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LODGE HISTORIES.

THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.

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AS we have already mentioned, the records of this Lodge from 1822 up to 1847 have been lost, and accordingly very meagre details of its doings during that period are forthcoming. Every available source has been drawn upon to supply the missing link, but, as may be expected, not very much has been accomplished. The records of Provincial Grand Lodge have, however, supplied something, and this, with other matter, is included in Chapter XII. of Bro. Crossley's History. At one part of the period referred to great depression appears to have reigned among the members, and it is a wonder the Lodge did not cease to exist. The returns at the beginning of 1822 show that there were 20 subscribing members, which number varied from time to time, going as low as five, whilst in 1847 there was the goodly roll of 62.

A curious and humorous entry appears in the Provincial Grand Lodge records of 1827, which goes to show the position some of the members of Probity considered their Lodge held. From this it appears that Bro. C. Whiteley, of Halifax, had written to a Brother at Wakefield, in somewhat un-Masonic terms, besides holding out a threat "to lay the conduct of the Provincial Grand Lodge before the Lodge of Probity." These matters the brethren assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge considered "as an evidence that Bro. C. Whiteley must have altogether forgotten the respect he owes to this Provincial Grand Lodge, as this Lodge would think it highly derogatory to its dignity to answer for its proceedings to any Provincial Lodge whatever." This record may well be termed "humorous," but no doubt there were brethren in those days—even if there are not still some among us—who would feel quite justified in asserting themselves in an equally officious manner.

In 1837 Probity lost its companion Lodge of Halifax—the Lodge of Harmony, which was removed to Huddersfield, "where it has since had a prosperous career." This separation, after harmonious relations in the same town for some fifty years, did not break the friendship between the two bodies, as is evidenced from one of the earliest records in the next minute book of the Lodge of Probity, where, under date 3rd January 1848, it is stated that a Brother Peace, from the Harmony Lodge, took the chair, and being assisted by several other brethren from his Lodge went through the opening and closing ceremonies of the three degrees. From this it would appear the Probity—which we have seen was at all times ready to render help to others—was not always averse to receive it also.

In July 1838 an important event was celebrated—the Centenary of the Lodge's existence. It was not then customary to grant Centenary Warrants, as is now done, but it is recorded that a dispensation was issued for the brethren to walk in procession to the Parish Church, to celebrate the event. An account of the proceedings on this important occasion appears in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* for September 1838, and this account is embodied in the Lodge History before us. From it we gather that the "Jubilee" was held at the Old Cock Inn. The prayers at the church were read by the Venerable Archdeacon Musgrave, special psalms and lessons being selected for the

occasion. The Rev. Dr. Naylor, of Wakefield, Provincial Grand Chaplain, preached an excellent sermon, from 1 Peter xvii. 26—"Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King." The Provincial Grand Organist (Bro. Walton, of Leeds) sang "Comfort ye my people," in excellent style, supported by a Bro. Sugden and the choir. The proceedings of the day terminated with a dinner, harmony and brotherly love prevailing, it being really "the Masons' holiday." Several local dignitaries of the Craft were present at the proceedings.

On 23rd October 1844, the half-yearly meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held, under the banner of the Probity Lodge. The Right Hon. the Earl of Mexborough P.G.M. presided, and he was supported by upwards of two hundred brethren—a goodly assemblage for that period, we consider. On this occasion two very handsome silver vases were presented to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Chas. Lee), who in acknowledgment specially thanked the members of the Probity Lodge, by whom the idea of the presentation had been first mooted. In recognition of the toast, Success to the Probity Lodge, which was proposed by the Provincial Grand Master, it was stated that the Lodge had then sixty members on its roll.

On the 3rd January 1848, Provincial Grand Lodge again held its meeting under the banner of the Probity Lodge, on which occasion Bro. Lee D.P.G.M. presided. In 1849, a Lodge of Instruction was formed, meetings to be held every second Wednesday succeeding regular Lodge night. At the same time a desire was expressed to re-open the Chapter of Sincerity, and steps were taken accordingly, for it is recorded that at the next meeting £10 was voted to be applied towards the restoration of the Chapter. About this time also a Lodge Building Fund was formed, so that everything points to increased interest and activity at this particular period.

