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Military Masons.

THERE have lately appeared in our columns several letters relating to the connection of Freemasons who are attached to the Army of our Sovereign with a lodge holding its meetings, almost as it were, under the shadow of one of our large military stations. They set forth particulars as yet, notwithstanding efforts in that direction, uncontradicted, and which constitute a grievance requiring the early attention of a properly constituted authority, with a view to prevent dissension and to do justice.

Before more fully referring to the information the above mentioned letters afford, it may be worth while to note what "the General Laws and Regulations for the Government of the Craft" say on the subject of Military Lodges. The only sections which treat of these are Numbered 155, 156, 157, and 188. By the first it is declared that "When any Military Lodge under the constitution of England shall be out of England, it shall be conducted so as not to give offence to the Masonic authorities of the country or place in which it may sojourn, never losing sight of the duties it owes to the Grand Lodge of England, &c." As we are considering circumstances in connection with a Lodge at home, either that existing or that proposed, we need take no further account of Sec. 155. Sec. 156 defines the constituency of a Military Lodge thus:—"No Military Lodge shall initiate into Masonry *any inhabitant or sojourner* in any town or place at which its members *may be stationed*, or through which they may be marching, nor any person who does not at the time *belong to the military profession*, nor any military person below the rank of a corporal," and then follow certain reservations which

do not affect the present question. The italics in the foregoing transcript of the law are ours. Then Sec. 157 merely directs what should be done in case of a military body to which a lodge may be attached being disbanded or reduced, and what may be then done with the warrant to make the Lodge a Civil Lodge. Sec. 188 states that "No other Lodge shall initiate any non-commissioned officer or corporal belonging to a regiment or battalion to which a Military Lodge is attached, nor shall any Lodge initiate any military person below the rank of a corporal," except under certain reservations which are understood. Beyond these four sections the Constitutions of the Order make no reference to Military Lodges, which, if desired, must therefore be created and constituted in like manner to all private (civil) Lodges, no other authority being expressed.

Now, what is submitted by our correspondents for consideration? That, in the immediate neighbourhood of a large military station, there is a lodge numbering some eighty members, of whom some thirty are soldiers. For many reasons, which it is not necessary to comment upon, for any one of them is good enough, and the mere wish is sufficient, the soldiers desire to establish another lodge. We are not informed whether or not it is suggested that it shall be attached to any particular regiment, or shall be universal in so far as the military station and military element is concerned. What we do learn is, that some fifty "soldier masons" being desirous of joining a new lodge, if formed, and knowing of some other twenty comrades fitted and wishful to enter the Order, amongst them being "Officers, Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants, &c.," selected certain brethren to formulate and forward a petition to the M.W. G. Master, which did not have the approval of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, through whom it was required it should be transmitted, and met with an unqualified refusal.

We cannot believe that such a result would have ensued unless there were most pertinent reasons for refusal. But these do not appear to have been communicated, and the rejected petitioners, as well as those of the Craft who have been made acquainted with the application and its refusal, are equally at a loss to opine on what ground the latter was made. There are many true, loyal, disciplined and obedient men serving under the colours, who possess all the qualities necessary in good Freemasons, and who must be interested in the ultimate result of this endeavour to promote the general interest of Soldier Masons. We have thought it but fair to them, and to the Craft generally, to give this much prominence to the question which has arisen, pending the endeavour to elicit further information, and preliminary to discussing it more thoroughly.

ETHICS OF FREEMASONRY.

Translation from the German of Dr. C. Sigwart in *LATOMIA* of Jan. 12th, 1889:—

(Continued from page 56 and concluded.)

He who desires the general welfare, desires also that of the individual, but as it is impossible for him to trouble himself directly about each one, the only way is to benefit all throughout by general principles which he himself follows, and thereby raises to sovereignty—principles from which he expects that the well-being of all will be reached. Public Societies prove their right only by the influence which they exercise upon the life of the individual, and betray their imperfection when outsiders are not indirectly benefited.

Much devolves upon the self-help and energy of each fellow-worker. For individual action is important, partly on account of the inventive combination which the application of the laws must supply, partly on account of the calculation of probability, partly by preserving the laws from collision. Each individual, therefore, should perseveringly quicken his intelligence in order that he may be able to apply practical energy at the right time and in the right place.

Ethics lays the greatest stress upon sentiment, in which it recognises the measure by which the moral worth of each may be weighed, for from the thoughts and feelings right action will of itself naturally follow; and, *vice versa*, where thoughts and feelings are not sufficiently developed so that general cultivation is lacking, the subjective conditions of action are not present. Although there is little prospect that a whole body of mankind, a whole people, for instance, will ever undertake to work for the attainment of the highest good, nevertheless, this latter object may be gained by a small community of ardent workers so far as the barriers of human imperfection allow. But then the mental forces of all must work together to obtain the result. A formal education of mankind must therefore take place, in order that the practices and habits which insure the power of the will may be established in them. A physical technic is needed for the service of these moral aims, and this technic we name Freemasonry. The disturbances which from the weakness of mankind, from the application of false and not ethical motives, threaten the common works, must be dealt with by the weakening of the antagonistic motive through the psychological means of reward and punishment. In fact, the true accomplishment of these moral laws within a community, nowhere depends only upon reasonable perception and upon the sentiment conveyed through them, but also upon the means of discipline which make the happiness of the individual dependent upon the propriety of his action. Every society, for the realization of certain objects, promises obedience to an authority, so that subordination is the condition to the fulfilment of moral purposes. But as voluntary obedience is not to be depended upon, it is impossible to do without restraint.

Restraint, which is exercised in the name of reason against stupidity, is justified, from the ethical point of view, as an indispensable means of education, for without education no one is reasonable. But, besides the restraint of punishment, there are more effective means, viz., those which spring from the sense of honour. This sense of honour must be drawn much more into the service of morality than it has hitherto been; it affords the strongest motive for the support of social order. That wherein each finds his contentment depends, as has been already pointed out, upon his sensibility for pleasure or pain, upon his capability for interest in this or that object. No one can be commanded to feel enthusiasm for an object for which he has absolutely no taste; but that which affords him satisfaction he does from choice and without incitement. Thus ethics appear unnecessary; they can paint an ideal man, but when they dictate unidealistic laws, there is just as little result as when the unmusical is bidden to sing correctly. But we must remember that there is no philosophy which can make each happy after his own fashion, or which can perfectly satisfy his own particular wishes.

To make men happy nothing more can be done than to cultivate that disposition within them by which the maximum of pleasure and the minimum of pain is obtainable. In each are seeds of sensibility for moral aims, moral feeling and conscience, which each is bound to cultivate, and the duty now is to investigate the reasons which cause men to act in opposition to these. Here ethics demand that man should reflect upon the individual aims of his actions, and upon the motives for the same. They apply to his feeling of self-esteem and brotherly love, and counsel him to raise his individual to general objects, to make the pleasures of the moment subservient to future lasting enjoyment, and a slumbering impulse will be roused by teaching helping reason to the mastery, by education through means of the care bestowed upon the mind and will, through example and the power of public opinion which rouse energy and ambition. Nature has not implanted naked egotism within the breast of man, otherwise he could not become moral but must ever remain selfish.

The natural inclination of mankind to higher moral ideas can only be developed in social life. Every advance towards new ideal life is perfected by the thoughts which have had their rise in the individual, being recognised by every increasing others, and their realization striven after (or required). The exchange of new ideals and the power which they gain is of high importance in history. Every remodelling of the sensibility, every alteration in the moral feelings of mankind, without which no historical efficacy of the ideal is possible, establishes the idea of revival which every ethical consideration supposes will contribute to moral development.

Every object for which man strives is prescribed to him not by negative principles, such as freedom and equality, but by the needs and inclinations of his sensual spiritual nature, which require to be satisfied.

Physical well-being, marriage, care for posterity, satisfaction in the love and sympathy of others in his social intercourse, delight in

the beautiful and pleasing, the need of religious advancement, all these lie in human nature although in different degrees and strength. These impulses can neither be eradicated nor refused the right to be satisfied. Out of their elements (and they are the greatest historical powers) must every decided revolution for the highest good be compounded.

The social condition which must be considered as the highest object must contain the possibility of granting to each what will be a benefit to him, so that, in the co-operation for the attainment of the general object, he also will find his happiness in such manner as is in proportion to the ethical development of his nature.

And thus we are ever working after ideals, and seek in the development of the same the possible practical progress, hoping that the future will bring to perfection that which appears to us as the most worthy and perfect in humanity.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

On Tuesday, the 12th instant, the new W.M. of this popular Lodge, Bro. Henry Lindfield, presided at the regular meeting, held at the Albion, where he was supported by Past Masters Green, Treasurer; Radcliffe, Sec; Hentsch, Back, Morgan, Dickson; King P.M. 172; H. Nash, S.W.; King, J.W.; Orlton Cooper, S.D.; Kirkland, J.D., &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. W. J. Bennett was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Arrangements, for an outing during the summer months, the brethren to be accompanied by their ladies, were foreshadowed, and we doubt not that when the day arrives will be voted as perfect as on previous occasions. An ample supper followed; after which an hour or so was spent in social converse and with jovial song. In the course of the evening Bro. Orlton Cooper recited the following lines, and modestly confessed himself the author when a request was made that that individual should be "named."

THE SEVEN AGES OF FREEMASONRY.

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players,"
So says our Bard, and surely 'twould be hard
If Masons could not act as other players;
So your permission now I humbly crave
While we may reckon what lives Masons have.
Our hero, we will take, just like the Sage's,
And trace him, step by step, through seven ages.

At first the 'Prentice, full of doubts and fears,
And mind uncertain as to smiles or tears,
With strange misgivings, yet undaunted heart,
Enters the Lodge—and so he plays his part.

