reformer and the iconoclast. Our broad platform is the endeavour to sweep away abuses, which, if permitted to

continue, might become cankers in the body which "the critics" are most anxious should be pure and healthy. Those who point out defects in any given structure, with a view to remedy and strengthen, are of a very different order to those who would entirely demolish and re-build; and to the former should be accorded the patient ear and the kindly voice, rather than the deaf and dumb policy which appears to be so much favoured in certain quarters. So much in answer to those who mistake, more or less wilfully, the purpose which our correspondents have in view; and no more, until circumstances require further insistence on some attempt at reform in management.

Meanwhile, no true Freemason would "hold the scale of justice with an equal poise" if he permitted the dispute which has arisen as to management to influence him in diminution of his bounden interest in our fine old Charity for the Aged and Widows; or permit any argument in controversy to affect his mind or close his purse to the disadvantage of the Institution itself, and its means of doing the good it has hitherto done in discharging Masonic Benevolence. Brethren should keep the two matters distinct, and at this juncture strive mightily to enlarge the power for extending aid, resting assured that what has been or may be done by those who dispense their bounty will still be subjects of criticism when the forthcoming Festival is a thing of the past, and that the desired reforms, if effected, will make their present gifts still more valuable in respect of the purpose for which they shall have been made. And there are none amongst us in the Craft who can more fervently wish, than do our correspondents and ourselves, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Success to its forthcoming Festival."

The Fund of Benevolence.

(Continued from page 385.)

THE foregoing report of proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in December, 1882, is of great value at the present moment as an evidence of the then existence of forebodings which have since been unfortunately realised. The narrow majority of four against Bro. Clabon's motion, upon which three-hundred and sixty members of the Grand Lodge divided, sufficiently indicates the importance of the question submitted for discussion; and we cannot help thinking now, in view of the present difficulty, that the provincial brethren, who so resolutely opposed the increase of quarterages as proposed, and upon such very insufficient grounds, did not do the Craft generally that good service which we believe they themselves thought they were doing. Of the honesty and sincerity of their intentions there can be no doubt, and we cannot think that if they had had at that time the gift of prescience, or could have even imagined what has really come to pass, they would have persisted in their opposition. We have a right to assume that it is to the account of provincial brethren that the loss of Bro. Clabon's motion should be placed when we note that out of forty-one Provincial Grand Lodges to which the merits of the proposition had been referred, twenty-five had voted against it, and only three in its favour, whilst the remaining thirteen either had not the opportunity for discussion or were careless as to results. We have said the grounds for opposition were, and they continue to be, insufficient; let us refer to the arguments of the opposers: (1st) That the motion, if it became a resolution, "would disorganise every lodge in his (the speaker's) province." We are not informed, nor can we imagine how this should be, and it would be interesting to have the views of those who adopt this argument more fully expressed. (2nd) That the individual members of lodges in the provinces pay as much to the Grand Lodge and their Provincial Grand Lodge conjointly, as the individual members of Metropolitan Lodges pay to the Grand Lodge alone, which we say is no argument whatever against an equal payment by each and every member of the Craft who can on occasion claim equal benefits one with another from the same general fund. With just as much reason many London Lodges, with which we are familiar, might claim similar exemption from equality of payment to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, because they support a benevolent fund within their own circle, and moreover take care, more frequently than the outer world have any idea of, to help, and help so well as to often keep their brother members in distress from the necessity to apply to Grand Lodge. If the provincial brethren "have to pay two shillings a year to Grand Lodge, and another two shillings a year to their own charity fund," then the Metropolitan brethren are not treated to equal measures if, for the same amount of contribution, they have no greater benefits than a provincial can enjoy, and are deprived of the further privileges of which their provincial brethren can take advantage. In this regard English Freemasons do not "meet upon the level!" A third argument of the same speaker is that "the provinces do not, or did not, send up so many applicants to the Board of Benevolence as the Metropolis." In respect of this we can only say we doubt its correctness, and shall hope to be enabled to procure statistics, if necessary, to contradict it entirely. In any case, and if any argument based on a *quid pro quo* arrangement could possibly be entertained in connection with our

charitable assistance in affording relief—which cannot and must not be—equal measures would demand that applications should be proportionate only in number to the amount contributed. No; that argument won't hold water, and we hope will never again be put forward in contention on this subject. The next speaker, who represented one of our most liberally charitable provinces, argued that it should be borne in mind that his province sent up to the Masonic Institutions some £40,000 per annum, had a benevolent fund of its own, and some of its private lodges similar funds; all of which is certainly true, but is entirely outside argument when applied to the general fund of the Order for universal relief. It does not matter—and here we also refer to the speech of the third provincial brother—what is done in connection with what may be termed "side issues;" the first grand principle of support to that fund which treats all qualified applicants alike, and without respect to place or person, should be maintained; and it cannot be maintained without strict observance of the doctrine of equality. Now let us go back to Bro. Clabon's arguments in favour of his motion, and see how thoroughly sound they were, not only in regard to the then position of the fund, but also to the consequences which would follow a disregard of measures of reform, and which consequences have, as a matter of fact, ensued. The excess of grants over income had commenced some two years prior to his bringing forward his motion, and his great experience as a former President of the Board of Benevolence enabled him to form the opinion which subsequent events have so fully justified. It had become usual to grant, and properly so under circumstances to which he referred, much larger sums than had hitherto been considered sufficient, and nothing remained but to take measures for securing increased supply. The reduction of the accumulated fund, which should be considered "sacred as capital," he decried as a great wrong; and the alternative of increased quarterages he proposed as a simple and necessary measure, or "some ten years hence they must find another fund or reduce the grants." How correctly our worthy brother saw into the future let the present difficulty testify. Not a single good reason had been given for the objection taken by provincial brethren to the increase he suggested; and, as we think, we have shown in this article none such can be advanced. It is much to be regretted that, finding himself beaten by so narrow a majority on the first clause of his motion, Bro. Clabon should have so readily withdrawn the proposition "that no sales should be made of all or any part of the Capital Funds of Benevolence without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge." We believe that, notwithstanding failure in respect of the proposal for increase of quarterage, it would have entirely met the views of Grand Lodge that it should decide when and in what proportion the Benevolent Fund should be reduced in the future; and in that case the entire question must have been discussed in the course of the years 1884-5-6, and most probably with a very much more satisfactory result. We have now, however, to do with things as they are, not as they might have been, and it is to be devoutly hoped that some earnest and eminent member of the Craft may be found to follow the lead of our worthy Bro. Clabon, and bring about a re-consideration of the whole subject in Grand Lodge. We incline to the belief that, in the light of the past ten years' experience, an effort of this kind would be attended with an entirely different result.

THE COLONIES.

NEW ZEALAND.—We learn that it is contemplated by the Past Masters and Brethren of Lodges at New Zealand, meeting under warrants held from the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions, to confer together for the purpose of considering the advisability of following the example of the New South Wales Masons, and establishing an independent Grand Lodge for New Zealand, if possible.

A good example, and one worthy of imitation in this country, as well as a gracious masonic act, was offered to the members of the Tasmanian Union Lodge, No. 536 (English Constitution), by the W.M. and brethren of the Tasmanian Operative Lodge, No. 345 (Irish Constitution) on the 27th December last, when a special invite was given by the latter to the former to be present at the installation meeting of the Tasmanian Operative Lodge.

The dual installation of the officers of the Lodges Progress (Southbridge) 1651, E.C., and Ionic (Leeston), 1917, E.C., took place recently in the Lodge Room of the Ionic, Leeston. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. H. Thomson, R.W.G.M., assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Lodge of Progress, Bros. S. Moore, W.M.; G. Marquand, S.W.; W. Warring, J.W.; E. T. Claridge, sec.; Frame, treas.; W. Wadlow, S.D.; J. Morrison, J.D.; J. Hamah, I.G.; A. Webster, O.G. Lodge Ionic, Bros. Dr. G. Gosset, W.M.; W. Woodman, S.W.; H. Unwin, J.W.; Rev. J. Luxford, sec.; W. Johnston, treas.; Reader, J.D.; H. McDonald, I.G.; and Blackler, P.G. After the ceremonies had been concluded the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when masonic toasts were drunk and songs given by members of the craft, a most pleasant evening being spent.

CANADA—MOUNT ROYAL LODGE—No. 32.—MONTREAL.—On the 21st ult. R. W. Bro. Jas. Fyfe, D.D.G.M., installed the W. Bro. A. S. Campbell, W.M. of this lodge. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Wm. Seath, S.W.; W. E. Dickson, B.C.L., J.W.; W. A. Matley, treas.; A. W. Draper, sec.; Rev. J. A. Newnham, chaplain; H. S. Stafford, S.D.; R. K. Cockburn, J.D.; G. E. Muir, I.G.; Alex. Macfarlane, D. of C.; W. L. Watson and Arthur Shaw, stewards; and John Lawrence, tyler. After business the members adjourned to the supper room, where a substantial repast was partaken of. During the course of the evening W. Bro. Anderson, I.P.M., was presented with a jewel in recognition of his services in the chair. Songs, speeches, &c., enabled those assembled to spend a pleasant hour together.

BOMBAY.

We have been favoured with a copy of the report of the Freemasons' Joint Hall Committee which was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, on the 21st December last, under the presidency of W. Bro. James W. Smith, and was largely attended by most distinguished brethren of the district over which H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is Grand Master under the English Constitution. It was unanimously resolved that steps should be taken to build a Masonic Hall under the joint proprietorship, and for the joint use of the English and Scottish Constitutions, the M.W. the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India concurring with H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught in the proposed scheme. Lodge Rising Star of W. I. donates Rs.10,000 towards the undertaking, which sum will be placed at the disposal of the Building Committee as soon as the decision of the High Court for that purpose has been obtained. The president, Bro. Smith, announced that Rs.108,695 in all had been promised by the several lodges and chapters working under the English and Scottish Constitutions. Votes of thanks to president, hon. secretary, and sub-committee terminated a most enthusiastic meeting, and one on which the craft in India are to be congratulated.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of this Institution held its usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on the 13th inst. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Treasurer, P.A.G.D.C., presided, and there were present Bros. W. B. Daniell; C. J. Perceval; C. H. Driver, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Joseph Freeman, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; S. Brooks; C. H. Webb; G. Bolton; C. Daniel; A. H. Tattershall; W. Smith; Hugh Cotter; J. Newton; W. Masters; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Alex. Forsyth; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; J. Dixon; B. G. Blasby; and Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B. (Sec.)