In 1849 a dispensation was granted, enabling the Lodge to attend the funeral of an old member—Bro. Christopher Rawson—in association with which record is appended an extract from a speech by this esteemed Brother, delivered at the laying of the foundation stone of the Halifax Literary and Philosophical Society's Hall. The ceremony does not appear to have been a Masonic one, but Bro. Rawson's speech was eminently Masonic, and is fittingly introduced in the records of his Lodge. The 22nd September 1851 was a special day for Yorkshire Freemasonry, a special meeting of Grand Lodge of England being then held at Bradford, on which occasion the M.W.G.M. Lord Zetland presided, and the foundation stone of St. George's Hall was laid with Masonic honours. Between 30 and 40 members of Probity were present on this occasion, and one of its members—Bro. Lawrence Bramley—was appointed Provincial Grand Senior Warden.

In January 1852 Probity once more entertained Provincial Grand Lodge, as it has done on subsequent occasions. In the following November the Mayor of Halifax invited the Lodge to join in a procession to the memory of the departed Bro. Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington. A number of brethren accepted the invitation, and attended a public funeral service at the Parish Church. At a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge (6th July 1853) a letter was read from Grand Lodge, severely censuring the Probity and other local Lodges for alleged irregularity in working, and the Provincial Grand Lodge at once passed a vote of censure on its sub-

ordinates. The brethren of Probity, however, with their old spirit of independence, considered the censure quite undeserved, and protested most strongly against it, a mass of correspondence resulting. It appears the irregularity consisted in conferring the third degree on a brother seventy-four days after he had been passed to the second, this ceremony being unfortunately postponed from the regular day, in consequence of the Lodge quarters not being available. The W.M. of the Lodge communicated the facts of the case to the Board of General Purposes, and having satisfactorily explained the cause of the irregularity, the censure was withdrawn, and matters appear to have been satisfactorily arranged. From the brief details given in the Lodge History we think the brethren of Probity are once more to be congratulated on the result of their zeal, high handed though it may appear to the ordinary observer. Even Provincial Grand Lodge felt it necessary to make a concession to the Probity over this censure, for in a kind letter from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master it was hoped that the appointment of the worthy Senior Warden (of Probity) as Provincial Grand Sword Bearer would be accepted as the olive branch of peace by the Lodge. This complimentary appointment is all the more marked because it had not been customary in the Province of West Yorkshire for such a post to be given to any Brother not a Past Master.

Since this time the Lodge has always been to the fore in taking part in public affairs, and has well maintained the energy for which it has always been famous. Among other events in which the Probity Lodge took a part may be mentioned the laying of the foundation stone of All Souls' Church (April 1856), of the Sowerby Bridge Town Hall (May 1856), the corner stone of St. Augustine's Church (1873).

(To be continued.)

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight presided; Bro. the Earl of Euston Prov. Grand Master Norths and Hunts acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman Past District Grand Master of Bengal, as Past Grand Master; Bro. Sir Victor Hedworth Williamson as Senior Warden, and Bro. the Hon. W. W. Vernon P.G.J.W. as Grand Junior Warden. After the formal opening, the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 4th September were read and confirmed. Sir Henry Aaron Isaacs, Lord Mayor of London, then rose. He said I beg leave to nominate our Illustrious Brother the Prince of Wales to be the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons for the ensuing year. Happy for me—indeed, I may say happy for this Lodge, and happy for the Craft—the nominator of such a nominee is perfectly independent of the aids of oratory or rhetoric, inasmuch as the name of our Most Worshipful Grand Master is engraven upon the heart of every true Mason. Lord Bacon said, "Princes are like to heavenly bodies which cause good or evil times, and which have much veneration and no rest." If I were asked to point to a Prince who in all history has earned and deservedly enjoyed more veneration than others, I should point to our Most Worshipful Grand Master. If I were asked to point to the Prince who has least rest, whose mind is most occupied by good works, whose heart is moved by a desire to serve his fellow creatures, I should again point to His Royal Highness our Most Worshipful Grand Master. Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, I feel I need say no more, and I formally nominate the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the present to be our Grand Master for the ensuing year. Brother Sherriff Harris—Most Worshipful Master in the chair, I have great pleasure in nominating for the post of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year a brother whose name is known throughout the length and breadth of the land—Brother Augustus Henry Glossop Harris—a member of the London County Council, and of Drury Lane, Covent Garden, and other theatres. He has been for many years a Freemason, having been initiated, passed, and raised in the St. Clair Lodge, No. 349, Edinburgh, in 1875; he afterwards joined the