And then the Craftsman, with true zeal inspired,
His soul with noble aspirations fired;
The Master's precepts now his greatest care,
Resolves henceforth to act upon the Square.

Next Master Mason, raised to third degree,
Entitled now to share our mystery;
A friend, and Brother, to the world is sent,
His badge the emblem of his good intent.

In office now, as Inner Guard, he stands,
And Candidates receives from Tyler's hands.
A great ambition fills his manly breast,
His lawful aim within the Chair to rest.

The Deacon and Instructor next we see
Leading the Novice in Freemasonry;
Signs, Tokens, Words, does he impart to each,
With proper steps the Pedestal to reach.

Still working up, he fills the Wardens' Chairs,
First in the South, then in the West appears;
Assisting loyally the lodge to school,
The Lodge that he some day may have to rule.

At length he enters on the final stage;
But no decay is here, nor sign of age,
Full in the prime of his Masonic years,
The honoured title, "Master," now he bears;
Elected by his Brethren to the place,
He rules his Lodge with courtesy and grace;
With dignity the sacred Ritual gives,
So in him, once again, our Founder lives.
Thus, when his year of office comes to close,
He earns at last well-merited repose;
And, as the sun sinks grandly in the west,
So, in like splendour, goes he to his rest.

Freemasons' Chronicle.

ORLTON COOPER.

WHEN it (Masonry) makes a man a Mason, it makes an alms-chest of his bosom and it gives to every other Brother throughout the world, a key to it.—*Bishop Randall.*

"A GOOD ENOUGH KORAN."—IN 1839 a very interesting incident occurred in St John's Lodge, No. 1, of New York, when Mahmoud Junah, the first lieutenant of a frigate sent to America by the Imaum of Muscat on a mission of peace, and a Mohammedan, was made a Mason. It being impossible at the time for the Lodge to procure a copy of "The Koran," in which the candidate was taught to place his religious faith, a difficulty which might have been insuperable appeared. Upon explaining it to the candidate, he asked if the book which was used in the Lodge taught them to believe in the existence of a "Great I AM." On being assured that it did, he said, "That is a good enough Koran for me," and he was accordingly received and initiated in the Lodge.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

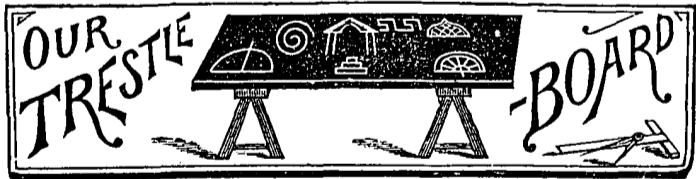
SONG.

A MASON'S life's the life for me,
 With joy we meet each other.
 We pass our time with mirth and glee,
 And hail each friendly brother:
 In lodge no party-feuds are seen,
 But careful we in this agree,
 To banish care or spleen.
 The Master's call, we one and all
 With pleasure soon obey;
 With heart and hand, we ready stand,
 Our duty still to pay.
 See in the East the Master stands,
 The Wardens South and West, Sir,
 Both ready to obey command.
 Find work or give us rest Sir;
 The signal given, we all prepare.
 With one accord obey the word,
 To work by rule or square:
 Or if they please the ladder raise,
 Or plum the level line;
 Thus we employ our time with joy,
 Attending every sign.
 Th' Almighty said, "let there be light,"
 Effulgent rays appearing,
 Dispell'd the gloom, the glory bright
 To this new world was cheering;
 But unto Masonry alone
 Another light, so clear and bright,
 In mystic rays then shone;
 From east to west it spread so fast
 That, Faith and Hope unfurl'd,
 We hail with joy sweet Charity,
 The darling of the world.
 Then while the toast goes round
 Let mirth and glee abound,
 Let's be happy to a man:
 We'll laugh a little, and drink a little,
 We'll work a little and play a little.
(Chorus.—We'll laugh, &c.
 We'll sing a little, be merry a little,
 And swig the flowing can.

OUR WORK.

WHEN a Freemasons' Lodge is fully at work,
 If a Cowan should dare to draw near,
 He would meet with a welcome he fain would regret,
 And then promptly retire in fear.
 Though our actions are harmless, we secretly try
 All our plans and designs to pursue;
 A Master to guide, and instruct us, and prove
 All the workers united and true.
 Truth, Charity, Justice, are models that we
 Try to copy and mould by our skill:
 Great Hiram's designs are our well spring of life,
 And our duty we strive to fulfil.
 After labour, with Wisdom to guide us we stroll,
 Through rectitude's path, to the road
 That leads to the Temple where Friendship and Love,
 Peace and Concord take up their abode.

J. H. JEWELL, P.M. 1223, P.P.G.R. Kent.



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

Whilst again renewing our thanks to the brethren who have accorded us generous support, and by the renewal of their subscriptions, have testified to their appreciation of our efforts, we desire to urge upon them that they can materially aid us by calling the attention of other masonic friends to the paper.

A correspondent—Past Prov. Grand Chaplain of Oxfordshire, and Past Prov. Grand Junior Warden of Devon—writing to us in reference to a recent occurrence, remarks, "I am quite with you as to the benefit resulting to the craft from discreet and judicious publicity. The fraternity has nothing to fear from discussion. I have been a mason now for thirty-five years, and I have never witnessed anything in our lodges or the working of our ceremonies which need fear the light. As you know, there are many points of detail which I think capable of improvement, and I long for the establishment of some central 'Congregation of Masonic Rites' to which we may refer when in doubt. I am still 'pegging away,' and have, I hope, got rid here of the Valley of Jehosaphat and the Star and Garter, &c., &c. I feel more and more that there ought to be some living voice, an 'Ecclesias docens,' which can speak with authority. As it is, every one says 'My Book!! says so-and-so,' and so 'Roma locuta est, causa finita est.'"

We congratulate our revered friend and the brethren in the locality which has the advantage of his ministrations as a Clergyman, and his teachings as a Freemason, that he has so far succeeded in breaking down prejudice, and adherence to such solecisms as still—and whilst ignorance prevails will continue to—affect the purity of our ritual. It is true that his efforts are made in a province which is recognised for the general intelligence of its population, and for the quality and ability of its prominent Freemasons. Devon will learn and apply where, we regret to say, other of our provinces will not listen to the words of understanding.

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 Have our brethren in certain lodges ever reflected upon that departure from one of the Grand Principles of the Order which is involved in the expression, "Very well answered, W.M.?" We need not waste many words in calling attention to this, and suggesting a little consideration before committing oneself to such untruth on certain occasions. What can be more ridiculous—it is really more than that, for it is an offence—than to hear outbursts of approval of proficiency which does not exist, although it is declared by our tenets that it shall before advancement, and when what is necessary has been dictated, and frequently very badly dictated, from beginning to end? Is this matter not worth attention? Worshipful Masters, insist that it is! and do the craft an essential service.

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 If now and then a non-proficient were requested to delay progress for a month, and it became known that Masters would accept nothing less than the proficiency our landmarks require, there would soon be an end of the existing practice. We would certainly italicise such a sentence as the following in any lodge report in these pages:—"The W.M. very properly requested the candidate to retire, in order that he might, on the next occasion of meeting, prove that he had made the requisite small extent of progress in the science necessary before advancement."

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 We are pleased to see the commencement of a magnificent response to the appeal of the Rev. Alfred Whitehead, Vicar of St. Peter's Kent, on behalf of the widow and family of the late W. Bro. the Rev. J. G. Wood, as acknowledged in the columns of *The Telegraph* on Monday last. It is an indisputable testimony to the worth and ability of our deceased brother, and should leave no doubt in the minds of craftsmen that he was in life a bright exemplar of the principles of our Order. It would be most satisfactory to find the response we refer to supplemented by similar assistance from Freemasons, as such. We recognize the names of some brethren in the list of donations, but not as connected with the craft.

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 Our recent remarks on the proper opening and closing of Boards of Installed Masters as part of the original ritual of craft masonry, and the correspondence which has appeared on the subject in our columns, have been the means of placing before us a waistcoat-pocket edition of a manual called the "Installing Master's Companion," from the preface of which we extract the following:—"For the interest of the brethren I also insert in its place the impressive ceremony of opening and closing a Board of Installed Masters; but it is only fair to add that this has been declared by the Grand Registrar to be 'irregular'; though the context obviously shows that there must have been, and should be, some such ceremony." Can any of our readers inform us what Grand Registrar expressed such opinion, and when, and upon what grounds?

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 We would at once give more particulars about the little book we mention in preceding paragraph, for it is certainly—excepting for a little bit of bathos about a "bleak mountain"—a capital guide for any brother desirous of installing his successor; but, unfortunately, the portion which relates to the Board of Installed Masters is not so full and correct as it should be. We have a *M.S.* of many years ago purporting to be the "ceremony as used in the North of England instead of the practice in the South of merely declaring it." The two do not agree, and the disadvantage is with the publication we mention.

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 Says the *Daily Telegraph*:—"Female aversion to Freemasonry has, for the last fifteen or twenty years, been a gradually diminishing quantity, and the cause is not far to seek. During that time the lodges that have given periodical entertainments to ladies have become more numerous, and at present there are many which commit the enormity every year of either a banquet or a ball, or a summer outing, participated in by the gentler sex. Lodge La Tolérance has just given one of these ladies' banquets, followed by a ball. The Gallery Lodge (named after the Reporters' Galleries of the Houses of Parliament) is another lodge prone to the same heresy. From the time when it was consecrated by the Grand Secretary of England in 1881, it has annually permitted itself a ball every winter and a picnic every summer, and for the last two seasons has added to its questionable innovations by giving a series of enjoyable Cinderella dances."