The Secretary reported the deaths of six annuitants (four men and two widows) and one male candidate. A letter was also read from a male candidate, withdrawing his name from the list of candidates for the May election.

A letter from Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was read on the subject of erecting a boundary fence, and such a fence was ordered to be erected accordingly.

Applications from the widows of two recently deceased annuitants for the half of their late husbands' annuities were read and granted.

A widow's petition which had been deferred for further information, was accepted, and the name ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May.

A statement of receipts and expenditure having been submitted, the Committee finally settled the lists of candidates for election on the two funds, and declared the vacancies on each, which will be filled up in May, viz.: Male Fund, 62 Candidates, 17 vacancies (14 immediate and 3 deferred); Female Fund, 81 candidates, 10 vacancies (7 immediate and 3 deferred).

We are requested to Notify that:—

—The Windsor Castle Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 771, will hold a Convocation of the Chapter at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, this (Thursday) evening, at 5 p.m. Exaltation and other business.

—The fifteen sections will be worked on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 7 p.m., in the Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704, at the Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, S.E., opposite Lee Station. Bro. E. C. Talbot, Preceptor, 65, 1310, W.M.; G. J. Milbourn, P.M. 13, S.W.; R. Spreight, P.M. 147, J.W.; Walter Robin, 249 and 1350, hon. sec.

—A football match between the past and present pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will take place in the school grounds at Wood Green, on Saturday next, at 3 p.m.

—A special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies, &c., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master, will be held in the large Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, London, on Monday next, the 25th inst., at 3 p.m., to consider a motion by M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Past Grand Master and President of the General Board, for authorization to take a lease of the premises known as Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen Street, from the United Grand Lodge of England, for the purposes of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

—A Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement, under the sanction of the principals of the Andrew Chapter, 834, will be founded at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street West, Hammersmith, on Wednesday next, the 27th inst., and will afterwards be held at the same place on the second and fourth Wednesdays in each month, at 8 o'clock p.m. Companion George Read, P.Z., has consented to act as preceptor.

—At No. 8a, Red Lion Square, London, W.C., the following meetings will be held during the ensuing week, viz.:—Bon Accord Mark Master Masons' Lodge, this (Thursday) evening, the 21st inst.; Grand Masters Royal and Select Council, to-morrow evening, the 22nd inst.; and the Prince of Wales Ark Installation on Monday next, the 25th inst.

—A Masonic concert is to be held on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Bow and Bromley Institute, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The arrangements for the concert will be on the same lines as last year.

—A Masonic ball, in connection with the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1805, is to take place on the 5th March, at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, London, E. Brethren desiring to be present should communicate with Bro. W. M. Mead, Sec. 1805, 24, Tomlin's Grove, Bow.

AN EVENING WITH "OUR BOYS."

On Friday last, the 15th inst., another social evening concert of "The Old Masonians" took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Stanley Chandler. This gathering was the sixth of eight social meetings arranged to be given by the society during the season 1888-9, and was attended by about 70 members and their friends. Among the old masonians present were Bros. S. R. Speight and Glass, Messrs. Gardner, Gedge, Johnson, Williams, Stephenson, O'Doherty, Barnes, and others. The songs, recitations, and solos were carefully selected so as to suit the taste of all. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and it would have delighted the hearts of many an old mason to have seen the manly, fresh, honest-looking features, and well set-up bearing of the old masonians present, taking their pleasure rationally and modestly with their few friends, after the toil and business of the day was done. The next social meeting will take place on March the 1st, at 8 o'clock, the chairman being Mr. A. B. Whiteley. We have seen the programme, and can testify as to the excellent quality of the entertainment and the talent of the performers. The secretary of the society is Mr. Alfred Watkins, of 17, Abbey Gardens, St. John's Wood, N.W.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

MASONS' VOWS.

By the late BRO. DR. ROBERT MORRIS, of Kentucky.

In Masons' Lodge, with darkened eyes,
And cable-tow about me,
I swore to hele all Mysteries,
That Masons keep and Masons prize:
The Brothers' secret whispered low,
The words they speak, the things they do,
In mystic manner taught me!

I swore to answer and obey
The summons sent me duly,
By Brothers' hand, or Lodge array:
I swore that I would never stray
From ancient rules, or laws that bound
Freemasons in the days renowned,
But would observe them truly.

I swore, with generous gifts, to care
For those in sorrow stricken;
The Brother on the darkened square,
The Mourner, with dishevelled hair,
The Orphan, doomed alas! to stray
Along Life's cold and cheerless way,
Whose tears gush forth unbidden.

I swore with honesty to deal
With each true heart around me,
That "honour bright" should ever be
Unbroken bond 'twixt him and me;
Nor wrong, nor guile, nor cruel fraud,
Shall ever break the holy cord
With which *that* vow hath bound me!

I swore the Chastity to keep,
Of woman true and tender,
Of Mason's Widow, Wife and Child,
His Mother, Sister, undefiled,
(Those, pure and innocent, whose love
Makes Mason's Homes like that above)
I am the sworn defender!

I swore to guard the Portals close,
Of the Masonic Temple,
To purge the quarries from the dross,
And build the Mystic Walls of those
In body perfect, honest heart,
And mind secure in Royal Art,
By precept and example!

These were *our* Vows, be these our care!
And may such *Light* be given
In answer to our earnest prayer,
That we may ever *do* and *dare*
All that God's Sacred Laws enjoin!
So, when the evening shades decline,
We may be found—in Heaven!

[Private instructions for recitation of this admirable poem will be forwarded by the Editor of this Journal to any brother sending name, address, and number of lodge, accompanied by a stamped envelope for reply.]

MARRIAGE OF BRO. H. B. MARSHALL, JUN.—On the 12th inst., the marriage of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, jun., B.A. (only son of Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P., C.C., P.G. Treas.), with Miss Laura R. Siggs (second daughter of Bro. G. Siggs, of Southwark and Brixton) was solemnised at the Wesleyan church, Mostyn Road, Brixton, in the presence of a large number of friends and well-wishers, the fine building which was beautifully decorated with ferns and evergreens, being thronged almost to the doors. The marriage service was read by the Rev. Joseph Nettleton (superintendent of the circuit), assisted by the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, M.A., and the service was fully choral. Amongst the numerous presents made to the newly-married couple was an elegant silver salver, the gift of the brethren of the Union Lodge, No. 127, and which was accompanied with earnest expressions of "heartly good wishes," and many kind congratulations to the bridegroom.

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

Correspondents must be as brief as possible, must write plainly, only use one side of the paper, and cannot expect the return of rejected contributions.

Every contribution must be accompanied with the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Permit me, as an old Installing Master, to offer a few remarks in reference to the letters you have inserted on the above subject.

I do not think any authority can be found authorizing the "opening a Board of Installed Masters," nor is there apparently available any authoritative dictum against it; consequently probabilities become an important if not decisive factor in the case.

It would appear that when the arrangement between the so-called ancient and modern Freemasons for a uniform working of the ceremonies was agreed on and sanctioned by Grand Lodge, that of installation was, from some cause or other, unaccountably omitted, with the consequence that the then Installing Masters worked possibly on systems which must have varied according to whether they followed the ancient or the modern practice. A hybrid composition of both, this want of regularity in a system in which all should be perfect as the smooth "Ashlar" must have been a source of regret to the workers in the craft; in consequence of which it would seem a representation was made to the then M.W.G.M., the late Duke of Sussex, who, in 1827, appointed a "Lodge or Board of Installed Masters," consisting of 10 brethren, who were authorized to communicate information and instruction in the ceremonies of installation, the form of which had previously been approved and sanctioned by him.

Unfortunately no record, I believe, has been found as to the orders of these brethren.

And now as to probability. One of the ten above-mentioned was Bro. Cant, of the Albion Lodge, No. 9 (of which I have had the honour of being "Installing Master" for many years). This Bro. installed me some 40 years since in the chair, with no more than the simple declaration respecting the Board, and without one (even smallest) allusion to opening it in a more formal manner. The importance of this must not be lost sight of, because if this formality had been decided on by the lodge—a Board of Installation—he who had been authorised to communicate "instruction and information," would have been hardly likely to have forgotten or omitted to have performed the ceremony in its fullest manner. Besides this, the knowledge I have of Bro. Cant's horror at the smallest violation of the ceremonies or deviation from the laws laid down in the Book of Constitutions, would convince me that he would have been one of the very last men who would have done so.

Subsequent to my installation, I heard him repeat the ceremony in precisely similar form many times. A favourite pupil of Bro. Cant's, a Bro. W. Watson, an excellent mason, was my preceptor in the ceremony, and from him I learned it in the same manner.

I might recommend to your inquirers Bro. Sadler's paper's "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation," as containing very interesting and indeed valuable information on the subject.

From the circumstances I have written of, I can come to no other conclusion but that the "Opening a Board of Installed Masters" is a masonically illegal practice.

Yours fraternally,

S. VALLENTINE, P.M. 9.

* * For many reasons, which to our mind are equally applicable to a reverse opinion, we are not in agreement with our correspondent. Probably other of our readers may be able to afford information in relation to this vexed question.—Ed. M. S.

CANDIDATES FOR FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

There has of late been a very large accession to our numbers, but unfortunately an increase in numbers, is not necessarily an increase in strength, and from my own observation and enquiries I fear in the present instance it is the very reverse. Candidates are being constantly admitted whose pecuniary position should altogether debar them from joining our ranks, for they cannot do so without detriment to themselves and connections.

I speak advisedly when I say that a man only earning 25s. a week, who has a wife and family, and who is actually obliged to borrow the money to pay his initiation fee, and can only hope to repay it by a few shillings a week, should not become a member of our body.

How can this state of things be remedied?

There undoubtedly exists a general false idea that Freemasonry is a rich benefit society, and that in joining it a man is providing in the future for his wife, his family, and himself, and I am sure many have of late years entered the craft with this feeling uppermost in their minds.

I have long felt that those who seek to join us should be explicitly informed upon this point, as well as upon the obligations and responsibilities they undertake. A leaflet pointing this out might be given to each candidate before his name is submitted to a lodge, and I am certain that many a well meaning man would immediately perceive that instead of joining us he should go to the Foresters, or Odd Fellows, or insure his life.