Maybury Lodge, No. 969, London; and in 1885 became one of the founders and the first S.W. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. In 1886-7 he served the office of W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge. He is M.E.Z. of the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 59; he is Life Governor of the three Masonic Charities; he has given special prizes to the Masonic Schools, the pupils of which he has entertained at Drury Lane Theatre. I beg to nominate Bro. Augustus Henry Glossop Harris for the office of Grand Treasurer. No response was given to Bro. Beach's inquiry—Has any brother any other candidate to propose? and we can therefore heartily congratulate Brother Harris on his "walk over." Brother Beach, in re-investing Brother Robert Grey as President of the Board of Benevolence, to which post he had been appointed, said—I congratulate you on having been again appointed by the Grand Master, and I congratulate Grand Lodge on having a brother in the office whose services have been so cheerfully, willingly, and ably given. Bro. Beach announced that the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence who had been nominated by the brethren were Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune, and as those brethren were the only brethren nominated, he declared them duly elected. The twelve Past Masters nominated for the Board of Benevolence were:—

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| Bro. Brown, William Peter | - | - | - | - | 90 |
| Bunker, James | - | - | - | - | 1158 |
| Chapman, George B. | - | - | - | - | 27 |
| Cundy, George A. | - | - | - | - | 901 |
| Dairy, Charles | - | - | - | - | 141 |
| Grieve, James Burgess | - | - | - | - | 1351 |
| Haslip, Lewis Christopher | - | - | - | - | 813 |
| Langley, George R. | - | - | - | - | 183 |
| Read, George | - | - | - | - | 511 |
| Shedd, Ebenezer | - | - | - | - | 276 |
| Taylor, Robert J. | - | - | - | - | 144 |
| Woodward, Alfred Cooper | - | - | - | - | 1538 |

and as only twelve were required, he declared these brethren duly elected. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C.—Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair,—Before the report of the Board of Benevolence is put, I should like to propose one vote, which I am sure will obtain the approval of every member of this Grand Lodge; it is that the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Brett and Bro. Cottebrune, the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence, for the kind attention and the constant and unwearied perseverance with which for many years past they have attended the meetings of the Board of Benevolence. It is all very well for us to talk about our grand Masonic Charity, and the way in which it is dispensed, and it is all very well to plume ourselves on the way we relieve, month after month, candidates who appear before us for help, but it is mainly to those, who, month after month, attend the Board of Benevolence that our thanks are due, for the constant and unwearied attention they pay to those meetings. I therefore propose our hearty thanks to Bro. Brett and Bro. Cottebrune, the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence for their constant and unwearied attention to the Board of Benevolence for many years past. The Earl of Euston seconded the motion, which was carried nem con. The next business was the consideration of the report of the Board of Benevolence, the full text of which we gave last week. Bro. Robert Grey, President, rose and said that before moving that the recommendations from the Board of Benevolence be confirmed, he would wish to call the attention of Grand Lodge to certain irregularities that occurred, as far as the Board was able to know, in the petitions that were set before the Board of Benevolence, and he ventured to think that that was the first time that it could be laid before the whole Craft. According to Section 244, when a petition came before the Board from a Lodge, the Lodge which recommended the petitioner should state that "We, the undersigned, the Master, Wardens, and majority of the members of the Lodge, in open Lodge assembled," recommend the case. Frequently petitions came before the Board of Benevolence signed by the Master and Wardens and one or two of the brethren. No doubt it was an inadvertence on the part of the Lodge. Surely they could not think that the Master and Wardens carried the whole weight of the Lodge, or that that was sufficient. In fact they were not the majority, and although the Board had not absolute proofs of it they believed that was the case. Now that he had called attention to the matter, he hoped

they would conform to the Constitution in that particular. He hoped that no harm had happened to any petitioner in that respect, but certainly it could do them no good if their case was recommended by so few members of their Lodge. He would now move that the several recommendations of the Board of Benevolence be confirmed by Grand Lodge. The motion that the report be received and entered on the minutes, moved by Brother Thomas Fenn, having been carried, Brother Fenn said he would like to explain to the brethren that the electric light with which the Temple was now illuminated, for the first time, was quite of a temporary and experimental nature. It was only that night at 5 o'clock that the connection was made with the works of the Metropolitan Electric Supply Association, whose works were close at the back of Freemasons' Hall. The brethren would see they were by no means complete, nor was the light so brilliant as it might be. He hoped on the next occasion of the meeting of Grand Lodge it would be found to the great advantage of the brethren, and would be an addition to their comfort. Unfortunately they would see that some of the lights were not perfect, and one in particular which happened to be over the portrait of the Most Worshipful Grand Master was not alight. But all these things would be set right in a very short time. Brother Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, then brought up the appeal:—

By Bro. Henry Godber P.M. of the Victoria in Burma Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Burma, dismissing his complaint against the said Lodge for permitting Bro. Joseph Dawson P.M. to withdraw his resignation of membership of the Lodge, which had been regularly announced in writing to the Secretary and entered on the minutes.