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 Attention is called in several of our contemporaries to the efforts which are being made in the masonic world to obtain votes for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on behalf of Mrs. Mary Cooke, the widow of the late Bro. C. J. Cooke, who, many years ago, was connected with the *Maidstone Journal*. In 1853, Bro. Cooke joined the Belvidere Lodge, No. 503, at Maidstone, of which lodge he was afterwards secretary and W.M. In 1856 he was G.S.W. of the Province of Kent. Bro. Cooke subsequently joined the reporting staff of the *Standard* in London, and died about eight years ago. His widow, in whose behalf the appeal to the R.M.B.I. is being made, is 65 years of age, and the case is strongly recommended by many of the leading masons of the metropolis and elsewhere, among the latter being Bro. the Rev. G. Dorner Pagden, M.A., W.M., of the Invicta Lodge, Deal; Bro. F. Hall, I.P.M. Invicta, Folkestone; and Bro. John Brothers, P.M. of the Ashford Lodge. Last May Mrs. Cooke polled some 1,200 votes, and it is hoped that she will receive more this year to ensure her election.

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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.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I was pleased to see your answer to "A Mason," with regard to the first secretary of a new lodge. There can be no doubt that all founders *should* "meet upon the level." Can you tell me whether it is customary for founders to pay more than the joining fee, and, if so, why should a founder pay more than the joining member who comes into a new lodge a month after its consecration? I enclose my card, and remain,

Yours fraternally,
THE LEVEL.

* * Founders of Lodges if they are "true and sincere," should deserve the honourable distinction accorded to them, by starting their Lodges free from all expenses connected with formation; and whilst paying alike for membership, should, in addition, discharge such expenses proportionately to the dignity of the offices respectively conferred upon them.—ED. M.S.

SANDGATE LODGE AND SOLDIER MASONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I presume from the severe rebuke you administered to "P.M. 1436," in your issue of 14th March, that he has sent you such a letter as bears out the views expressed in my last, over "want of harmony," &c. I feel certain that if he could have disproved any of the statements you would have given him an opportunity to do so, and I hope that should he be favoured with the insertion of an answer to me in your columns he will sign his name.

I signed the prayer of petition of these military brothers for the following reasons:—

1. Because it was made perfectly clear to me that it would benefit a large number of military brothers who at present are not enjoying masonic privileges, and object to affiliate to 1436.

2. Because I was of opinion that it would assist them in getting the advancement in the craft that is the chief subject of this argument.

3. Because I believed that standing in the way of what I thought to be these brothers' just claims would injure the Sandgate Lodge much more than it would to assist them. I believed it to be a happy moment either for good or evil, and took the course that I thought would create harmony.

My S.W. was Bro. P. M. Platten, and he took the same view, and I suppose there is no sounder or more careful, right thinking brother in the craft, or in many other degrees he belongs to.

My J.W., although not a P.M., was held in high esteem by the brothers of the Sandgate Lodge, and did his work well, and nobody can say that he did not know what he was doing.

In addition, there were about 80 petitions signed by Prov. Officers, P.M's, members of Sandgate, Hythe and Folkestone Lodges, and brothers interested, and most of them were forwarded to Prov. G. Master in favour of the prayer of petition; so we were not alone in the views we took. I am informed that they had about 50 joining members and 22 candidates to propose for initiation, amongst officers, warrant officers, staff sergeants, &c., and I should have thought it a very strong claim, particularly as they were promised the assistance of Grand Lodge officers. It seems hard at present to understand on what information this application met with an unqualified refusal; perhaps, if "P.M. 1436," will publish his name, it may afford food for reflection to Prov. G. Master.

Yours fraternally,

W. PERRY, I.P.M., Sandgate Lodge, No. 1436.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Australasian Keystone, February, Melbourne; *South Australian Freemason*, February, Adelaide; *Society*; *Voice of Masonry*; *Masonic Advocate*; *Toronto Freemason*.

THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

R.M.I. GIRLS.—Out of twenty pupils entered for the Cambridge Local Examination in December last, the following obtained third class honours, viz., Maud F. Hill, Ethel Fielding, and Ellen M. Foxall; and the following satisfied the examiners, viz., Dorothy Ainsworth, Georgina L. Smith, Mary Sherington, Isabella McLeod, Edith J. Matthews, Kate Wortley, Hannah Inglis, Marion A. Warner, Caroline Weare, Florence K. Habgood, Amy D. Cutbush, Annie Brockbank, Daisy E. Capon, Louise A. Haigh, and Norah Besly.

For the College of Preceptors' Examination, 29 pupils out of 30 passed, viz.:—Beatrice Knott, Mary Tanner, Lucy Smith, and Jane Turner, in Class II., Div. III.; Beatrice High, Hilda Newman, Charlotte Webb, Hilda Lyon, Louisa Pincombe, Maud Greethurst, Jane Hutchings, Charlotte McMillan, Mabel Henshaw, Ettie Chapman, and Emily Hall, in Class III., Div. I.; Kate Stokes, Olive Hurst, Millicent Wotton, Emily Carruthers, Lucie Ochsenbein, Minnie Woodward, Nellie Walters, Mary Hammond, and Mary Hirst, in Class III., Div. II.; and Ada Buckley, Minnie Wedgewood, Alice West, Charlotte Banister, and Florence Wright, in Class III., Div. III.

R.M.B.I.—The committee met at Freemasons' Hall on the 13th inst., Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., treas., presiding. The secretary, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., announced that the total amount of subscriptions and donations at the recent festival had now reached the sum of £13,330, and the number of lists to come in had been reduced to 17. The decease of a widow annuitant was reported, and an application from a widow to be allowed half her late husband's annuity was granted.

We are requested to Notify that:—

—The Sections of the Second and Third Lectures (F. C. & M. M.) will be worked in the "Strong Man" Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, at the "Bull and Bell" Tavern, Ropemaker Street, E.C., London, on the 25th inst. (Monday next) at 7 p.m.; Bro. J. Margetts, 1598, W.M. and Section Master.

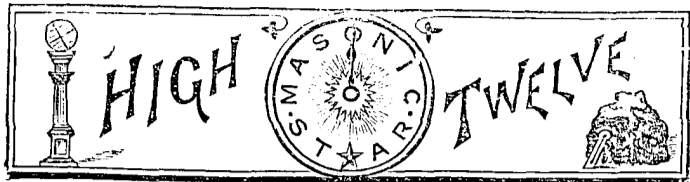
—The Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598, W. Bro. Robert Stevens Walker, W.M., will meet at Anderton's Hotel this (Thursday) afternoon, at 5.30, for election of W.M. and officers for ensuing year; and will dine at 7 p.m. We regret to announce the decease of W. Bro. William Sampson, I.P.M. of this lodge, for whom the brethren are requested to attend in masonic mourning in token of the great respect in which that worthy brother was held.

—A Lodge of Instruction has been sanctioned in connection with the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, to meet at the Cheshire Cheese, Addle Street, City, on Monday evenings, at 7 o'clock. The first meeting was held on Monday the 18th inst.

—The Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275, will hold its Annual Supper at the "Stirling Castle" Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 5th April, at 7 p.m., when Ex. Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z. has promised to preside. Tickets will be issued at 2s. 6d. each up to 29th inst., on application to Comp. C. H. Stone, the Scribe E, at aforementioned address.

—The Second Walthamstow Masonic Benevolent Association, under the combined sanction of the "Beaconsfield" and "Warner" Lodges of Instruction has been inaugurated at the "Chequers Hotel," Walthamstow. It has a strong committee of energetic brethren, Bro. John Wildash, P.M. 1662 being its President, and Bros. W. Shurmur, treas., 2256, and T. Scoresby Jackson, J.W. 2256, its Vice-Presidents. The treasurer is Bros. Ffrench Bromhead and Wm. Nicholls, both of the Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662, which now meets on Wednesday evenings instead of Mondays as heretofore.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AT STOCKTON.—The annual encampment of the Mount Grace Preceptory of Knights Templars was held on the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Stockton, when Hans B. Olsen, of West Hartlepool, was installed E.P. by Sub-Prior Henry Maddison, of Darlington, and subsequently the following officers were appointed:—John Pearson (Stockton), prelate; G. Carter (West Hartlepool), cons.; Jno. Hunter (Hartlepool), marshal; E. Cowper (Darlington), sub-marshal; H. Macdonald (Stockton), treasurer; J. Burn (Stockton), registrar; C. S. Lane (West Hartlepool), captain of the G.; B. R. Smith (Stockton), equerry. There were a number of visitors from the St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, Darlington, and the Royal Kent, Newcastle, and several nominations for installations were made. In the evening the Knights banqueted in the hall.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

THIS DAY, MARCH 21st:—

- The Globe Lodge, No. 23, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern.
- St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
- Universal Lodge, No. 181, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner at F.M. Tavern.
- Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Crown room, F.M. Tavern.
- New Concord Lodge, No. 813, meets for installation and banquet at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
- Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, meets at the Bridge House Hotel, S.E., at 4 p.m. Banquet at 7 p.m.

TO-MORROW, MARCH 22nd:—

- The Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern.
- Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
- Gavel Club meets at supper at Freemasons' Tavern.

MARCH 23rd:—

- The Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679, meets at Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, E.C. Dinner in Large Saloon.

MARCH 25th:—

- The Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
- Royal Somerset House Lodge, No. 4, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern.
- Robert Burns R.A. Chapter, No. 25, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern.
- Eclectic R.A. Chapter, No. 1201, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Gavel room, F.M. Tavern.
- Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, meets at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. Banquet in Masonic Temple.

MARCH 26th:—

- The Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Glee room, F.M. Tavern.
- Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
- Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 195, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern.
- Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, meets and dines at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
- Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, (Election Meeting), meets at Bridge House Hotel, S.E. at 5 p.m. Banquet at 7 p.m.