If our ranks are recruited, as in many districts of late, our Charities will be literally swamped by applicants, and our inability to help our brethren will in fact become a bye-word. The ratio of subscribing members to the charities will of necessity, from sheer pecuniary inability, become year by year less, whilst at the same time the applicants for succour will annually become more numerous.

Surely it is time an effort to avert so dire a catastrophe were made, and I shall be happy to suggest a form of leaflet with this view in a future communication if you will kindly permit me.

Yours fraternally,

February 15th, 1889.

"IN STRENGTH."

* * By all means make the suggestion. The question raised by your letter is of absolutely vital importance to the Order.—Ed. M. S.

SOLDIER LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

"P.M. 1436," in his feeble attempt to answer the letter on the above subject which you so kindly inserted in your issue of the 7th inst., entirely misses the point, and only succeeds in corroborating my statements. My contention was, that soldier masons, through their frequent moves, lose chance of advancement in the Order in ordinary lodges; but when, in the course of their wanderings, they join a lodge where they form the bulk of the members, this disadvantage disappears. I pointed to the Sandgate Lodge as an example. I said that, this year, only one office (and that the lowest in the lodge), was held by a military brother, and that last year only two. I might have gone back a few more years, but thought that sufficient.

To confute me, "P.M. 1436" says that there have been a number of soldiers officers of the lodge. I daresay there have been in times past, but not of late years. The fact is, that the lodge was formed by military brethren for the convenience of military brethren—as P.M. intimates; but the civilians gradually increased until they formed a majority; they then took the reins into their own hands, and now take good care that no soldier gets the "box-seat."

Let me quote "P.M." He says "Our esteemed tyler, himself a retired warrior, is at once (sic) evidence of the goodwill with which his comrades would be welcomed." Why, he was appointed not by a civilian but by a military Wor. Master some 15 years ago.

I do not advocate Class Lodges, but I do think that, looking at the strength of the Sandgate Lodge, and the number of non-affiliates in camp who are eager to join a lodge where they would get fair play, that no dog-in-the-manger spirit should prevent such a lodge being formed, and the soldiers here being placed in the same position as our military brethren at Dover, Aldershot, Woolwich, Chatham, London, Colchester, &c.

"P.M. 1436" knows that the grievance wants no "creating." It exists. Does he remember the time when a neighbouring lodge would not allow soldiers to join, and they were threatened with being kicked down stairs merely for being soldiers?

Yours fraternally,

PUNJABI.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

South African Freemason; Latomia, Neue Zeitschrift für Freimaurerei, Bro. B. Cramer, Editor, Berlin; Lancaster Masonic Calendar for 1889, Bro. H. Longman, Lancaster; Society, Nos. 578-9 A brief Retrospect of Masonry in Mansfield, Bro. J. Linney, Mansfield; Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry, by Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson (review next week); Masonic Record of Western India, Allahabad

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE WINDSOR CASTLE LODGE, No. 771.

A large and influential gathering of brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on the 12th inst., to honour the installation of Bro. William Griggs Nottage, as W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771.

Amongst those present were Bros. Thos. Page, W.M.; W. G. Nottage, S.W. and W.M. Elect; Nixon, J.W.; A. Roberts, S.D.; P. M. Grisbrooke, Sec.; P. M. Goddard, Treas.; Past Masters Bros. Manley, Powell, Cantrell, H. D. Marshall; McCloskie, Gray, Hunt, Harding, May, Somers, C. Devereux, Saunders, Rowe, Ashby, &c., &c. The following visitors, amongst others, signed the attendance book: Bros. R. Bradley, Past Grand S.B., P.G. Sec., Berks and Bucks; Sir Joseph Devereux, P.P.G. Sec., Berks and Bucks; C. D. Hume, P.G.D.C., Berks and Bucks; Past Masters Bros. J. W. Martin, 414; T. King, 862; A. Turner, W.M., 1894; W. Sevenoaks, W.M., 209; Sherworthy, W.M., 414; B. King, W.M., 945; A. C. Hewitt, W.M., 1566; G. J. Judge, W.M., 1788; E. Singer, S.W., 1894; J. Baker, J.W., 1894; W. Walker, 1894; David Hills, 185; E. J. Maddy, 2120; S. W. Sutton, 1604; M. Crewdon, 2120; E. J. Webb, 2182; M. Dix, 2120; H. Hobbs, J.W., 209; G. Gardner, 2120; &c.

Bro. Rowe having proved his proficiency as F.C., the W.M. and brethren withdrew to the special chamber connected with the lodge, where Bro. Rowe was raised to the third degree, the ceremony being worked in a most finished and impressive manner by the W.M. The lodge was then called off for refreshment, and, on resuming the W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. Nottage was then presented and, according to ancient custom, duly installed W.M., the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. T. Page. After the usual salutations, the newly-installed Master invested the following officers: Bros. Nixon, S.W.; A. Roberts, J.W.; P. M. Goddard, treas.; P. M. Grisbrooke, sec.; P. M. Marshall, D.C.; Walford, A.D.C.; Somers, S.D.; P. M. Gardner, J.D.; Harding, I.G.; Rowe, org.; Gray, Hunt, McCloskie, Stewards; and Nowell, tyler. The working tools were presented, and the first two addresses given by Bro. Marshall, P.M., and the address to the brethren by Bro. Page, I.P.M.

The W.M. presented Bro. Page with a very handsome P.M. jewel on the successful termination of his year of office, at the same time highly complimenting him on his efficient working. After "hearty good wishes," two candidates were proposed for initiation.

The brethren then adjourned to the Guildhall (kindly lent for the occasion by his worship the Mayor), where a very elegant banquet was served at which the W.M. presided. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given, the W.M., in proposing the Royal Family, mentioning that H.R.H. Princess Christian had that day, in that very room, been ministering to the wants and relieving the necessities of a large number of very poor children; this, he maintained was the true masonic spirit, which should be felt and practised by all of them, and he suggested that, to show they were not forgetful of the claims that others, less happily circumstanced, had upon them, the St. John's column should be passed round, and the amount collected forwarded to Her Royal Highness. This was carried by acclamation.

The W.M.'s health was very eloquently proposed by I.P.M. Page in most eulogistic terms, he wishing him a happy and successful year of office, with abundance of work, and work worthy of him. In proposing the toast of the Visitors the W.M. advocated the more frequent visiting of the neighbouring lodges by the younger brethren, even without the usual invitation, stating that the experience gained could not be over estimated. Bro. Sir John Devereux, P.P.G., sec., Berks and Bucks; Sevenoaks, W.M. Etonian Lodge, 209; King, W.M. Abbey Lodge, 945; Judge, W.M. the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, 1788, responded to the toast.

Bro. Sir John Devereux (to whom the masons of Berks and Bucks owe so much of their present prosperity) in the course of his remarks alluded to the unique and magnificent temple in which the lodge holds its meetings, of which he was the instigator, giving some very interesting details concerning it, and recounting the numerous difficulties he had to contend with before that beautiful structure was constructed and consecrated. The health of the I.P.M., Bro. T. Page, was very enthusiastically received, the W.M. investing him with a handsome P.M.'s collar, subscribed for by the officers of his year, as "a mark of their sincere regard and esteem," and adding that he was not only a shining example of what a speculative mason should be, but he had done his best for his lodge as an operative mason, having that evening presented them with a very fine ivory gavel which he had carved as a labour of love with his own hands. A capital programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Somers, S.D., was given by Bros. W. Rowe, G. May, and others, which added very much to the enjoyment of the evening. In every respect this installation meeting was a decided success, and the lodge fully deserves the hearty congratulations which were freely bestowed on its master and officers at the close of the first meeting of what promises to be a red letter year for the Windsor Castle Lodge.

CONSECRATION OF THE KINGSWOOD LODGE, No. 2278, AT ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Plough Inn, Elstree, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master, occupied the chair as Consecrating Officer, and appointed his officers:—Bros. F. S. Knyvett, P.G.T., as S.W.; Mihill Slaughter, J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. W. Mills, P.G.Chap., as Chaplain; J. Terry, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; W. J. Morris, P.P.G.P., as I.G. The usual preliminaries having been arranged, the Provincial Grand Master said they had met to add another lodge to the province, making the seventeenth on the list, and congratulated the founders upon the expansion of the province since

he had been the Provincial Grand Master. The Prov. Grand Sec. then addressed the Prov. Grand Master, and the warrant was read, and the petitioners signified their approval of the officers named therein. The Prov. Grand Chaplain then gave an impressive oration upon masonry, its objects and its duties, which was listened to with great interest. The consecration ceremony being duly finished, the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. Tew, J.P., then entered the lodge and was received with grand honours. Bro. J. E. Dawson, D.P.G. Master, installed Bro. Rawson Kelley, P.M., P.P.G.W., West Yorkshire, into the chair, according to ancient custom. The W. Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. John Petch, P.M., as Acting P.M.; James France, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., West Yorks., as S.W.; J. G. Cobb, J.W.; W. Pheasant, treas.; W. H. G. Ball, sec.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; J. F. Bell, J.D.; W. Neil, D.C.; W. H. Aplin, I.G.; and G. Couchman, tyler.

The D.P.G. Master then delivered the addresses to the W. Master and Wardens, and Bro. Mihill Slaughter, P.J.G.W., delivered the address to the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, tendered the honorary membership of the lodge, accompanied with a founder's jewel, to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, for his kindness in coming amongst them and undertaking the consecration ceremony, which the R.W.P.G. Master accepted, and expressed the gratification it gave him to have been present to receive such a handsome jewel, and such a hearty and cordial reception from the brethren, and he hoped to have the pleasure of being present at many future meetings of the lodge.

Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the following brethren and gentlemen for their handsome gifts to the lodge, viz., to Bro. Rawson Kelley, W.M., for the lodge furniture, collars, and jewels; to Bro. Col. T. Mitchell for the masonic carpet; to Bro. E. S. Stillwell for the tyler's sword; and to Mr. V. L. Tapling for the curtains.