Brother Philbrick said the ruling of the District Grand Master against which this appeal was brought was this:—“Ruling, 9th June 1889, that there was no confirmation of the minutes accepting Bro. Dawson's withdrawal; in fact, though Brother Dawson tendered his resignation it was never accepted by the Lodge; it was, therefore, never in form according to the bye-laws of the Lodge, and therefore the District Grand Master dismissed the appeal.” Now he (Bro. Philbrick) could not help thinking that the question which the District Grand Master had to solve in this appeal was entirely answered by his own ruling. It had been ruled by his (Bro. Philbrick's) distinguished, and, he was sorry to say, deceased predecessor, Bro. McIntyre, and it had always been held as accepted law, that Masonry being a voluntary Society, the moment a brother announced his resignation and communicated it to his Lodge he ceased to be a member of the Lodge. It was customary to accompany the resignation with terms asking the Lodge to accept it, and often—usually—with expressions of good feeling and regard and attachment to the Lodge. But those were individual matters which did not affect the status of a brother as a member of the Lodge; he had a right to withdraw on signifying his intention to the Lodge; and when he withdrew, and said he withdrew, and signified it to the Lodge, it was no longer in the power of the Lodge to retain him against his wish as a member of the Lodge for a single day. That ruling was clearly laid down by Bro. McIntyre in 1874, following a long succession of precedents; it was referred to in the record of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge of that day. I remember, as appears by the paper he (Brother McIntyre) said something to the same effect—to the effect that he concurred in that ruling. Here the brother who was about to retire from the Lodge wrote, on the 29th June 1889, to the Secretary: “Dear Sir and Brother, From what has lately transpired in the Lodge I have no other alternative than to tender my resignation of membership, which I trust will be accepted with regret, by the end of this month.” That was communicated to the Lodge 832 at their next regular meeting. Of course the brother was not present; he resigned on the 31st of January, two days before the date of the letter. That was entered on the minutes; so that the brother *de facto* ceased to be a member of the Lodge. Afterwards some of the brethren desired that he might reconsider his determination. Of course it was too late as far as membership of the Lodge was concerned, and then they passed a resolution that he should come back to the Lodge, that he should not cease to be a member, and that he should withdraw his resignation. The resolution had not been communicated, and it was not a matter for the Lodge to express its feelings upon—they expressed a wish that he should

withdraw it, and he refused to do so. Under those circumstances it was quite clear that there had been a resignation on the part of this brother; he had communicated it to the Lodge, and that, *ipso facto*, made the resignation, whether the Lodge accepted it or not, and the Lodge had nothing to do with it. Under those circumstances, the ruling that there was no withdrawal, he thought, proceeded on an entire misconception of the case. Therefore, as the facts stood, the resignation, he thought, did take effect, and that the action of the District Grand Master could not be supported, and that this Grand Lodge must hold that he was wrong. He, therefore, begged to move that the appeal be allowed, and the decision of the District Grand Master be reversed, and the Grand Lodge declare that the resignation of Bro. Dawson communicated to the Lodge virtually caused his resignation of the Lodge. Bro. Thomas Fenn in seconding the motion said, Grand Lodge after its former decision could not come to any other conclusion. Bro. J. S. Cumberland said, taking it from the ruling of the Grand Registrar, once a brother sent in his resignation it was final. Although between the sending in of the resignation and the meeting of his Lodge an opportunity might occur for doing so, he had no power to withdraw it. If the brother wished to remain a member of the Lodge he must be re-proposed and balloted for. After some remarks by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.G.C., Bro. Philbrick said he had been appealed to to make a statement of Masonic law besides that which was required by the case in hand. At the same time, having listened to the remarks of the brother who had first spoken, he thought in his case the right and true course was pursued, viz.: that the brethren who had resigned in open Lodge had to submit to their names being balloted for again, the fees of the Lodge were remitted, and they resumed the status of members among their brethren. It was always bad to quote oneself as an authority. From the moment a member in the Lodge said “I resign,” his membership was ended, and a line was struck. That was the dividing line. Of course a brother might repent of retiring; he might write a letter; but if he communicated it to the Lodge, of course it was beyond his own control; when he had communicated it to the Lodge, then the line was drawn, and he could not become a member again, except under such circumstances as had been alluded to by Bro. Smyth. That was, he thought, a very intelligible and clear rule to be laid down; it avoided difficulties; but it was exactly in accordance with what every one would understand when he said if he as a commercial man wrote and said, “You have the offer of certain matters,” and the person to whom he wrote back had said, “I accept the offer,” that was a bargain. If the person said, “I disclaim it,” and wrote to disclaim of his own motion, why then he had effectively disclaimed it. Bro. James Lewis Thomas, with diffidence, begged to differ from what had fallen from Grand Registrar. He agreed with him that were the resignation was accepted the withdrawal from membership should stand. But the brother should have the power and liberty to withdraw his resignation until the meeting of the Lodge. It seemed to him a commonsense view of the case. Until a resignation was accepted, he did not think it was final. The motion of the Grand Registrar was then put, and carried, and Grand Lodge was closed.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge has consented to preside at a Festival Dinner, on 11th December next, at the Hotel Metropole, in aid of the funds of the Bethnal Green Free Library. This Library depends entirely for its support upon voluntary effort. His Royal Highness will be supported by members of both Houses of Parliament and other influential friends of the institution.

The Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332, will be consecrated on Wednesday next, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, William the Fourth, East Greenwich. The Grand Secretary, Brother Colonel S. H. Clerke, who will be assisted by several of the Grand Officers, will conduct the ceremony, which is fixed to take place at 4 p.m.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

MASONIC ANTIQUITY;

BROTHER GOULD'S NEWLY ASSUMED
CHAMPIONSHIP FOR.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

(Continued from page 355).

AS belief and disbelief is independent of human will, I cannot blame Bro. Gould for his "new departure," as the Editor of the *Freemason* called it, but when he undertook to convert others to his changed belief, he ought to have furnished better reasons than he did in his Commentary on the Masonic Poem and in his Glasgow address.

Briefly, Bro. Hayter Lewis, in November 1886 informed the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, that Professor D. Marks had seen an Arabic MS., in Hebrew characters, about seven years ago, in which the Hiram legend was given, and Bro. Lewis added:—

"I have since then been informed that a MS., which seems to be of the character above referred to by Dr. Marks, is said to have been in the Cambridge University Library, and very possibly may be the actual one to which he refers."

This theory of Professor Hayter Lewis Bro. Gould attacked, in the *Philadelphia Keystone* of 4th December 1886. I was informed privately that while Dr. Marks claimed to have seen the Arabic MS. in the Bodleian Library, upon inquiry no such MS. was to be found there. Recently, however, Bro. Gould has changed his opinion; the first reason he gave in his Commentary of the Masonic or "Regius Poem" is as follows:—

"About ten years ago an Arabic MS. came to the notice of Professor Marks . . . This work referred to a sign or password known to the Masonic brotherhood, each letter being an initial of a separate word, which word makes up the sentence, 'We have found our Lord Hiram.' The title of the M.S., Dr. Marks says, has passed out of his memory, but he believes it was an introduction to the Sunnah, and the date he assigns to it is that of the 14th century. The book was found by him, to the best of his recollection, in the Bodleian Library, and he adds, 'I made out its meaning readily, inasmuch as the passage referred to Masonry, which, by the bye, it traced up to the Patriarchs, if not to Adam himself.' (Regius Commentary, p 13.)

As I have in a measure been instrumental in directing the investigation of the Cambridge MS. referred to by Bro. Hayter Lewis, I will first furnish evidence that no such a MS. ever existed in Cambridge.

First, in the *Freemason* of 1874, page 584, Bro. Hughan stated that he had read an article by Bro. Jacob Norton, stating that the Rev. George Oliver, in his "Freemason's Treasury," said, that Desaguliers and Anderson obtained the Hiram legend from idle tales taken out of the Jewish Targums, which were published in London, A.D. 1715, from a MS. in the University Library, at Cambridge. Hence Bro. Hughan urged Bro. Woodford to make inquiry into the case. A few days after the above was published Bro. Woodford received from me a similar request for inquiry. On page 610 of the same volume of the *Freemason* is the following reply:—

"Bro. Hughan's note has anticipated Bro. Norton's, so we do not deem it needful to publish it . . . We are authorised to state that Bro. Woodford is at this moment engaged in inquiries at the Cambridge University and at the British Museum, endeavouring to verify Dr. Oliver's original statement."