MARCH 27th:—

- The Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
- Eccleston R.A. Chapter, No. 1624, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Edinboro' room.
- Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, meets at the Criterion Restaurant. Banquet in Prince's room, at 5 p.m.
- Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, meets at Café Royal, Regent Street. Banquet at same place.
- Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, meets at Bridge House Hotel, S.E. at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m.

MARCH 28th:—

- The Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
- Grenadier's Lodge, No. 66, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
- St. George's R.A. Chapter, No. 5, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
- Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, meets for installation and banquet at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
- United Pilgrims' Lodge, No. 1540, meets at the Bridge House Hotel, S.E., installation at 4 p.m. Banquet at 6.30 p.m.

MASONIC INSTALLATION AT SWANSEA.

The ceremony of installing Bro. J. H. Taylor as Worshipful Master of the Caradoc Lodge of Freemasons, took place at the Masonic Hall, Swansea, on Monday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of friends and visitors. The W.M. for the past year (Bro. Neil Leitch) performed the ceremony of installation in full masonic form. The W.M. elect then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. Neil Leitch, P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; W. Terrill, S.W.; Fred. Lewis, J.W.; Dr. Walters, P.M., P.G.C., chaplain; John Rogers, P.M., P.G.S.W., treas.; Morgan Williams, sec.; T. P. Martin, S.D.; N. M. Grose, J.D.; J. R. Davies, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., D.C.; T. T. Pascoe, A.D.C.; E. R. Brown, I.G.; W. B. Broad, P.M., P.P.G.O., org.; Allan Paton and W. H. Lewis, stwds.; and George Bullerwell, P.G.T., tyler. A banquet was given at the Royal Hotel in the evening.

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 Freemasonry, we are glad to find, flourishes like the green bay tree in South Wales. Swansea in particular is deserving of credit for the admirable way in which it has housed the craft and the conscientious interest the brethren take in the work. W.M. Taylor had an excellent installation gathering on Monday, very many brethren, despite the terribly inclement weather, making the

journey from Cardiff and Penarth with the especial object of proving that the metropolis was not going to be behindhand in showing respect to a Mason who had made it the town of his adoption. The members and visitors present included, in addition to the Mayor of Swansea, Bros. Neil Leitch, W.M.; R. Parry, I.P.M.; J. R. Davies, P.M.; Thomas Sandbrook, P.M.; John Rogers, P.M.; J. C. Sladen, P.M.; J. L. Perrin, P.M.; James Hughes, P.M.; Dr. Thomas Walters, P.M.; J. H. Taylor, W.M. Elect; Fred. Lewis, sec.; Morgan Williams, S.D.; T. P. Martin, J.D.; N. M. Grose, D.C.; W. B. Broad, P.M., P.P.G.O., org.; J. T. Pascoe, I.G.; E. R. Browne, S.; H. Paton, S.; G. Bullerwell, T.; W. H. Jones; Wm. Henry Lewis, L. J. R. Morgan, Wm. Taylor, Owen Owen, Ernest Grant, W.M. Cambrian, 369; F. G. Musgrave, W.M. St. David's, 679; W. Lloyd Protheroe, P.P.G.C. Sir Watkin, 1477; John Munday, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., 960; James Harris, Bute, 960; G. S. Fitt, I., 237; G. Roberts, P.M. 192, P.P.G.R.; W. D. Davies, 818; Henry Cadle, I.P.M. 476; Thomas McKinn, P.M. 237; George Jasper, 237; T. Davies, 237; H. P. R. Jackson, P.P.D.C.; E. George Protheroe, 237; W. G. Nicholls, S.W. 237; John Williams, W.M. 237; John W. Lloyd, P.M. 237, P.P.G.P.; Thomas W. Jones, P.M. 237; R. J. Dangerfield, 237; Matthew Whittington, 364; W. Morgan, I.P.M. 237; James Loveluck, W.M. 833; John Jones, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Stephens, 529; Henry Taylor, P.M. 237; George Allen, P.P.G.J.W.; and Arthur H. Roberts (Penarth) Floreat, Swansea.—*Western Mail*.

COLONIAL CLIPPINGS.

The masonic fraternity has never changed its policy. It says to the profane, you must seek in order to know our mysteries. You will not be sought after. This first step is of the highest importance, and must be strictly adhered to. Any member of the Institution who urges a profane to become a Mason, is guilty of conduct unbecoming a true member of our Order, and deserves to be disciplined for so doing.

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 It is a curious fact, considering the hostility of the Roman Catholic Church to Masonry, that it was a Romanist who largely aided in its introduction into America. We refer to Anthony Browne, sixth Viscount Montague, who was G.M. of England in 1753, and by whose authority Henry Price was appointed G.M. of Massachusetts. As the family were Romanists, Lord Montague was never permitted to sit in the House of Lords, and suffered other penalties for his conscience's sake. In masonry he recognised a great level of toleration, and spared neither time nor treasure in propagating its tenets.

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 Brethren should remember that silence is absolutely necessary in a lodge. It is grossly disrespectful and an evidence of ignorance to see brethren laughing and whispering when a degree is being given. It is worse still to see and hear the Secretary and Treasurer counting the dues, &c., when the W.M. is addressing the lodge.—*New Zealand Mail*.

NEW ZEALAND—AUCKLAND.—WAITEMATA LODGE, No. 689, The annual meeting and installation of W.M. of the Lodge Waitemata, E.C., was held at the Freemasons' Hall on St. John's day, the 27th December last, and, as was expected, there was a very large gathering, including representatives from all the city, suburban, and country lodges, and a goodly number of representatives from outside sister lodges. There were, including 25 Past Masters, an attendance of 110 brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. Captain Olive, the retiring Past Master, after which Brother Lodder, D.D.G.M. took the role of installing master and duly installed Bro. Chas. Daniel Grey, into the chair of King Solomon. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Chas. Crozier, S.W.; W. Dunn, J.W.; J. L. Hatswell, treas.; H. G. Wade, sec.; Walter Grey, S.D.; Wm. Stewart, J.D.; T. Dickenson and T. Prescott, stwds.; James Garrard, I.G. and Captain Tonge, tyler. The charge to the master was delivered by Brother P.M. Wright; that to the wardens by Bro. P.M. Angur; and that to the brethren by the D.D.G.M., Brother Lodder. Congratulations poured in on the master, officers, and brethren of the Lodge from all sides, and from numerous foreign visitors, and apologies were received from numerous distinguished brethren who were unavoidably absent. At the invitation of the lodge, the whole of the visitors were entertained at a fine banquet in the lower hall. In the intervals of the toasts and subsequently, a number of songs were sung, and the brethren appeared to enjoy the gathering thoroughly.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.—The question of a Grand Lodge for this Colony which has been agitating the minds of prominent Masons for some years is at last resolving itself into something more akin to real business. Numerous Past Masters of the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions in Wellington will shortly meet to discuss the plan of action necessary to further the Grand Lodge question. In Canterbury and Otago the same lively interest is being taken in the matter, and it is therefore not improbable that the Earl of Onslow, our new Governor, who is a Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, will ultimately be New Zealand's first Grand Master. We feel sure from communications received, that no opposition will be made by the Masonic authorities at Home to the establishment of a Grand Lodge, provided, however, that everything is done in a legitimate Masonic manner. As things are at present, with ten Masonic jurisdictions in New Zealand, it is absolutely impossible for the Craft to be known by "its works," but united, under one flag, it will be indeed a mighty power. When the Craft in New Zealand will be in a position to emulate the example of our brethren in New South Wales, then we shall be able to safely say that the star of Masonry in this Colony is in the ascendant.—*New Zealand Mail*.

Point—Left—Right.

The enterprising journalist, like the enterprising burglar, has again overstepped that caution which should govern all his doings of a prophetic nature. On what authority the daily press enthroned Archdeacon Watkins into the Episcopal chair of St. Asaph, and enlightened the world with the details of his private and public career, nobody knows, neither will they probably ever know the annoyance such careless enterprise has occasioned. No one will sympathise with the Archdeacon more than the Rev. Alfred Edwardes, who has been chosen by her Majesty to fill the coveted position. Mr. Edwardes is not a brilliant priest, nor has he shewn any great claims for the preference bestowed upon him; but he is a sound and strong churchman, and will defend the Established Church in the Principality with a deal of determination. His ability to preach in the Welsh language will be of assistance in overcoming the opposition his nomination has caused, and his age will allow him time and opportunities to do great things. The Rev. Mr. Edwardes in his private life, is one of "nature's gentlemen," a race of individuals that does not increase in number proportionately with the general population.

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Let me rob a contemporary of a bit of news by repeating the story of Mr. Gladstone and the shamrock. Before the "illustrious visitor" came to Naples, there were no shamrocks in the woods or along the hedgerows; but directly the inventor of Home Rule appeared upon the scene, lo, and behold! the shamrock grew up, "as if even dumb nature had a heart in Italy." Now, I am no politician in the sense of commenting on politics, but of all the specimens of political blasphemy and downright impudence, this is the finest I have ever read.

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My editor has received the following communication. He has requested me to publish it in fac-simile, but for various reasons I have deemed it wiser to produce it in type. "Sir,—Mr. Tay-Pay has benefited greatly by his stay in Stonecutter Street. There were no honest or decent men in the world before the illustrious visitor arrived, and now I can testify that there are thousands of such people going strong and well about the streets and byeways. It is as if even *dumb* nature had a heart in London. Yours truly, An Irish Lady."

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No shamrock grew in the woods and banks,
No field or garden the leaflet knew,
Botanical life played various pranks
In Italy's suns, and mists, and dew;
No tendering care I'd have you know,
Successfully made the shamrock grow.