The acting I.P.M. Bro. John Petch, having been elected to serve on the Charity Committee of the Province, the W.M. said he had great pleasure in announcing to the brethren that T. K. Tapling, Esq., M.P., had promised him thirty guineas to endow the three chairs (ten guineas to be given to each of the Masonic Charities), and that Bros. George and John Kelley, West Yorkshire, had also contributed five guineas each for the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and that a vote of thanks be recorded upon the minutes of the lodge.

Amongst the brethren and visitors present were the following:—Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M.; J. E. Dawson, D.P.G.M.; T. W. Tew, P.G.M., West Yorks.; H. Smith, D.P.G.M., West Yorks.; T. S. Knyvett, P.G.T.; G. E. Lake, P.G. Sec.; J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; W. H. Dipstole, P.G. Stwd.; Rev. W. Mills, P.G. Chaplain; S. H. Moore, P.G.S.B.; M. Slaughter, P.G.J.W.; E. Arnold, P.G. Stwd.; L. J. Myers, P.P.G. Stwd.; E. P. Debenham, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. S. Carter, P.P.J.W.; H. Holmes, P.G.A. Sec.; C. E. Keyser, P.P.G.J.W.; A. T. Brett, P.P.G.S.W.; W. J. Morris, P.P.G.P.; W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D., West Yorks.; A. Macauley, P.G. Reg., West Yorks.; T. B. Fox, P.P.G.S.B., West Yorks.; A. Haut, P.G. Stwd., Somerset; A. C. Haleshap, P.M. 1471; J. T. Salmon, P.M. 917; R. E. Hunt, P.M. 45; F. Hallows, P.M. 861, 1662; C. H. Fisher, P.M. 1489; W. Parker, P.M. 1851; E. Blinkhom, P.M. 1471; T. C. Berg, P.M. 1613; W. Medwin, P.M.; E. Howes, 1599, W.M.; G. F. Baker, W.M. 503; G. C. Kinnear, W.M. 727; W. Masters, W.M. 2128; E. C. Mulney, P.M. 179 and 2246; H. Hunt, W.M. Elect, 1471; and several other brethren.

At the banquet which followed, the W.M. Bro. Rawson Kelley presided, supported by the R.W.P.G. Master, the D.P.G.M., and other Provincial Grand Officers. The customary loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some excellent speeches were delivered by the W.M. and the brethren who responded thereto. Altogether it was one of the greatest and most successful meetings held in the province.

Answers to Correspondents.

LATOMIA.—Translation in type, but crowded out this week. Several communications must stand over for same reason as above.

LECTURE BY BRO. J. FINLAY FINLAYSON, 385, 711, QUATUOR CORNATI, 2076, MASONIC HALL, LEICESTER, to UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 523.—Chair was to have been taken by Bro. Kelly (F.S.A., F.R.H.S.), P.P.G.M. and G. Supt. Leicester and Rutland, but in consequence of the inclemency of the weather he was unable to attend, Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.M., taking his place. The lecture treated of ancient and modern masonry, and showed the analogy between the symbols of Egypt and India and those now accepted by the craft, and whence the legend of H. A. B. appears to have taken its rise. The lecturer demonstrated that if masonry really rose above the status of a benevolent and social club and took the high position that was claimed for it, it was the grandest exponent of religious truth, apart from supernatural sources, that the world possesses. In its symbols it teaches life and the giver of life; in its great legend it teaches death and the hope of immortality. Over a hundred brethren were present, and the lecture was listened to with sustained and sympathetic interest. At its conclusion, Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.P.S.G.W., proposed a vote of thanks "for the eloquent and learned address," which was enthusiastically accepted. By a unanimous vote of the lodge, Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson was elected honorary member of Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 523.

The mysteries of the craft should be intimately known to every Master and every Warden of a lodge. To accomplish this he must take some trouble. He must think over the work, read the best masonic books, and carefully read his masonic newspaper through. The leaders of the masonic fraternity are always expected to be bright Masons.

Evenings Abroad.

The "farical rally," as Messrs. Helmore and Eden Phillpotts describe their funny play, *The Policeman*, is to be repeated at Terry's Theatre, on Tuesday afternoon, March 5th. The cast will include Miss Gabrielle Goldney, Miss Lilian Millward, Mr. Arthur Williams, Mr. Forbes Dawson and Mr. Compton Couetts.

At the Globe Theatre on Saturday evening, the 9th inst., Miss Kate Vaughan produced *The School for Scandal*. A charming performance is that of Miss Vaughan as Lady Teazle, and Mr. Fernandez as Sir Peter is sound and legitimate. Mr. Lionel Brough as Moses is, of course, excellent. Mr. Herbert, as Charles Surface, and Mr. Sullivan as Joseph were far above the average. Miss Leclercq's Mrs. Candour is a piece of acting of great merit.

It is rumoured that the new play entitled *The Panel Picture* will follow *Tares* at the Opera Comique.

Julius Caesar will be played by the "O.U.D.S.," at the new theatre, Oxford, on the 27th inst. Mr. Alan M. Mackinnon will direct the piece, and Mr. Stewart Dawson will lend his aid in the production, as will also Mr. Bouchier in the capacity of assistant stage-manager. Mr. Alma Tadema, R.A., will design the scenes of the Capitol and the Forum, which will be executed by Emden and Hall; and Mr. Leslie Mayne has composed some special music for the tragedy. Mr. Bouchier is to be Brutus; Mrs. Courtenay, Portia; Mrs. Charles Sim, Calphurnia; Mr. A. H. E. Grahame, Julius Caesar; Mr. Morris, Antony; Mr. Clarke, Cassius; Henry Irving's eldest son, Mr. E. Peel, Mr. G. Lewis, Mr. Maude, and Mr. Nugent will appear in other parts.

Despite the fact that Mr. Beerbohm Tree has strengthened the revival of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* very materially since the original matinée performances were given, the reception of the play on the evening of Saturday week last was by no means excessively enthusiastic. Yet Mr. Tree has himself given more artistic satisfaction than before, and the rest of the actors and actresses have improved. The substitution of Mr. J. S. Blythe for Mr. Lionel Brough, and of Miss Henrietta Lindley for Miss Lingard, are the most important changes made. The scenery is excellent, and Sir Arthur Sullivan's music is charming, of course.

Last November I had the satisfaction of recording an interesting production at the Theatre Royal, Leamington, of a drama by Mr. Henry Byatt, entitled *True Heart*. The play has been since greatly revised, and it starts on tour this week under the management of Mr. Yorke Stephens, who has personally directed the rehearsals. A thoroughly efficient company will support the drama, and the wreck scene, with its elaborate effects and strong dramatic climax, will be made a special feature.

Mr. Pierre Leclercq's play, *A Love Story*, will be acted at the Vaudeville Theatre during the current week, supported by Misses Janet Achurch, Dolores Drummond, Morland, Stettith, Haynes and Floyd, and Messrs. Charrington, Fred Thorne, L. Cantley, Pagden, Lugg, Thornbury, Wheatman and Page.

The last nights of *Dorothy* are announced. The new comic opera to be produced at the Lyric Theatre will, it is stated, see the light on the 20th of next month. The theatre closes on the 13th March for a week of rehearsals.

After Mr. H. A. Jones' new piece has ended its run at the Haymarket, a version of the French drama, *Roger La Honte*, will be given. This, however, is not due till the autumn. *Matthew Ruddoch* will be the title of Mr. Jones' play. The title of the French piece in its English dress, which will be supplied by Mr. Robert Buchanan, is not yet settled, but it may be either *Comrades in Arms* or *Bosom Friends*.

The Limited Liability Music Halls have been holding their Annual General Meetings. Some of them are announcing excellent dividends, but the results of the trading of certain Companies have not been uniformly successful.

Upon authentic information I am able to announce that the well-known provincial Company headed and exploited by Mr. F. R. Benson will be seen in London at Christmas next. The Globe Theatre has been taken for a year by this gentleman, who will, most probably, begin operations with a very elaborate revival of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The date for the production of Mr. Wilson Barrett's new drama, *Nowadays*, as at present arranged, is the 28th of the current month.

This season at Hengler's Circus at Covent Garden will end on Saturday evening next.

Further attractions have been added to *Faust up to Date* at the Gaiety. A new dance for the four nimble young ladies, and a new Irish song for Mr. Lonnen, called "The Widow," and written by Robert Martin, were performed on Thursday last, which was the 100th representation of this truly diverting burlesque by Messrs. G. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt.

French plays will be given at Mr. Edwards' Theatre at the end of May. During the season Madane Sarah Bernhardt will produce *L'Arce*, the play she has written for herself, all by herself.

It is said that Mr. Carl Rosa intends having an opera season in London this year.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1889.

The movements in the price of money have been constant during the past week, but on the whole the tendency is towards greater ease. A large sum is reported as being shipped from Buenos Ayres for London, and this, with the Australian money nearly due, will considerably improve the position of the Bank. Short loans are quoted at 2½, 3, and three months' bills at 2¾.

The principal feature in the stock markets is the absence of fresh business, and as a consequence prices are lower, with few exceptions, all round. In the foreign market this is owing to the unsettled state of politics in Paris; and in English rails to the uncertainty as to what may be the effect of the new tariff regulations.

In American railway shares there is the same feature. An association has been formed for the regulation of traffic rates, the settlement of disputes, and for mutual support, but so far the only effect has been to depress prices. In miscellaneous shares there is also a feebleness, which may, perhaps, be traced to the enormous increase of new ventures appealing to the public for subscription. The latest of these are the Bread Companies, which are being brought out two or three every day, and in which, for my part, I would not care to embark one sixpence.

Foreign Stocks show little move on balance. After the settlement was concluded last week they improved somewhat, but that gain has since been lost. The only excitement has been in what is called the "rubbish," which includes the cheap South Americans. Peru tumbled very quickly upon the news that Congress had separated without coming to any decision as to the Grace Contract, but as soon as the dealers came to their senses and realised the fact that this meant absolutely nothing, prices were soon put up again, and now stand about the same as before. Ecuador also have again come into fashion and a rise of about 3 per cent. was established in one day; nor do I think that the rise is over yet. This stock was carried up many points above present prices in the last flutter and this will probably happen again.

Home rails have been moving irregularly, first up, then down again, but I do not see any reason to anticipate any great falling off, and in very few cases does it happen that prices are below those of a week ago. The Scotch lines are easier, as are also the southern lines, but the heavies are all better. I think that North British may be bought on any fall, as the dividend will soon be published, and will, I hear, be better than anticipated. Brightons also only want a few days fine weather to carry them up again higher than ever.