On page 719 of the same volume I find as follows:—

"Some reference has recently been made by Bro. Hughan and Bro. Norton to some tales from the Talmud, published in 1715, and alluded to by Dr. Oliver. I have had a long search made. No such a book . . . exists, at any rate of that date [but he heard] that such a book was published at Amsterdam (not in London) in 1715."

And promised to make further inquiry. On page 75 of Vol. VIII of the *Freemason* (1875) Bro. Lewis may read as follows:—

"In answer to Bro. Hughan, Mr. Bernsley, the Librarian of Cambridge University, tells me there is no legend to be traced. Indeed, it could not well be in the Targums. Oliver's statement is therefore incorrect."

In other words, Oliver invented the story about the Cambridge MS. Hence Bro. Hayter Lewis must therefore give up the idea that Dr. Marks ever saw such a MS. at Cambridge.

And now for another statement made by Dr. Marks. But I must preface by stating that I made the acquaintance of the late Bro. Henry Faudel, of the firm of Faudel and Phillips, in Newgate-street, in 1853, when he told me that Masonry was not ancient. Bro. Faudel was a member of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, was Grand Deacon in 1846,

he was acquainted with the German and French languages, possessed an excellent library, was a friend of Dr. Crucifix, was appointed by the Doctor as his executor, and for two years after Dr. Crucifix demised, Bro. Faudel virtually edited the *Masonic Magazine*, or whatever its name was. And this will account for his knowing, as early as 1853, what no other English Mason seems to have known before 1866, when Bro. Findel's English edition was first printed, viz., that our Masonry was not ancient.

Our acquaintance ripened into friendship. During my subsequent annual visits to England I spent many evenings at Bro. Faudel's house, in Regent's Park. In the Spring of 1857 I met there Dr. Marks, who, in the course of conversation, told us that in a preface to a copy of the "Zohar" he once found the Hiram legend, but he could not remember in what edition he saw it. Bro. Faudel then turned to me, with a smile, and said, "So, after all, I was mistaken."

Now, I confess that Dr. Marks always had an exceptionally high character for truthfulness. It would therefore be wrong for me to charge him with inventing his statements. But, on the other hand, it is possible that the "Zohar" he saw may have been printed after 1730, and the writer of its preface may have been a Mason. And as to the MS. which he saw about ten years ago, I verily believe that he saw a forged copy; the said MS. may have been manufactured in the 18th or even in the 19th century. Dr. Marks is doubtless a tip top Hebrew scholar, but it does not follow that he is also a tip top expert in judging the difference between a genuine and forged MS. Every one knows that from the earliest time MSS. have been forged. The book called the "Zohar" is a forgery. It was ascribed to the pen of Rabbi Shimon Ben Yechnai, who lived in the 2nd century. But Dr. Graetz, in his History of the Jews, proved that it was manufactured in the middle of the 13th century (See *Masonic Magazine*, Vol. VII. p 528). Dr. Krause, the great Masonic sceptic, was imposed upon at York, early in this century, with a Charter alleged to have been copied from King Athelstan's original Latin copy of his Masons' Charter, which was confirmed in 1806 by somebody who called himself "Stonehouse." Not many years since, the late Bro. Woodford got hold of an old Masonic MS., on which was inscribed the name of Inigo Jones, with a date A.D. 1610, but it is known now to have been manufactured in the middle of the 18th century. The Rev. Bro. Kira of Canada exhibited a Masonic MS. in 1860, written in Scarborough, Yorkshire, dated 1505. As soon as I saw a printed copy thereof, in 1873, I at once pronounced it a 1705 MS., and not of 1505; and when the said MS. was produced, it proved that I was right, that a good figure 7 was changed into a 5 (read my letter in the *Canadian Craftsman* of March 1874, p 89). The Malcolm Charter, the Cologne Charter, and the Frederick the Great Charter are also Masonic forgeries. We see now that forged MSS. have deceived scholars, doctors and clergymen. And as the strongest reasons exist about the alleged antiquity of the Hiram legend, I must conclude that Dr. Marks, like many other scholars, was deceived by a forged MS., and I think that if the above arguments were submitted to Dr. Marks' consideration, that he would himself admit the possibility of having made such a mistake.