Manures of every sort were tried,
To make the evergreen "take the shoot,"
But every stalk gave up and died,
From the tip of its leaf to its fibrous root,
And nothing whatever I'd have you know,
Could ever induce that plant to grow.

But the Grand Old Man with Hibernia's air,
And nourishing things from an Irish *stew*,
Smiled on the growth with a smile so fair,
That it made up its mind to begin anew.
And what do you think? I'd have you know
The "illustrious visitor" made it grow.

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The death at the ripe age of eighty-four of Mr. S. C. Hall, the founder and editor of the *Art Journal*, causes a gap in the older ranks of literature that will widen as time goes on. The foremost value of art in his eyes was its practical application to what may be termed commonplace enjoyment. To console the mind and heart of the humbler man he brought art down to his level through the medium of the rich, and surrounded it when there by commonsense methods of which he was a master. He carried its graces and its consolations into homes that knew them not, and all his efforts were crowned with an ample measure of success. A hard and zealous worker, he had but little time to devote to the requirements of the craft of which he was a faithful though minor member. Eighty-four years of such a life as his is a noble record.

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Bro. Bernard Partridge has the reputation of being in the foremost rank of artists in black and white. His sketches in pencil, pen and ink, or wash, are alike charming, and his knowledge and great love of dear old Father Thames is unequalled. He is also of a humorous turn of mind, has tried the stage—in "Held by the Enemy" he played an important character very satisfactorily I remember—and several other walks of life have been honoured by his acquaintance. The smartest thing I have seen for a long time is his sketch in last week's *Judy*. Get a copy, my dear readers, and if you know any thing of stage managers, tell me if the lesson it teaches is not a beautiful one. Why our worthy brother does not stick at his easel instead of rambling about the back yards of a profession which hide him from view I don't know; but one pencil scratch by Bernard Partridge is worth a thousand speeches by Bernard "Gould." Besides, he insults his genius by neglecting her.

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Does anybody know anything of *The Westminster Gazette*? A cutting from an 1882 issue of this paper has just come into my hands, containing an article upon "The Follies of Freemasonry." Read what it says:—

"The unvarnished history of freemasonry is that it was established late in the last century, by a few illiterate and petty

tradesmen whose ideas of romance were flattered by the flimsy cloak of affected mystery they contrived to throw round their proceedings, and whose counterskipping vanity was titillated by the grandiose titles freely lavished on each other. Cheops, the pork butcher, is an object of ecstatic delight to the wife of his bosom and to his domestic circle, besides being the envy of a whole street of retailers when, adorned by the ineffable title of Divine Despot of the Diabolical Dodderers of Doodlecumdishelouterid, and by several pounds weight of clumsily-executed trappings of the insignia of knighthood, in brass mountings and paste jewels, he assumes the throne in the bar parlor of the Pig and Whistle."

And again:

"Moderate men who have joined the ranks of Masonry, men, it is scarcely necessary to add, of no great logical powers or analytical capacities, but good and true men, notwithstanding, say its *raison d'être* consists in charity and conviviality. As regards the latter, from the days of Hogarth, who in his great picture of 'Night,' draws the 'Brother,' garnished with his tawdry Masonic finery, staggering dead drunk to the bosom of his family, no one has doubted the orgie-like type of lodge meetings. Still, to a man who had ever tasted fair cookery and tolerable wine, one would think no great inducements were held out by the greasy feasts and African vintages which form the staple of the ordinary masonic tavern 'banquet.' Almsgiving, in a blatant, patronizing, and vulgar manner, is no doubt affected by freemasons; but from their own published reports it is easy to glean that their charities are neither economically nor intelligently administered. Where, then, our readers may be inclined to ask, is the *cui bono* of freemasonry?"

If the *Westminster Gazette* is still living it might favour us with a second edition of its article. Perhaps the gentleman who forwarded the cutting to me anonymously will continue his contributions from time to time. They are instructive.

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Speaking of cuttings brings me to the Press Agency, which supplies us with provincial and local slips. There is a certain publication named the "*Weekly Chronicle*," published in Fleet Street, which has honoured us—in its issue of the 3rd of March—by taking bodily from our pages of February 28th, a column of various matter, and setting it up as original to itself, under a heading of "Freemasonry." So clumsily has this been done that it speaks of *to-morrow, the 1st of March*, though its own issue bears date the 2nd, and it calmly stops the list of Metropolitan Lodge Meetings on the Thursday, when its date of publication enables it to include the meetings on the succeeding Friday and Saturday. My editor is a particularly generous man, and his unique knowledge of Freemasonry may be dispensed for the asking, but we have an office boy whose salary will not permit him to be generous, and whose knowledge of anything outside Bath buns and peg tops is not unique. If our contemporary will therefore allow us to supply it with a masonic column, will have the decency to acknowledge us, and will pay our office boy a small additional wage, the matter, I daresay, may be arranged. For the benefit of the "*Weekly Chronicle*," I may state that the reason we cannot afford to increase the said salary ourselves is that we pay for *our* contributions.

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The first anniversary of "Sweet Lavender" at Terry's, takes place to-night, when, I am informed, souvenirs will be presented to every visitor. A charming little house—more charming when its nut-brown and apple-green decorations are discarded—a courteous and business-like acting manager, a clever and entertaining host, and one of the best pieces Pinero has ever written, is the sum-total of attractions. When I am weary and down-hearted I go to Terry's, and when I am skittish—though my skittish days are over—I go there too, and I always walk home to my first floor back with contentment, more evenly balancing the discontent inseparable from daily toil. Discontent has made me bald, but I will not, no! I will *not* use another scribbler's application.

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There is a rather eminent young man whose professional address is Warwick Court, Holborn. He is popular with all grades of society, from the starchy policeman—who seems to enjoy the attractions of his acquaintance—to the more starchy gent of Gray's Inn, who has a nod and a smile for our young friend every time he passes. The name of this eminent gentleman is "Mike," and he is, like *Lord Fauntleroy's* Dick, a "professional boot black." Mike polishes boots to perfection—indeed, his partner in the newspaper business round the corner assures me, in confidence, that he is the finest boot polisher living. I quite believe it, for poor Mike, not being blessed with the full powers of locomotion—I sincerely hope this allusion will not hurt his sensitive nature—gives his undivided attention to his business, and he does a roaring business too. Messrs. Day and Martin have presented him with his stock-in-trade, and supply him with brushes and blacking without charge, and his license, I believe, is paid by a gentleman annually. Mr. "Mike" is a professional gentleman in more senses than one, and he has mastered the art of never having made an enemy. I am one of his early morning customers, and pay him by contract, but later day visitors are known to wait their turns to be attended to; and many a man of high degree, socially and masonically, I have seen engaged in an entertaining chat with "Mike," under the pretence of having their boots blacked.

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I have often in my journalistic capacity begged favors of compositors and readers, and the longer I live the more certain I become that something more than begging is necessary. If the gentlemen who typed "to" for *too*, and "caprisoned" for *caparisoned*, in my last week's stuff, could only imagine the vexation of spirit their neglect has caused, they would take more pains to decipher the terrible scrawl of

THE DRUID.

We extract from the pages of *The Freemason* for the information of our readers the following :—

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS. Statistics 1882-1888 Inclusive.

NAME.	Subscribed this Year.			Seven Years' Aggregate.			Annual Average.			Expended this Year.			Surplus.			Deficiency.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
London	4238	14	0	40857	8	5	5836	15	6	3377	0	6	2459	15	0	—	—	—
Bedford	—	—	—	36	15	0	5	5	0	—	—	—	5	5	0	—	—	—
Berks and Bucks	122	6	0	1164	11	6	166	7	4	83	7	8	82	19	8	—	—	—
Bristol	—	—	—	131	5	0	18	16	5	41	13	10	—	—	—	22	17	5
Cambridgeshire	—	—	—	443	2	0	63	6	0	83	7	8	—	—	—	20	7	8
Cheshire	39	18	0	701	19	6	100	5	8	83	7	8	16	18	0	—	—	—
Cornwall	82	14	0	576	14	0	94	5	5	83	7	8	10	17	9	—	—	—
Cumberland and Westmoreland	—	—	—	1602	10	0	228	18	7	125	1	6	103	17	1	—	—	—
Derby	75	12	0	2368	5	0	338	6	3	125	1	6	213	4	9	—	—	—
Devon	840	0	0	1693	6	0	242	12	3	291	16	10	—	—	—	49	4	7
Dorset	—	—	—	232	1	0	33	3	0	125	1	6	—	—	—	91	18	6
Durham	252	10	0	1034	12	0	147	16	0	208	9	0	—	—	—	60	13	0
Essex	258	6	0	1450	0	7	207	2	11	125	1	6	82	1	5	—	—	—
Gloucester	21	0	0	1270	19	6	181	11	4	166	15	4	14	16	0	—	—	—
Hants and Isle of Wight	152	6	0	1999	0	6	285	11	5	291	14	10	—	—	—	6	3	5
Hereford	—	—	—	53	10	0	7	12	10	—	—	—	7	12	10	—	—	—
Herts	—	—	—	521	16	0	74	10	10	125	1	6	—	—	—	50	10	8
Kent	231	15	6	4812	11	6	687	11	1	416	18	4	270	12	9	—	—	—
Lancashire E.	126	5	0	3108	5	0	444	0	9	458	12	2	—	—	—	14	11	5
Lancashire W.	84	0	0	1264	15	0	180	13	7	416	18	4	—	—	—	236	4	9
Leicester and Rutland	—	—	—	777	15	0	111	2	2	41	13	10	69	8	4	—	—	—
Lincoln	21	0	0	84	0	0	12	0	0	166	15	4	—	—	—	154	15	4
Middlesex	305	13	6	2073	10	6	296	4	4	250	3	6	46	0	10	—	—	—
Monmouth	—	—	—	638	3	0	91	3	3	125	1	6	—	—	—	33	18	3
Norfolk	—	—	—	403	4	0	58	6	3	250	3	0	—	—	—	197	16	9
North Wales	71	8	0	467	10	0	66	14	3	83	7	8	—	—	—	16	13	5
Norths and Hunts	117	12	0	682	17	0	97	11	0	83	7	8	13	3	4	—	—	—
Northumberland	—	—	—	1395	1	6	199	6	7	125	1	6	74	5	1	—	—	—
Notts	—	—	—	692	4	0	98	17	9	41	13	10	57	3	11	—	—	—
Oxford	57	15	0	619	4	0	88	9	2	125	1	6	—	—	—	36	12	4
Shropshire	10	10	0	208	1	0	29	14	5	41	13	10	—	—	—	11	19	5
Somerset	210	0	0	1579	11	6	225	13	1	291	16	10	—	—	—	66	3	9
S. Wales, E.	—	—	—	1229	6	6	175	12	4	166	15	6	8	17	0	—	—	—
S. Wales, W.	241	15	0	812	5	0	116	0	9	166	15	4	—	—	—	50	14	7
Stafford	105	0	0	1931	3	0	275	17	7	208	9	2	67	8	5	—	—	—
Suffolk	136	10	0	1090	12	0	155	16	0	41	13	10	114	2	2	—	—	—
Surrey	53	15	0	1106	3	6	158	0	6	166	15	4	—	—	—	8	14	10
Sussex	30	14	0	1399	7	0	199	18	2	208	9	2	—	—	—	8	11	0
Warwick	—	—	—	969	2	0	138	8	7	208	9	2	—	—	—	70	0	7
Wilts	—	—	—	688	14	0	98	7	9	83	7	8	15	0	1	—	—	—
Worcester	57	15	0	983	4	0	140	9	2	83	7	2	57	2	0	—	—	—
Yorkshire, N. and E.	37	16	0	1688	11	6	229	15	11	208	9	2	21	6	9	—	—	—
Yorkshire, W.	260	0	0	4706	16	0	671	10	10	980	9	0	—	—	—	278	18	2
Channel Islands... ..	215	5	0	535	10	0	76	10	0	83	7	8	—	—	—	6	17	8
Colonies	94	10	0	526	12	9	75	4	8	333	10	8	—	—	—	258	6	0