American rails are still unsettled, and any improvement is confined within very narrow limits. They remain essentially a jobbing market. To-day they are very flat, and it may be a good buying day for a short rise, but the time of the big boom that has so often been predicted seems as far off as ever. The fizzle in Ontario's lasted about five minutes, and they are now as utterly forgotten as usual. I would rather buy Milwaukie shares for a profit of 1 or 1½ per cent., simply because they are flat and are so well abused.

Canadian Pacifics got up a little on the strength of a slightly improved traffic, but they are not a lively stock and appear to have sunk to a level there is no moving them from. Grand Trunks are active enough, but it would puzzle anyone to say which way they are going next. The rise of last week has not been maintained, but I would rather prefer to buy than to sell at present prices. Mexican rails recovered on the announcement of a good traffic return and look like improving.

In miscellaneous shares the business done has been pretty fair. Beulong tins being one of the lot wanted. Gun shares are in demand, in anticipation of extra Government contracts this year. Bell's asbestos, as soon as they were quoted ex-dividend, tumbled down to 16½; but when the selling ceased recovered again to 17. Apparently the end has not yet come, but it is clear that the holders do not believe much in the future prospects of the company. Telegraphs are flat. The North group of nitrates continue to droop in the absence of the master, while the others, such as Taltal, improve. There is room for both, no doubt, but the North party have so overshadowed this market that all have not had an equal chance.

Mines are quiet, not to say dull. After the recent excitement it is as well to pause a little and look round. Some of the hitherto unknown South African Mines, such as the Bixley and others of the same kind, are coming into notice, but the exploration and land shares are decidedly the favourites, as affording more scope for making big profits.

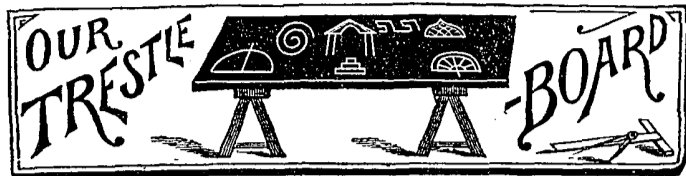
CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

M.C.—(1) Do as you have suggested. (2) You may refuse to accept the shares as they are not marketable.

DIDO.—Wait until after the next settlement. These people are not worth going to any expense about.

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 page 10.]



With this Number we issue, as a supplement, an index to the contents of our First Volume, which in its appropriate binding is now ready for delivery.

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The Anniversary Festival of the Asylum for Fatherless Children, Reedham, Surrey, is to be held at Cannon Street Hotel, London, on the 12th March, Hugh M. Matheson, Esq., presiding. A strong appeal is made on behalf of the asylum, which, since it was founded in 1844, has admitted to its kindly shelter no fewer than 1,563 children, and has within its doors at the present time some 320. The institution is entirely unsectarian; without endowment; depending wholly upon the benevolence of the public; open to orphans of both sexes, and is the only institution of the kind where they are received as early as three months old, and retained without exception until fifteen years of age. It therefore commends itself to universal support; and members of the craft who, having supported more immediately our own charitable institutions, can yet find means to recognise the grand motto "Charity makes all one," should remember the fatherless and the widow, although they may not be directly associated with our benevolent order. May we express the hope that on the Stewards' lists at the approaching festival of this Orphan Asylum may be found the names of Freemasons whose charitable gifts are not entirely confined to Masonic Institutions.

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Our correspondents have much to answer for. Consequent upon their daring to call attention to the necessity for reform, and on our giving publicity to their complaints, a threat from one high in the councils of our Institutions has been carried out, and we have been notified of the withdrawal of his name from our large list of subscribers. This narrow-minded action on the part of an otherwise large hearted man will not, we think, very appreciably affect our circulation. There is an old saying amongst maidens whose sweethearts do not continue true to the core, that "the loss of one is the gain of two, and the choice of twenty more." We apply this comforting saying to our present case, and, as *Jack Bunby* says, "the bearing of this observation lays in the application on it."

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

UBIQUE LODGE—No. 1789.—The usual quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., on Monday, the 11th inst. The brethren present included Bros. Captain W. L. White, W.M.; W. R. Arnold, S.W.; E. Morris, J.W.; J. Christian, S.D.; W. W. Blades, Acting J.D.; W. Seager, I.G.; Captain A. C. Hansard, D.C.; Captain A. Eardley-Wilmot; Captain W. Richey, P.M., P.Z.; Lieutenants Aldridge, Chamberlain, Turner, Cooper, Laird and Wilken, and many other brethren all of the Royal Artillery. After Bros. W. Dickson and F. Myers had been impressively passed to the second degree, the lodge unanimously elected Bro. W. R. Arnold, S.W., to the office of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Arnold was initiated in this lodge in November, 1884, and raised to the third degree in May, 1885, so that on the night of his installation, which takes place in May next, he will be only four years a M.M., he has, however, served in the lodge as J.D., J. & S.W., and is a life subscriber to the R.M.I. for Girls. Bros. Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., and J. Lacland were unanimously elected to the offices of treasurer and tyler respectively. Bros. W. Arnold, P.M. 13, and J. Thorne were proposed as joining members of the lodge. A dinner followed later, the usual masonic toasts being honoured and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by the brethren.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE—No. 1962.—The members of this lodge met on the 15th inst. at Anderson's Hotel. Present, Bros. J. C. Tilt, W.M.; J. Geen, S.W.; Bing, J.W.; Gregory, S.D.; Lowe, Acting J.D.; McNish, Acting I.G.; Lackland, tyler; Claridge, sec.; McDowell, treas., and about 20 brethren and visitors. Bros. W. M. Ward and Haydon were raised to the degree of M.M., and Bro. Smith was passed to that of F.C., the ceremonies in both instances being very well rendered by the W.M., Bro. Tilt. At the supper which followed labour, the usual toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Claridge, the secretary, took occasion to remark that in this lodge a rule was enforced which obliged all candidates for the Master's chair to undergo an examination before a committee of skilled P.M.'s, and demonstrate to them that he was so thoroughly versed in all details of ritual and ceremonial as to be able to conduct the business of the lodge in a becoming manner. This is a most salutary rule, and one which, if adopted in all lodges, would prevent many instances of ridicule now caused by an imperfect knowledge on the part of rulers in the craft.

DORIC LODGE—No. 933.—The installation meeting was held on the 12th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street. There were present: Bros. Jas. Smith, W.M.; J. Hall Brown, S.W.; J. Grey, J.W.; W. Wainwright, P.M., treas.; J. Bowron, P.M., sec.; W. Smith, S.D.; J. L. Dale, J.D.; T. G. Scott, steward; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., org.; P.M.'s Bros. T. J. Barnes, Jas. Smith, A. Calver, E. Williams, J. West, G. Hollington, R. Ayton, R. Tucker, T. Crane, and W. J. Edney; Bros. F. W. Cates, W. Caslake, J. Rushforth, G. W. Austen, A. Duffield, W. A. Hine, J. T. Johnson, A. Steedman, W. R. C. Moore, W. A. Moss, F. Newport, and J. Pick. Visitors: Bros. J. Taylor, P.M. 753; E. Bare, P.M. 1865; A. Brock, 857; H. F. J. Hallows, P.M. 1602; A. Hopson, 1421; J. Abrahams, 205; J. E. Taylor, 212; A. R. Trew, P.M. 959; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820; H. W. Clarke, P.M. 1625; H. F. Elliot, 49; G. J. Reed, 1910; W. Verry, P.M., P.G.S. Br. Herts; J. Boulton, W.M. 2291; J. Wayland, 95; Jno. Fowler, 1158; James Evans, W.S. 1260; J. M. Knight, P.M. 95; B. Goodall, 87; A. J. Hollington, P.M., P.G.S. 58; W. Musto, P.M. 1349. The installation ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Smith, so eloquently and efficiently as to call for more than ordinary commendation. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—J. Grey, S.W.; W. Smith, J.W.; W. Wainwright, P.M., treas.; J. Bowron, P.M., sec.; J. L. Dale, S.D.; A. R. Walker, J.D.; T. G. Scott, I.G.; Hine, steward; W. A. Moss, D.C.; B. T. H. Seddon, P.M. (for the 19th time), org.; J. Rawles, tyler. The business of the evening included the consideration of an application from a former member of the lodge for assistance, and £10 was promptly voted. The retiring W.M. was presented with a P.M.'s jewel and a collar, amid marks of concurrence and appreciation, after which lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the customary toasts were honoured. Songs and recitations by Bros. E. Bare, C. Hopson, F. Newport, A. Calver, F. Cates, W. J. Edney, and T. G. Scott greatly added to the pleasant features of this successful entertainment.

GALLERY (PRESS) LODGE—No. 1928.—At the usual meeting on the 9th inst., a valuable past master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. C. Duckworth, the I.P.M. of the lodge, in acknowledgment of the great services which he has rendered to the

lodge since its formation eight years ago. At the same meeting the members handed to Bro. Duckworth a handsome ring for Mrs. Duckworth, as a token of respect, that lady having taken an active interest in the non-masonic gatherings held under the auspices of the lodge.

ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE—No. 1538.—On the 13th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.—W. Bro. M. J. Mumford, W.M.—Bros. T. G. Fluck, I.P.M.; J. Hartnoll, S.W.; P. C. Maitland, J.W.; G. W. Hatch, P.M., treas.; T. H. Roberts, S.D.; H. T. Wright, J.D.; I. T. Stranger, I.G.; G. H. Cantle, Org. (MASONIC STAR); J. P. Parkes, P.M.; J. Hatch, W. Callie, J. Ford, H. Bye, C. F. Bome, W. Johnston, C. Watson, C. E. Fardell, T. B. Sproston, H. Cooper, James, C. F. Finch, Cheffins. Amongst the visitors were W. Bro. Chas. G. Hill, P.M. 2262, P.Z. 177; J. Paige, Savage Club Lodge 2190, W.M. 1572; R. H. Davies, J.D. Emblematic 1321; G. Clayton, 780; G. Winny, Org. Duke of Albany 1963. The lodge was duly opened, and Bros. J. Hatch and W. Collie were passed to the degree of F.C.'s. Mr. Cheffins was then initiated into masonry. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts were given and cordially received, that of the visitors receiving a very excellent response from Bro. Clayton. During the evening many of the brethren acted as vocalists, Bros. Cantle, Winny, and Davies, alternately presiding at the piano.