The figures of the year's subscription in the *Freemason* of June 30th, 1888, were kindly corrected for me up to the last day of October, and I regret to say have never shown so poor a result for the last ten years and more, and I trust they will never again show such a falling off.—Yours fraternally, P.M. 1607.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

THE BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE—No. 1805—had a very pleasant evening on the occasion of the masonic ball (for which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M., granted dispensation authorising Craft clothing to be worn), on the 5th inst., at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, and the members are to be congratulated on the satisfactory result to the benevolent fund, as about ten guineas will be added to it. Great credit is due to the principal officers and P.M.'s, and Bro. W. M. Mead (the hon. sec.) for carrying through so successfully one of the most pleasant meetings of this lodge. Amongst the officers and brethren of the lodge present were Bros. H. Johnson, W.M.; R. Toole, S.W.; Ben Johnson, J.W.; J. Bailey, I.P.M.; A. Peterken and H. B. Forbes, P.M.'s; W. M. Mead, sec.; J. Warn, S.D.; W. Potts, E. Hambridge, E. R. Speirs, Griffith, C. W. Hankey, G. H. Fennell, W. J. Roberts, and N. Howard; also present, Bros. George Brown, P.M., D.C. 169; Minett, S.W. 1672; A. Rivier, 879; T. G. Scott, I.G. 933; Plater, S.W.; J. W. Gibbs, org.; A. Paterson, S.D.; D. Amman, D.C.M., all 1804; T. Cole, 907; F. T. Wood, S.D. 1672; W. Lee, 1693; C. D. Mears, W.M. 1076; C. E. Fardell, 1538; J. T. Warman, 1382; E. Waller, S.W., and S. Thomp. O.I. P.M. No. 9; T. Butler, 898; T. Taylor, 1227; Bown and Martin, 65. It is, we believe, the intention of the members of this lodge to organise a summer outing and banquet in July, so that the lady friends of the brethren may have the opportunity of another agreeable recreative exercise.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

UBIQUE—No. 1789.—On Monday, the 18th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Westminster, S.W.—Bro. W. R. Arnold, W.M.—Bros. E. Morris, S.W.; J. Christian, J.W.; Geo. Mason, P.M. 1789, acting preceptor; W. W. Blades, S.D.; Lieut. R. M. Laird, J.D.; Captain A. C. Hansard, I.G.; W. Arnold, W. Dickson, A. Parry, J. Lawson, and H. Hart. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hart representing the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dickson being the candidate. The lodge was called "off and on." The lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed down. Bro. A. Parry, of the Adams Lodge, No. 158, was elected a joining member. Bro. Morris was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

WANDSWORTH—No. 1044.—The 26th annual festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening last at the East Hill Hotel, Alma Road. The chair was taken at 6 p.m. by Bro. Higerty, P.M., 1044 and 1714, P.P.G.D. (Surrey); Bro. J. J. Black, P.M. 1564, S.W.; Bro. Baker, 1360, J.W.; Bro. J. M. Parsons, J.D. 1564, Secretary; Bro. Jones, P.M. 1563, &c., Treasurer; Bro. Brooks, S.W. and M.-elect 382, S.D.; Bro. Tavernor, J.D., and Bro. R. Monger, A.D.C. 1044, I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, when the W.M., with Bros. W. Foddy, 1044; J. G. Carter, P.M. 1044; R. Monger, A.D.C. 1044; H. Baker, 1360, and J. M. Parsons, J.D. 1564, performed in a most admirable manner the work of the evening, viz., the five sections of the second lecture. The brethren present numbered 45. A very imposing feature of the evening was the reading of a letter received from the Grand Lodge of Germany, sent by the personal direction of the late Emperor Frederick, acknowledging a letter of condolence from this Lodge of Instruction on the death of the Emperor William I. A great honour to the lodge. Several brethren were unanimously elected members, and before closing a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. and the "Section workers" for their excellent work. Lodge being closed, the banquet followed, and the usual toasts were responded to enthusias-

tically. During the evening the W.M. presented Bro. Higgs, P.M. 106 (Superintendent of the Locomotive Department, Nine Elms, L.&S.W.R.), with a very handsome P.M.'s collar and jewel, as a mark of the high esteem of certain of the brethren. The musical part of the programme was under the superintendence of the well-known Bro. Professor Gilardoni, 235, and Bro. Monger, 1044, and the following contributed to the programme: Bros. Peterkin, R. Monger, Black, P.M., Bray, Cutting, Dench, Cowley, W.M. 1044, and Frost. The "visitors" spoke in the highest praise of the musical talent displayed, giving it as their opinion also that from personal knowledge there was no Lodge of Instruction in England to surpass their Wandsworth Lodge in the perfection of its emulation working.

CLAPTON—No. 1365.—On Friday, the 15th inst., at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham Road, Dalston.—Bro. Shurmer, W.M.—Bros. Caton, S.W.; Cordell, J.W.; Finch, preceptor; Church, sec.; Campbell, S.D.; Margetts, J.D.; Luker, I.G.; Fairclough, Geddes, Bats, Cunningham, Harrington, Sawyer, Wilson, Bunker, Adams, and others; and James Stevens, P.M., visitor. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, the work being thoroughly well performed by W.M. and assistant officers. Responding to an expressed wish of the members present, Bro. Stevens agreed to deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree," in this lodge at an early date to be arranged. Bro. Caton was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

RAVENSBORNE—No. 1601.—On Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the George Hotel, Catford, S.E.—Bro. J. A. Shelton, W.M.—Bros. D. O. Scott, S.W.; C. Thomas, J.W.; J. E. Kestrick, S.D.; H. Visger, J.D.; H. G. Walker, I.G.; H. Shaw, P.M., preceptor; C. Atkins, sec.; H. Drew, P.M.; G. Williams, J. Joyce; C. Blanchard; Hardy Smith; A. Norris; James Stevens, P.M.; W. Smith, treas., &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Joyce as candidate. The lodge was called "off and on." The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Blanchard as candidate. Bro. D. O. Scott was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, 15th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present.—Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, preceptor; Capt. R. J. Vincent, Z. 1777, H. 1329, M.E.Z.; Patrick, H.; G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. elect, 169, J.; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; W. Briant, 1329, S.N.; Wingham, 25, P.S.; C. Woods, A.S. 1275, A.S.; Neeld, P.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z.; and Addington, M.E.Z. 1275. The chapter was regularly opened by the principals. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington candidate. Comp. Patrick was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Hearty vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Vincent for his able work as M.E.Z. for the first time in the chapter. The S.E. reported that the annual supper would take place on 5th April.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE ROSE—No. 1622.—There was a crowded attendance on Thursday, 12th inst., at the annual supper of the Rose Lodge of Instruction, when the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. Page, P.M. 1475, &c., P.Z., ably occupied the chair. The stewards for the evening were Bros. T. Grummant, P.M., P.Z., sec.; C. H. Stone, 1641, I.G. 507, asst. sec.; J. Addington, P.M., M.E.Z. 1275; H. Martin, S.D. 1622; J. T. Penney, W.M. 1679; and W. Towers, W.M. 15. Bro. Hilton, P.M., P.Z., in a neat little speech, proposed the health of the chairman, to which Bro. Page ably responded. Bro. Page proposed the Rose Lodge of Instruction, engulphing the excellent work it was doing, and pointing out its almost cosmopolitan influence. Bro. Rose, P.M., preceptor, gave a suitable response. Bros. W. Cowley, P.M., P.Z., treas., and T. Grummant, P.M., P.Z., sec., responded to the toast of their health. The latter reported an average attendance of 27½ (average P.M.'s 7). He drew attention to the 4th Charitable Association, which when closed will bring up the total contributions to the charities to nearly £1,000. Bros. Harcourt, West, and Todd, gave capital recitations, and Bro. Stone, Capt. Thornhill, Morgan, Lowton, and Whitehead delighted the brethren with some splendid songs.

PROVINCIAL.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—PRIORY LODGE—No. 1863—Held their regular meeting in the Freemasons' Hall, Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, on Thursday, March 14th Bro. John Goull, W.M., in the chair. Bros. H. Bott, S.W., P.G.Chap.; Wm. Spicer, J.W.; Chas. Roope, sec., P.P.G.O.; J. O. Wallace, I.P.M., acting S.D.; Geo. R. Duncan, P.M., acting I.P.M.; J. A. Wait, acting J.D.; Chas. H. S. Sherlock, org.; and R. F. Kidd, I.G. Several apologies were received from officers of the lodge who were unable to be present owing to sickness. Members present:—Bros. J. T. Davison, P.M., P.P.G.S.; J. Frazer; G. Renwick; R. S. Story; W. Weller; and J. Robertson, P.M. Visitors:—Bros. R. L. Markham, P.M. 24; A. Trail, P.M. St. George's, 190 (Grand Lodge of Scotland); W. Cummins, I.G., St. George's, 431; C. F. Sutcliffe, W.M., St. Hilda's, 240; W. Moffoot, S.W., 240; W. H. Thorn, S.D., 240; J. A. Hall, P.M., 240; G. Wilson, 240; S. W. Linsley, 240; R. Bromley, 240; H. J. Adams, 240; J. D. Marshall, W.M., Hadrian, 1970; J. T. Ross, S.W., 1970; J. W. Henderson, S.D., 1970; J. Ashworth, I.G., 1970; M. J. Wheatley, P.M.D.C., 1970; J. H. Penney, J.W., 1970; A. Walton, 1970; G. R. Potts, 1970; D. Walton, 1970; J. R. Young, 1970; J. Rigby, St. Bele, 1119; J. A. Armstrong, sec. Gosforth, 1664; R. Wilson, S.W., 1664; A. Hall, Walker, 1312; J. N. Simpson, I.G., Northern Counties, 406; W. E. Nicholson, Percy, 1427; W. J. Bell, S.W., 1626; C. A. Bushell, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Ridley, 2260 and 1427; W. G. Reynolds, J.W. 2260; J. B. Lazenby, S.D., 2260; G. Lisle, S.S., 2260; J. R. Roberts, I.G., 2260; J. Schmitzer, 511 and 2260; A. P. Ball, sec., 2260; and H. W. Dixon, J.S., 2260. Bro. J. H. Wesenercraft was raised to the third degree by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. The visitors from the various lodges having tendered their hearty good wishes, the lodge was closed in love and harmony at 9 p.m.

ESSEX—LOUGHTON.—THE BAGSHAW LODGE—No. 1457.—W. Bro. J. C. Hopwood, W.M.—This lodge held a regular meeting at the Public Hall, Loughton, on Thursday, the 14th inst. The W.M. opened his lodge at 4.30 p.m., supported by the following officers:—Bros. W. Shadrake, S.W.; H. Day, J.W.; C. J. Edwards, sec.; J. Langdon, D.C.; G. J. Thompson, P.P.G. Org., I.G.; and O. Steffin, org. There were also present Past Masters J. A. Clarkson, J. Tanner, T. J. Nunn, E. Sholander, and J. Crowther; Bros. A. Sawyer, G. Smith, C. E. Skinner, R. Fish, G. Austin, W. White, &c.; and visitors, W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 1216, &c., and Bros. J. Margett and W. A. Longdon, both of No. 45; W. F. Bertram, 1426; W. M. Ward and G. L. B. Lenham, both of No. 1962; and R. Green, J.W., Colbourn, No. 1804. Bro. G. Smith was raised to the third degree with very impressive ceremony, and subsequently Messrs. Charles K. Fenton, Alfred James Floyd Gunning, and Charles Savin Foster, were initiated into the Order. The whole ceremonial was admirably performed by W. Bro. J. C. Hopwood, the W.M. After the disposal of routine business, the brethren partook of an excellent supper in the large hall, and a capital musical entertainment was carried out by the members of the lodge under the direction of Bro. J. Margett, and assisted by other visitors. An exceedingly pleasant evening was passed before the brethren separated for their respective homes.

NORTHS AND HANTS.—On the 12th inst. the Right Worshipful the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. for the Province of Northants. and Hants., assisted by Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., P.G.St.B., consecrated a new lodge at St. Neots, which is to be called the Euston Lodge. The ceremony was largely attended by brethren from lodges within and without the province. The following brethren represented the Stamford Merit Lodge—Bros. E. P. Monckton, A. J. Moyes, J. T. Holmes, C. Roberts, G. Spademan, F. L. Gooch, Ernals, Barker, and Packer. Business over, the brethren adjourned to the public rooms, where a banquet was held, at which about 100 brethren sat down.

WORK WITH DIGNITY.

We have noticed on many occasions a lack of dignity on the part of officers and members while conferring degrees that is far from becoming. One of the Degrees is designated "sublime," and there is an old adage that "there is but one step from the sublime to the ridiculous."

How often is this step taken in many of our lodges?

To the candidate first impressions are most lasting, and levity at the beginning impresses him with the belief that the forms and ceremonies are not matters of solemnity, but mere farcical necessities in order to make up a form of initiation. We have seen candidates who have acquired these impressions in the ante-room, maintained them in the preparation room, and could not divest themselves of them even during the solemn ceremonies of the lodge-room. The reason of this has been the folly of members who profess to be the friends of the candidate, but who really, for the purposes of Masonry, are exactly opposite.

Some men are sensitive. Masters of Ceremonies should remember this, and perform their duties with such dignity as would impress the candidate with the solemnity which is expressed in the words of the Senior Deacon when he bids him enter the lodge room. To use levity outside and beyond the eye of the Master is to treat him with disrespect which would not be allowed in his presence, and at the very outset give the candidate a bad impression. Men of refined tastes become shocked, while those who are of a different frame of mind are not prepared to receive those valuable moral lessons which Masonry is designed to teach.

How much more so is this the case when those who are engaged in the "floor work" of the "sublime degree" forget the lesson which is the true interpretation of the allegory? What integrity can be expected from one who has been made the victim of a farce? And yet it must appear so to those who, having been the first to go through the ordeal and have the opportunity of seeing their companions pass along the same road, when they notice members in their seats "enjoying" the mishaps of their fellow man, apparently without considering the lesson taught thereby. Can it be wondered at that the subsequent instruction is not attentively listened to on such occasions?

Work then, with dignity, so that each lesson may make its proper impression and become lasting.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

Secretaries of Lodges will greatly oblige us by checking our Lists of Lodge Meetings, in regard to their individual lodges; and in any case of error by forwarding a post-card to the Editor, at 59, Moor Lane, London, E.C., thus:

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, MARCH 21st.			(4th) TUESDAY, MARCH 26th—continued.		
23	Globe	F. M. H.	165	Honor and Generosity	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
49	Ghlon	Guilddhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.	186	Industry	F. M. H.
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.	205	Israel	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.	255	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford, E.	1158	Southern Star	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	1318	Ebony	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
181	Universal	F. M. H.	1441	Ivy	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood	1744	Royal Savoy	F. M. H.
813	New Concord	Guilddhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.	R.A.C.		
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood	21	Cyrus	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1227	Upton	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.	228	United Strength	Guilddhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.	Mark.		
1321	Emblematic	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.	332	Borough of Greenwich	William the 4th, Trafalgar Rd., Grnwhch.
1365	Clapton	Gt. Eastern Hot., Liverpool St., E.C.	(4th) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th.		
1475	Peeckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	2	Antiquity	F. M. H.
1598	Leyspring	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	201	Jordan	Ditto
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	212	Euphrates	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich	753	Prince Frederick William	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
1963	Duke of Albany	Albert Palace, Battersea Park	754	High Cross	Seven Sister's Hot., Tottenham, N.
R.A.C.			1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
217	Stability	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	1056	Victoria	Guilddhall Tav., Gresham Street E.C.
834	Andrew	Windsor Castle Hot., Hammersmith	1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey R., Camberwell	1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
(4th) FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd.			1718	Centurion	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
60	Peace and Harmony	F. M. H.	1818	Clapham	Army & Navy Hot., Victoria St., S.W.
197	Jerusalem	Ditto	1820	Sir Thomas White	Holborn Viaduct Hot., E.C.
569	Fitzroy	Hd. Qrs., Hon. Artillery Co., City Road	R.A.C.		
2157	St. Mark's College	Victoria Mansions Rest., S.W.	1624	Eccleston	F. M. H.
R.A.C.			(4th) THURSDAY, MARCH 28th.		
1591	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.	34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.	65	Prosperity	Guilddhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
(4th) SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd.			66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
1297	West Kent	Crystal Palace, Sydenham	99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1679	Henry Muggerridge	M.H. Tav., Coleman Street, E.C.	507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, London Bldg., S.E.
(4th) MONDAY, MARCH 25th.			766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
4	Royal Somerset H'sc & Invnss.	F. M. H.	861	Fin-bury	St. Botolph Chmbrs., 191, Bishopsgate St.
26	Castle Lodge of Harmony	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.	871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. H.	1421	Langthorne	Angel Hotel, Hford
183	Unity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.	1608	Kilburn	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
222	St. Andrew's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	1623	West Smithfield	F. M. H.
902	Burgoyne	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
905	DeGrey and Ripon	F. M. H.	1816	Victoria Park	London Tav., Fenchurch St., E.C.
1632	Stuart	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge	R.A.C.		
1828	Shepherd's Bush	Athenaeum, Godolphin Road, W.	5	St. George's	F. M. H.
R.A.C.			177	Domatic	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.	13	Hiram	Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
(4th) TUESDAY, MARCH 26th.			118	Northumberland	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
14	Tuscan	F. M. H.	N.B.—We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.—ED. M.S.		
46	Old Union	Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.			
92	Maira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.			
145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.			