ROYAL ARCH—INDUSTRY CHAPTER—No. 186.—A convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. Ex-Comp. Josiah John Cantle, M.E.Z., presiding, and being supported by the following companions:—Ex-Comps. B. Taylor, P.Z., Acting II.; W. W. Westley, J.; John Seex, P.Z., Scribe E.; T. E. Tallant, P.Z., treas.; C. H. Phillips, P.Z.; W. Poore, P.Z.; Edmund Bye, and J. W. Worsencroft. Visitors:—Ex-Comps. James Stevens, P.Z. 720, 771; G. W. Knight, M.E.Z. 1507; and Comp. S. Scott Young, 1385. The minutes of the convocation of 16th October, 1888, having been confirmed, and ballots taken for Bro. Charles Rawley Cross, W.M., Creton Lodge, No. 1791; Edward Austin, P.M., Creton Lodge, No. 1791; Philip Shepherd, W.M., Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1362; and Richard Killek, I.P.M., Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1362, and declared favourable, Bros. Cross, Austin, and Shepherd being in attendance, were introduced and exalted into the supreme degree. The banquet was served at the Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

RAVENSBORNE—No. 1601.—On the 13th inst., at the George Hotel, Carford, S.E., the fifteen sections were very ably worked under the presidency of W. Bro. Walter Martin, P.M. The attendance was not so numerous as was anticipated, but doubtless the very inclement weather accounted for the absence of several brethren. Bro. Martin, with his usual ability, conducted the business of the evening, to the satisfaction of all present, and he and W. Bro. Milbourn, P.M., who officiated as S.W., were unanimously elected hon. members, in appreciation of their valuable services on this and preceding occasions. This Lodge of Instruction at all times well repays a visit, its working being, under the preceptorship of W. Bro. H. Shaw, as perfect as can be found in London.

STUART—No. 1632.—At the Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Street, E.C., on the 14th inst.—Bro. Lindsay, W.M.—the second degree was rehearsed by the W.M. On the 21st inst. the third degree will be rehearsed by Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.S.B. Midx., at 7 pm., Bro. Spiegel, Preceptor. Brethren cordially invited.

STAR CHAPTER—1275.—On Friday, 15th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present, Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor; R. J. Vaisey, P.Z., S.E. 1329, treas., M.E.Z.; Murche, H.; G. Moore, H. 169, J.; Stone, S.E.; C. Woods, S.N.; A. Wood, P.S.; Neeld, P.Z.; Grumman, P.Z.; Austin; Addington, Z. 1275; Towers, and Wiels. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Murche was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and received a vote of thanks for his "H" work, being the first time. Comps. Towers and Austin were admitted members. A committee was appointed to report as to the advisability of holding a supper. The balance-sheet was presented by Comp. Murche, and showed a balance on the right side. During the past year the chapter met 41 times, with an average attendance of 12. The highest was 20 and the lowest eight.

PROVINCIAL.

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT—SHANKLIN—CHINE LODGE—No. 1884.—At the meeting held on the 31st ult. a letter was read from Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402, P.Prov.G.D. of Devon, (who is a member of No. 1884), informing the brethren of the election of Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M. 1884, &c., as one of the honorary members of the Jordan Lodge, Torquay. On the proposition of Bro. Newman, P.M., P.Prov.S.G.W. Hants, seconded by the W. Master, and supported by Bro. John Bailey, P.M., P.Prov.A.G.D.C. Hants, it was unanimously resolved "That the brethren now assembled in open lodge desire to express their warm appreciation of the favour conferred upon Brother Alfred Greenham, P.M. and D.C., and through him upon Chine Lodge, No. 1884, in his election as honorary member of the Jordan Lodge, as the projector and manager of the Shanklin Masonic Exhibition.

NORTHUMBERLAND—TYNEMOUTH—PRIORY LODGE—No. 1863.—Regular meeting at the Grand Hotel, Thursday, 14th inst. Bros. Charles Herbert Stanley Sherlock and Robert Spencer Story were elected members. Bros. Richard Henry Wesencraft and John William Carr were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. (Bro. John Coull). A large number of Provincial Officers and P.M.'s were present, amongst whom were Bros. J. D. Dixon, P.M., Percy Lodge 1427, P.G.S.W.; Wm. Davison, P.M. de Cade 636, P.P.G.S.W.; Robert Carr, P.M. Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge 24, and St. John's Lodge 1712, P.P.G.S.W.; T. B. Nichols, P.M. Northumberland Lodge 685, and Priory Lodge 1863, treas., P.P.G.S.W.; J. H. Beckingham, P.M. Priory Lodge 1863 (D. of C.), P.G.J.W.; Herbert Bott, P.G.Chap.; J. M. Winter, P.M. Priory Lodge 1863, P.P.G.Rr.; W. Carnaby, P.M. St. George's 431, P.G.S.B.; C. Roope, P.M. 24 and 1863, P.P.G.O.; R. C. Symonds, P.M. Hotspur 1626, P.P.G.P.; Robert Jackson, P.M. St. Johns 1712, P.G.P.; John T. Davison, P.M. Priory Lodge 1863, P.P.G.S.; J. Heslop, P.M. St. George's Lodge 431; Joseph Robertson, P.M. Tyne Lodge 991; W. Wilkinson, 1298 London, organist. The officers present were Bros. John Coull, W.M.; H. Bott, S.W.; W. Spicer, J.W.; T. B. Nichols, P.M., treas.; C. Roope, P.M., sec.; W. Fawcett, S.D.; H. E. Hollis, J.D.; Jas. H. Beckingham, P.M., D. of C.; R. F. Kidd, S.S. Other members of Priory Lodge: Bros. G. Renwick, C. Gibson, A. Waitt, W. Frazier, A. Reichwald, and Bros. H. Geipel and W. G. Reynolds of Lodge 1427.

TYNEMOUTH—PRIORY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 1863.—Election meeting at the Grand Hotel, on Monday, 10th inst. The chapter was opened by the Principals and Past Principals. T. B. Nichols, Z., P.P.G.J., occupied the first chair. E. Comp. G. R. Duncan was unanimously elected Z. for the ensuing year. E. Comp. J. M. Winter, H.; J. O. Wallace, J.; E. Comp. C. Roope, P.P.G.O., Scribe E.; Ed. Green, Scribe N.; J. H. Beckingham, treas.; H. Bott, P.S.; J. Coull 1st Asst. So.; W. Bambridge, 2nd Asst. So.; Joseph W. Surtees, janitor.

The Annual Meeting of the LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, held under the warrant of Lodge 24, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was held on Tuesday, 12th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, Grainger Street, W. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. John Nesbit, P.M. 24, P.P.G.S.D. Bro. R. L. Markham, P.M., read the Treasurer's and Auditor's Report, which showed a good balance in favour of the lodge, which may be said to be due to the exertion of Bro. A. T. Aitchinson, P.M. 24, treas., he having looked after the subscriptions so well that only two members were in arrears. The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. S. Tai's Crown and Mitre Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided, presided over by Bro. J. Nesbit, P.M. 24. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

SUSSEX—RYE—WELLINGTON LODGE—No. 311.—The installation meeting was held at the Cinque Ports Arms Hotel, Rye, on the 14th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Fletcher, who ably performed the ceremony of passing Bro. H. Davies Horrell to the F.C. degree. The W.M. Elect, Bro. Joseph Molyneux Jenkins, J.W., having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. J. Cole, the ceremony was concluded by W. Bro. William Dawes, P.P.G.S.W. and P.D.G.L. (the secretary of the lodge), who delivered the various charges in his usual impressive manner. The officers for the year ensuing were invested by the W.M. as follows:—Bros. A. M. Brookfield, J.P., S.W.; W. J. Palmer, J.W.; A. H. Crick, Chap.; F. Bellingham, P.P.G.S.B., treas.; William Dawes, sec.; H. H. Barton, S.D.; T. Bushby, J.D.; H. Holman, J.G.; and J. Masey, tyler. Besides several visiting brethren from Hastings and other lodges in the province, the company was honoured by the presence of the Deputy Prov.G.M., Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., who was accompanied by W. Bro. V. Freeman, Prov.G.Sec., etc. At the subsequent banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

CHICHESTER—UNION LODGE, No. 38.—The Installation Meeting was held in the Council Chamber at Chichester on the 7th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Hawes, assisted by Bro. Lord Walter Gordon Lemnox, S.W., Bro. Inkpen, J.W., and a full complement of officers. There was a large muster of the lodge, and a considerable gathering of visitors, including Bro. Gerard Ford, D.P.G.M., Bro. V. P. Freeman, P.G.S., and a number of the W.M.'s of the lodges in the province. Bro. Lord Walter Gordon Lemnox, who had been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was presented to the W.M. by Bro. George Smith, P.P.G.W., and Senior P.M., of the lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. H. Hawes, who was assisted in the charges by Bro. St. Clair, P.P.G.W., and Bro. Oliver Lloyd, P.P.G., Swd. Br. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. C. G. Inkpen, S.W.; W. Doman, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.M. chap.; O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G., S. Wks. treas.; Rev. J. C. B. Fletcher, S.D.; C. F. Charge, J.D.; George Smith P.P.G.W., D.C.; A. W. Lambert, P.P.G. org. of Lincolnshire; J. Fielder, I.G.; E. F. Gower, and H. H. Moore, stewds. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Hawes, in recognition of his services during the past year. Subsequently the brethren, to the number of 60, dined together in the Assembly Rooms. The catering arrangements were placed in the hands of Bro. Arthur Purchase, and the dinner was provided by Mr. Richardson. The arrangements of the stewards, Bros. E. H. Gower and H. H. Moore, were satisfactorily carried out. The musical portion of the evening's proceedings was undertaken by Bro. A. W. Lambert and was exceedingly satisfactory. The Chichester Orchestral Society played during the progress of the dinner and afterwards songs were sung by several of the brethren, assisted by Mr. W. Evan Cox, Lay Vicar of the Cathedral.