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's ...	25th Mar M. H., New Street
74	Athol ...	3rd Apr M. H., Severn Street
468	Light ...	16th Apr Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful ...	9th Apr M. H., New Street
587	Howe ...	8th Apr Ditto
739	Temperance ...	11th Apr Ditto
887	Leigh ...	27th Mar Ditto
925	Bedford ...	15th Apr Ditto
938	Grosvenor ...	17th Apr Ditto
1016	Elkington ...	26th Mar Ditto
1031	Fletcher ...	10th Apr Ditto
1163	Emulation ...	28th Mar Ditto
1180	Forward ...	1st Apr Ditto
1474	Israel ...	8th Apr M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity ...	16th Apr M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	21st Jun Ditto
R.A.C.		
43	Fortitude ...	9th Apr Great Western Hotel
74	Athol ...	28th May M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe ...	2nd May M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor ...	7th May Ditto
1016	Elkington ...	4th Apr Ditto
1031	Fletcher ...	4th June Ditto
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
37	Anchor and Hope ...	8th Apr F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity ...	10th Apr Ditto
221	St. John ...	17th Apr Ditto
348	St. John's ...	28th Mar Ditto
1723	St. George ...	27th Mar Ditto
R.A.C.		
37	Concord ...	15th Apr Ditto
221	St. John ...	5th June Ditto
348	St. John's ...	9th Apr Ditto
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
302	Hope ...	15th Apr M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha ...	2nd Apr M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	10th Apr M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	5th Apr Ditto
R.A.C.		
302	Charity ...	15th Apr Ditto
600	Sincerity ...	2nd Apr F. M. H., Salem Street
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
271	Royal Clarence ...	19th Apr Royal Pavillion
315	Royal York ...	2nd Apr Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Apr Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	20th Apr Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	6th Apr Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia ...	26th Mar Royal Pavillion
1821	Atlingworth TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar Ditto
1947	Stanford ...	10th Apr Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.		
271	Lennox ...	3rd May Royal Pavillion
315	Royal Pavillion ...	16th Apr Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Apr Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	31st May Old Ship Hotel
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
68	Royal Clarence ...	8th Apr F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort ...	2nd Apr Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality ...	10th Apr Ditto
326	Maira ...	18th Apr Ditto
610	Colston ...	17th Apr Ditto
686	Jerusalem ...	9th Apr Ditto
1388	Canynges ...	6th Apr Ditto
1404	St. Vincent ...	28th Mar Ditto
2257	Powell ...	25th Mar Ditto
R.A.C.		
68	Royal Clarence ...	18th May Ditto
103	Beaufort ...	26th Mar Ditto
187	Charity ...	4th Apr Ditto
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
42	Relief TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	17th Apr Bridge Inn
191	St. John ...	11th Apr Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	4th Apr Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton ...	28th Mar Stanley Arms
R.A.C.		
42	Unanimity ...	23rd May Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th May Bridge Inn
CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
88	Scientific ...	8th Apr Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles ...	1st Apr Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty. ...	2nd Apr Ditto
1492	Alma Mater TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.		
88	Pythagoras ...	26th June Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity ...	3rd July Ditto
859	Euclid ...	(?) Ditto
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
253	Tyrian ...	26th Mar M. H., Gower Street
751	Arboretum ...	10th Apr Ditto
802	Repose ...	18th Apr Ditto
1085	Hartington ...	3rd Apr Ditto
R.A.C.		
253	Justice ...	14th May Ditto
731	Truth ...	17th Apr Ditto
HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
708	Carnaryon ...	8th May Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon ...	15th May Ditto
788	Crescent ...	23rd Apr Ditto
1194	Villiers ...	20th Apr Ditto
1293	Burdett ...	27th Apr Ditto
1415	Campbell ...	13th Apr Ditto
1494	Felix ...	6th Apr Ditto
1512	Hemming TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave ...	20th Jul Ditto

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HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—continued.		
1691	Quadratic ...	13th May Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp ...	4th Apl Ditto
2087	Electric ...	25th May Ditto
2105	Canva ...	21th June Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court ...	10th Apr Ditto
R.A.C.		
778	Bard of Avon ...	9th May Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May Ditto
1293	Burdett ...	11th May Ditto
1691	Quadratic ...	15th Apr Ditto
HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
57	Humber TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva ...	27th Mar M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston ...	3rd Apr M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR., ...	22nd Mar 58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce... ...	5th Apr Ditto
R.A.C.		
57	Humber ...	28th Mar F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston ...	18th Oct M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR., ...	22nd Mar 58, Charlotte Street
ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
1004	Athole ...	3rd Apr M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	9th Apr M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald ...	10th Apr M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	2nd Apr Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	17th Apr Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	9th Apr Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	8th Apr M. H., Douglas
R.A.C.		
1004	Athole ? TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
ISLE OF WIGHT—7 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
35	Medina ...	11th Apr 85, High Street, Cowes
151	Albany ...	8th Apr M. H., Newport
175	East Medina ...	17th Apr M. H., Ryde
551	Yarborough ...	16th Apr M. H., Ventnor
698	Ryde ...	5th Apr M. H., Ryde
1869	Sandown TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar M. H., Sandown
1884	Chiloe ...	28th Mar M. H., Shanklin
R.A.C.		
151	Albany ...	24th Apr 48, Pyle Street, Newport
175	East Medina ...	31st May M. H., Ryde
LANCASTER—4 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
281	Fortitude ...	10th Apr M. R., Church Street
1051	Rowley ...	1st Apr Ditto
1353	Duke of Lancaster ...	17th Apr Ditto
1561	Morecambe ...	5th Apr King's Arms, Morecambe
R.A.C.		
1051	Rowley ...	19th Aug M. R., Church Street
LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
289	Fidelity ...	4th Apr M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	27th Mar M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ...	5th Apr M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich ...	1st Apr Ditto
1221	Defence ...	8th Apr M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland ...	19th Apr M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence ...	13th Apr Ditto
R.A.C.		
289	Fidelity ...	9th Apr M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	3rd Apr M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ...	12th Apr M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar M. H., Great George Street
LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
279	St. John's ...	3rd Apr F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt T-DY., ...	21st Mar Ditto
1391	Commercial TO-MOR., ...	22nd Mar Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	9th Apr Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	15th Apr Ditto
R.A.C.		
279	Fortitude ...	*5th Apl Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	*4th June Ditto
LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.		
32	St. George's ...	27th Mar Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Apr M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union T-DY., ...	21st Mar Ditto
216	Harmonic ...	9th May Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants ...	9th Apr M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners ...	4th Apr Ditto
292	Sincerity ...	8th Apr Adelphi Hotel
594	Downshire ...	28th Mar M. H., Hope Street
667	Alliance ...	16th Apr Ditto
673	St. John ...	2nd Apr Ditto
680	Sefton ...	5th Apr Ditto
724	Derby ...	27th Mar Ditto
786	United Service ...	11th Apr Ditto
823	Everton ...	17th Apr Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	3rd Apr Ditto
1094	Temple ...	10th Apr Ditto
1182	Dk. of Ednbggh. ...	11th Apr Ditto
1264	Neptune ...	1st Apr Ditto
1299	Pembroke TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley ...	25th Mar M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	8th Apr Ditto
1356	Toxteth ...	10th Apr 80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer TO-DAY, ...	21st Mar M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel ...	15th Apr Ditto
1505	Emulation ...	28th Mar Ditto
1547	Liverpool ...	10th Apr Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	16th Apr Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic ...	26th Mar Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	3rd Apr Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	26th Mar M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo ...	3rd Apr Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence ...	15th Apr Ditto
2215	Anfield ...	28th Mar Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	27th May Adelphi Hotel
2289	Great Crosby ...	(?)
2290	Fairfield ...	1st Apr M.ooms, Fairfield
R.A.C.		
32	Jerusalem ...	15th Apr Adelphi Hotel

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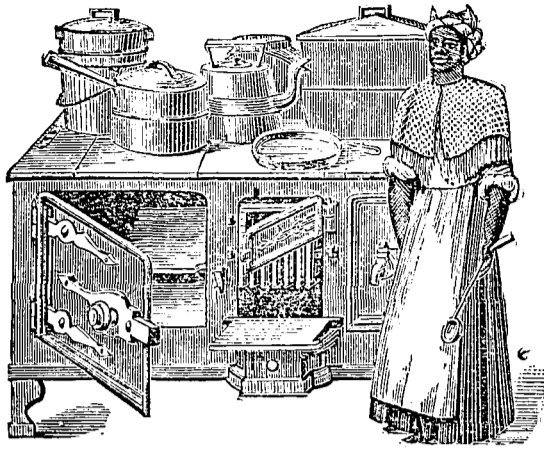
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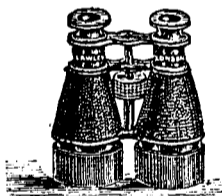
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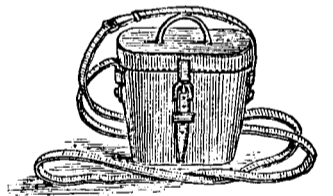
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