YORKS, W.R.—BARNSELY—FRIENDLY LODGE, No. 1513.—The Installation meeting was held at St. John's Festival celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Barnsley, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when Bro. Benj. Smith, Past D.C., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. Seward, in the presence of the following brethren: C. W. Fincken, S.W.; W. Senior, J.W.; W. J. Frankland, sec.; J. Cheatter, S.D.; J. S. Ingall, J.D.; C. Lingard, I.G.; Benj. Smith, D.C.; H. Fountain, O.; J. H. Smith, F. C. Browne, SS.; Nichols, Watson, N. h, Braithwaite, Longley, Johnson, Jackson, Coles, Davies, Tallents, A. Gratton, Squire, Harrison. Visitors: H. Smith, D.P.G.M., P.P.G.T. West York; T. W. Embleton, P.M., Prov. G.S.W.; J. H. Gratton, P.M., P.P.G.T.; G. Newton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; S. C. Alderson, P.M.; W. R. Massie, P.M.; J. Sutton, P.M.; W. J. Lawrence, P.M.; C. J. Massie, P.M.; Geo. Sykes, P.M.; L. Bancroft Coward, W.M. 904; W. G. Haggard, 904; W. Ashe, W.M. 1019; T. Wilkinson, P.M. Todmorden; J. Reed, Scunthorpe; Joe Smith, W.M. Elect 904; E. Bollington, I.P.M. 1462; W. Dickie, P.M. 904; F. Romani, 904; G. Taylor, sec. 1462; S. Slack, P.M. 910; J. Hartley, P.M. 495; C. F. Wike, P.M. 279; R. Ruff,

J. W. 1462; J. Lund, S.W. 1462. The W.M. Elect, Bro. B. Smith, was presented by Bros. J. H. Gratton, P.M., P.P.G.Tr., and S. C. Alderson, P.M., for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was undertaken and most efficiently performed by Bro. W. R. Massie, P.M. A board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Smith was inducted into the chair of K.S. in ancient form. Bro. Smith was then saluted in the several degrees, and Bro. W. R. Massie, P.M., concluded his duties as Installing Master, and the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Senior, S.W.; W. J. Frankland, J.W.; Rev. W. Coombe, M.A., Chap.; T. W. Embleton, P.M., Prov.G.S.W., treas.; J. S. Ingall, sec.; C. Lingard, S.D.; H. Fountain, J.D.; C. W. Fincken, D.C.; W. W. Hutchinson, org.; J. H. Smith, I.G.; F. C. Browne, T. Braithwaite, J. F. M. Coles, S. Squire, stewards; and E. J. Massie, P.M., Almoner. The W.M. presided at the banquet, and was supported by Bro. H. Smith, Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorks; T. W. Embleton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; G. Newton, P.P.G.W.; J. H. Gratton, P.P.G.Treas.; S. Slack, P.P.G., D. of C.; C. F. Wike, P.M., P.P.G.D.Leicester; C. F. Seward, I.P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; W. R. Massie, P.M.; S. C. Alderson, P.M.; W. J. Lawrence, P.M.; J. Sutton, P.M.; E. J. Massie, P.M. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and responded to, whilst the proceedings were enlivened by music at intervals. A most enjoyable evening was closed with the toast of "All poor and distressed Masos."

THE MASONIC PRESS.—Those who cavil at the existence of a masonic press have yet to learn the influence it brings to bear upon the encouragement, and succour it gives to all that is good, the demolition of shams and imposture, and the general benefit of the fraternity, on whose behoof its promoters labour. The information supplied in the columns of our masonic journals is most valuable, as well as interesting; it furnishes us with a record of all important events that are passing around; it gives free course for the interchange of current opinion; and from every point of view there can be no gainsaying that, bereft of the organised organs, Freemasonry would be deprived of one of its vital sources of being. Freemasonry owes much of its wisdom and discretion to those who have voluntarily taken up the cause, and all right-thinking Masons will agree with us, we are indebted to what is often described at public meetings as "the mighty machine" for doing good.—Sunday Times.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st.		
23	Globe	F. M. H.
49	Gotha	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford, E.
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
181	Universal	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
507	United Pilgrims	F. M. H.
742	Crystal Palace	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
Mark.	Bon Accord	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
7	Carnarvon	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
(4th) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd.		
197	Jerusalem	F. M. H.
569	Fitzroy	Hd.-Qrs., Hon. Artillery Co., City Road
1601	Ravensbourne	Town Hall, Catford, S.E.
2157	St. Mark's College	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
(4th) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd.		
(Nil).		
(4th) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th.		
GRAND LODGE MARK MASTER MASONS, 3 o'Clock.		
4	Royal Somerset House & Inverness	F. M. H.
26	Castle Lodge of Harmony	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. H.
183	Unity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
222	St. Andrew's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
902	Burgoyne	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
R.A.C.	St. Peter, Westminster	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1587		
(4th) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th.		
14	Tuscan	F. M. H.
46	Old Union	Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
92	Moirs	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
165	Honour and Generosity	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
186	Industry	F. M. H.
259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
1348	Friars	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1744	Royal Savoy	F. M. H.
2108	Empire	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(4th) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th—continued.		
R.A.C.	Royal York of Perseverance	F. M. H.
180	St. James's Union	Ditto
1239	Stockwell	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
Mark.	Keystone	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
3		
R.C.	Palestine	33, Golden Sq., W.
29		
(4th) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.		
FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTE		
5.30 for 6 o'Clock.		
2	Antiquity	F. M. H.
201	Jordan	Ditto
212	Euphrates	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
754	High Cross	Seven Sister's Hot., Tottenham, N.
1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1056	Victoria	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1719	Evening Star	F. M. H.
1818	Clapham	Army & Navy Hot., Victoria St., S.W.
1820	Sir Thomas White	Holborn Viaduct Hot., E.C.
R.A.C.	Prince Frederick William	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
753		
(4th) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th.		
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street E.C.
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, Waltham Green
861	Finbury	St. Blph. Chbrs., 191, Bshpsgte. St., E.C.
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1563	City of Westminster	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1608	Kilburn	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
1816	Victoria Park	London Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
1974	St. Mary Abbot's	Town Hall, Kensington
2264	Chough	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A.C.	St. Alban's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
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157	Bedford	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Masons' Arms, Basinghall Street, E.C.
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
1623	West Smithfield	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

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

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

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BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—continued.			
43	St. Paul's ...	25th Feb	M. H., New Street	1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
74	Athol ...	6th Mar	M. H., Severn Street	2024	Raymond Thrupp 4th Apl	Ditto
468	Light ...	19th Mar	Great Western Hotel	2087	Electric ... 25th May	Ditto
473	Faithful ...	12th Mar	M. H., New Street	2105	Cama ... 24th June	Ditto
587	Howe ...	11th Mar	Ditto	2183	Royal Hamp. Court 13th Mar	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Mar	Ditto	R.A.C.		
887	Leigh ...	27th Feb	Ditto	778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
925	Bedford ...	18th Mar	Ditto	1194	Royal Middlesex ... 18th May	Ditto
938	Grosvenor ...	20th Mar	Ditto	1293	Burdett ... 11th May	Ditto
1016	Elkington ...	26th Feb	Ditto	1691	Quadratic ... 15th Apr	Ditto
1031	Fletcher ...	13th Mar	Ditto	HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
1163	Emulation ...	28th Feb	Ditto	57	Humber ... 7th Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
1180	Forward ...	4th Mar	Ditto	250	Minerva ... 13th Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1474	Israel ...	11th Mar	M. H., Severn Street	1010	Kingston ... 6th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1551	Charity ...	19th Mar	M. H., New Street	1605	De la Pole TO-MOR., 22nd Feb	58, Charlotte Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	15th Mar	Ditto	2134	Wilberforce... 1st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.				R.A.C.		
43	Fortitude ...	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel	57	Humber ... 29th Feb	F. M. H., Osborne Street
74	Athol ...	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street	250	Minerva TO-DAY, 21st Feb	M. H., Dagga Lane
587	Howe ...	2nd May	M. H., New Street	1010	Kingston ... 15th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
938	Grosvenor ...	7th May	Ditto	1605	De la Pole TO-MOR., 22nd Feb	58, Charlotte Street
1016	Elkington ...	4th Apr	Ditto	ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
1031	Fletcher ...	5th Mar	Ditto	1004	Athole ... 6th Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Doughta
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			LANCASTER—4 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.			
37	Anchor and Hope ...	11th Mar	F. M. H., Institute Street	281	Fortitude ... 13th Mar	M. R., Church Street
146	Antiquity ...	13th Mar	Ditto	1051	Rowley ... 4th Mar	Ditto
221	St. John ...	18th Mar	Ditto	1353	Duke of Lancaster 20th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's ...	28th Feb	Ditto	1561	Morecambe ... 1st Mar	King's Arms, Morecambe
1723	St. George ...	27th Feb	Ditto	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.				1051	Rowley ... *18th Mar	M. R., Church Street
37	Concord ...	15th Apr	Ditto	LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
221	St. John ...	6th Mar	Ditto	289	Fidelity ... 7th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
348	St. John's ...	12th Mar	Ditto	304	Philanthropic ... 27th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
302	Hope ...	18th Mar	M. H., Darley Street	279	St. John's ... 6th Mar	F. M. H., Halford Street
600	Harmony TO-DAY, 21st Feb		F. M. H., Salem Street	523	John of Gaunt T-DY., 21st Feb	Ditto
974	Pentalpha ...	5th Mar	M. H., Darley Street	1391	Commercial TO-MR., 22nd Feb	Ditto
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Mar	M. H., Darley Street	1560	Albert Edward ... 12th Mar	Ditto
1648	Prince of Wales ...	1st Mar	Ditto	2081	Golden Fleece ... 18th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.				R.A.C.		
302	Charity ...	18th Mar	Ditto	279	Fortitude ... *5th Apl	Ditto
600	Sincerity ...	5th Mar	F. M. H., Salem Street	1560	St. George's ... *4th June	Ditto
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.			
271	Royal Clarence ...	15th Mar	Royal Pavillon	32	St. George's ... 27th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
315	Royal York ...	5th Mar	Ditto	155	Perseverance ... 19th Apr	M. H., Hope Street
732	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Mar	Ditto	203	Ancient Union T-DY., 21st Feb	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	16th Mar	Ditto	216	Harmonic ... 14th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	2nd Mar	Old Ship Hotel	241	Merchants ... 12th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
1636	St. Cecilia ...	26th Feb	Royal Pavillon	249	Mariners ... 7th Mar	Ditto
1821	Atlingworth TO-DY., 21st Feb		Ditto	292	Sincerity ... 11th Mar	Ditto
1947	Stanford ...	13th Mar	Town Hall, Hove	594	Downshire TO-DAY, 21st Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.				667	Alliance ... 19th Mar	Ditto
271	Lennox ...	3rd May	Royal	673	St. John ... 5th Mar	Ditto
315	Royal Pavillon ...	16th Apr	Ditto	680	Sefton ... 1st Mar	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar	Ditto	724	Derby ... 27th Feb	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Apr	Ditto	786	United Service ... 14th Mar	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel	823	Everton ... 20th Mar	Ditto
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	11th Mar	F. M. H., Park Street	1013	Royal Victoria ... 6th Mar	Ditto
103	Beaufort ...	5th Mar	Ditto	1094	Temple ... 13th Mar	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	13th Mar	Ditto	1182	Dk. of Ednbg. ... 14th Mar	Ditto
326	Moirra ...	14th Mar	Ditto	1264	Neptune ... 4th Mar	Ditto
610	Colston ...	20th Mar	Ditto	1299	Pembroke TO-DAY, 21st Feb	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
686	Jerusalem ...	12th Mar	Ditto	1325	Stanley ... 25th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1388	Canynge ...	2nd Mar	Ditto	1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 11th Mar	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent ...	28th Feb	Ditto	1356	Toxeth ... 13th Mar	80, North Hill Street
2257	Powell ...	25th Feb	Ditto	1393	Hamer TO-DAY, 21st Feb	M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.				1502	Israel ... 18th Mar	Ditto
68	Royal Clarence ...	16th Mar	Ditto	1505	Emulation ... 28th Feb	Ditto
103	Beaufort ...	26th Feb	Ditto	1547	Liverpool ... 13th Mar	Ditto
187	Charity ...	7th Mar	Ditto	1570	Prince Arthur ... 19th Mar	Ditto
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
42	Relief TO-DAY, 21st Feb		Grey Mare Hotel	253	Tyrian ... 26th Feb	M. H., Gower Street
128	Prince Edwir ...	20th Mar	Bridge Inn	751	Arboretum ... 13th Mar	Ditto
191	St. John ...	14th Mar	Knowsley Hotel	802	Repose ... 19th Mar	Ditto
1012	Prince of Wales ...	7th Mar	Derby Hotel	1085	Hartington... 6th Mar	Ditto
1392	Egerton ...	28th Feb	Stanley Arms	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.				253	Justice ... 12th Mar	Ditto
42	Unanimity ...	28th Feb	Derby Hotel	731	Truth ... 17th Apr	Ditto
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th May	Bridge Inn	HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
88	Scientific ...	11th Mar	Red Lion Hotel	708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles 4th Mar		Ditto	778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Unvsty. 5th Mar		Ditto	788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater TO-DAY, 21st Feb		University Arms Hotel	1194	Villiers ... 16th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.				1293	Burdett ... 27th Apr	Ditto
88	Pythagoras... 26th June		Red Lion Hotel	1415	Campbell ... 13th Apr	Ditto
441	Fidelity ... 3rd July		Ditto	1494	Felix... Ap to Jy only	Ditto
859	Euclid ... 6th Mar		Ditto	1512	Hemming TO-DAY, 21st Feb	Greyhound Hotel
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
253	Tyrian ...	26th Feb	M. H., Gower Street	1597	Musgrave ... 16th Mar	Ditto
751	Arboretum ...	13th Mar	Ditto			
802	Repose ...	19th Mar	Ditto			
1085	Hartington... 6th Mar		Ditto			
R.A.C.						
253	Justice ...	12th Mar	Ditto			
731	Truth ...	17th Apr	Ditto			
HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel			
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto			
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto			
1194	Villiers ... 16th Mar		Ditto			
1293	Burdett ... 27th Apr		Ditto			
1415	Campbell ... 13th Apr		Ditto			
1494	Felix... Ap to Jy only		Ditto			
1512	Hemming TO-DAY, 21st Feb		Greyhound Hotel			
1597	Musgrave ... 16th Mar		Ditto			

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship ...	1st Mar Albion Hotel
62	Social ...	25th Feb Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude ...	12th July Ditto
152	Virtue ...	15th Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity ...	27th Feb Ditto
204	Caledonian ...	13th Mar Ditto
317	Affability ...	7th Mar Ditto
325	St. John's ...	20th Mar F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	20th Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Mar Ditto
915	Blair ...	8th Mar Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland ...	13th Mar F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony ...	28th Feb Ditto
992	St. Thomas ...	6th Mar Griffur Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra ...	8th Mar Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	25th Feb Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspeare ...	4th Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond TO-DAY,	21st Feb Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender ...	19th Mar Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby ...	14th Mar Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton ...	4th Mar Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	27th Feb Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall ...	5th Mar F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David ...	14th Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	5th Mar F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George ...	18th Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	27th Feb Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers ...	8th Mar Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth ...	2nd Mar Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1634	Concord TO-DAY,	21st Feb Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon ...	27th Feb Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	15th Mar Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion ...	4th Mar 74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley ...	5th Mar 74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	13th Mar Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	13th Mar Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick ...	11th Mar Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.		
62	Social ...	10th Apr Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue ...	22nd Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian ...	21st Mar Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY,	21st Feb Ditto
325	St. John's ...	7th Mar M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude ...	4th Apr 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 Mar Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby ...	19th Mar M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	7th Mar M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	6th Mar F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's ...	11th Mar Ditto
541	De Loraine ...	15th Mar M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Mar Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker ...	13th Mar F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy ...	19th Mar F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur ...	28th Feb Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	8th Mar F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's TO-MR.,	22nd Feb Ditto
1863	Priory ...	14th Mar Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley ...	5th Mar F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.		
24	De Swinburne ...	21st Mar Ditto
406	De Sussex ...	12th Apr M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's ...	15th May Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	21st May Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory ...	13th May Grand Hot., Tynemouth

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NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
471	Silurlan ...	6th Mar F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca ...	20th Mar Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	14th Mar Ditto
R.A.C.		
471	Silurlan TO-MOR.,	22nd Feb F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos ...	13th Mar Ditto

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NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 52	Union ...	5th Mar Norfolk Hotel
93	Social ...	12th Mar 23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	19th Mar Ditto
807	Cabbell ...	28th Feb Ditto
943	Sincerity ...	26th Feb Ditto
1500	Walpole ...	7th Mar Ditto
R.A.C.		
52	Royal George ...	15th Mar Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar 23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell ...	11th Apr Ditto

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NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 47	Newstead ...	5th Mar M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	11th Mar M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell ...	1st Mar Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	4th Mar Ditto
1435	Annesley TO-MOR.,	22nd Feb Ditto
1794	De Vere ...	*15th Mar Ditto
1909	Carnarvon ...	18th Mar Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	21st Mar Ditto
R.A.C.		
47	Abbey ...	*30th Apr Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	14th May Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb Ditto
1435	Annesley ...	8th Mar Ditto
1909	Carnarvon ...	29th Apr Ditto

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OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
340	Alfred ...	5th Mar M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb Ditto
478	Churchill ...	4th Mar Ditto
1515	Bertie ...	12th Mar Ditto
R.A.C.		
340	Alfred ...	21st May Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb Ditto
PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—		
16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 70	St. John's ...	5th Mar Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude ...	11th Mar Ditto
156	Harmony ...	4th Mar Ditto
159	Brunswick ...	6th Mar M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity ...	11th Mar St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship ...	28th Feb M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity ...	19th Mar 193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	21st Feb M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn ...	26th Feb Ditto
1205	Metham ...	18th Mar 1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's ...	14th Mar Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas ...	18th Mar Ditto
1550	Prudence ...	2nd Mar Ditto
1847	Ebrington ...	12th Mar 8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George ...	26th Feb St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District } United Service }	20th Mar East Stonehouse
R.A.C.		
70	St. John's ...	28th Feb Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude ...	21st May Ditto
156	Harmony ...	8th Mar Ditto
159	Brunswick ...	22nd May Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity ...	22nd Apr St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship ...	9th May M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord TO-MOR.,	22nd Feb 193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-MOR.,	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 TO-DAY,	21st Feb St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

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PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—		
11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
257	Phoenix ...	27th Feb 110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	20th Mar F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	14th Mar M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	11th Mar Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	8th Mar M. H., Landport
1776	Landport TO-DAY,	21st Feb Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	26th Feb Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe } Weimar }	19th Mar M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of } Emulation }	13th Apr F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Tem- } perance }	25th Feb Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair ...	18th Mar F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C.		
257	Friendship ...	13th Mar 110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	12th Mar M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	17th May F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	28th Feb Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Tem- } perance }	25th Feb Soldier's Institute, High Street

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SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
139	Britannia ...	14th Mar F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Mar Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	4th Mar Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe ...	26th Feb Ditto
2263	St. Leonards ...	28th Feb Ditto
R.A.C.		
139	Paradise ...	18th Mar F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty ...	15th Apr Ditto

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SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	14th Mar M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	18th Mar Ditto
394	Southampton TO-DAY,	21st Feb Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers' MR.,	22nd Feb Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	5th Mar Ditto
R.A.C.		
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	7th Mar Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony	1st Mar Ditto
394	Concord ...	28th Feb Ditto

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SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
80	St. John ...	12th Mar M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phoenix ...	6th Mar F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine ...	14th Mar M. H., Park Terrace
1369	Fenwick ...	15th Mar Ditto
2039	Londonderry TO-MR.,	22nd Feb Ditto
R.A.C.		
80	St. John's ...	19th Mar M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Apr F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence TO-DY,*	21st Feb M. H., Park Terrace

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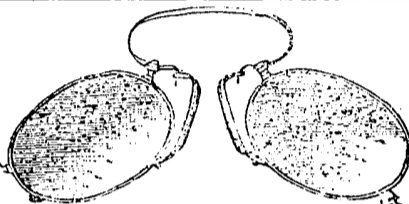
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Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

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 64 years; joined the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169, May, 1856, and paid thereto 19 1/2 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.

The undermentioned Brethren strongly recommend this case, and will most thankfully receive proxies.

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