The next argument of Bro. Gould rests upon the poem called "Urbanitatis," which, according to the opinion of its editor, Mr. Furnival, was written in about 1460, and a hundred lines of which poem the author of the Regius poem welded on to his own poem. This poem was designed to teach good manners, and the following are specimens of the manners it taught, viz.:—

"When you come before a lord take off your cap or hood, and fall on your knee twice or thrice. Keep your cap off till you are told to put it on. Hold your chin up. Look the Lord in the face. Keep hands and feet still. Don't spit and snot. Break wind quietly. Behave well when you go into the hall. . . See that your hands are clean and your knife sharp. Don't clutch the best bit. Keep your hands from dirtying the table cloth, and don't wipe your nose on it, &c."

And again, in the Masonic Poem, are the following lines, which I give from a modern version, viz.:—

"By old time written, I find
That the prentice should be of gentle kind,
And so, sometimes, great lords' blood
Took this gemetry that is full good."

Mr. Furnival, the editor of "Urbanitatis," remarked on the above lines:—"I should like to see the evidence of a

lord's son, having become a working Mason and dwelling seven years with his Master, hys craft to learne." Our Bro. Gould, however, deduced from the fact of the attachment of the poem called "Urbanitatis" to the Masonic Poem, that there must have existed at that time a Masonic Guild composed wholly of non-operatives, or Speculative Masons, for whose instruction in good behaviour the "Urbanitatis" Poem was tacked on to the Regius Poem. He says:—

"The conclusion, therefore, to which it seems to me we are directed by the evidence is, that the persons to whom the text of the Regius MS. was sung or recited were a guild or fraternity from whom all but the memory or traditions of its ancient trade had departed."

In short, because the "Urbanitatis" Poem was tacked on to the Masonic Poem, Bro. Gould came to the conclusion that a "Speculative Lodge" existed in the 15th century. But according to my way of reasoning, I think the case was directly the reverse. I have no doubt that the author of the "Urbanitatis" designed his poem for the instruction of the most rude, ill behaved, and dirtiest class in the community, who had not sense enough to take off a hat in the presence of a nobleman, who were accustomed to spit and snot when in company with their betters, who used to clutch the best bit when eating with others from the same table, who used to wipe their noses with the table cloth, &c., &c. Hence, if the author of the Masonic Poem was not sure that a large portion, at least, of the Masons of his day were not equally dirty, rude and ill-mannered with those above described, he would never have insulted the Masonic fraternity by tacking on the Poem "Urbanitatis" to his own. The fact that he did so proves to my mind conclusively that the Regius Poem was intended for the instruction of a Guild, composed, in a large measure at least, of anything but well behaved gentlemen.

And with regard to the question which puzzled Mr. Furnival, about the allusion of the Masonic poet to the "old time written," that "some times great Lords' blood took this gemetry, &c." The poet did not say that in the 15th century there were among Masons members who could boast of having descended from great lords, but refers to "old time written." Hence, he doubtless referred to his own invention about the sons of the Egyptian nobility, whom Euclid taught "gemetry," and that is all he meant.

In Bro. Gould's lecture, at Glasgow, he produced fresh arguments in favour of his new theory. He said:—

"But a paper by Professor Hayter Lewis—'Scotch Masons' marks compared with those of other countries'—read before the British Archaeological Association, at its recent session in Glasgow, could be deemed by many persons to have gone a long way towards reinstating the old belief or tradition."

Here follows a long string of conjectures, inferences, and so forth, but which may be reduced to two points. First, that in the 13th century was introduced, with the early pointed style of Gothic, an entirely different method of finishing the surface, and that the source of this method was apparently from the East. Second, that Masons' marks do not appear to have been commonly used in Europe before late in the twelfth century.

But, in the first place, I heard from an eye witness that the stones of the old Roman aqueducts have Masons' marks on them; and second, what has the "Pointed Style" and Masons' marks to do with Speculative Masonry? I have asked two stonecutters, a German and an Englishman, why they marked the stone they wrought, and the answers in both cases were, "that in case of any fault the overseer might know whose work it was." If Bro. Lewis would take the trouble to question any stonecutter about making marks on the stones, he would receive the same answer I received. Now, I want Bro. Lewis, to inform me by what method of reasoning he came to the conclusion that thousands of years ago Masons had different reasons for marking their stone than Masons to-day have? But that is not all. In the 13th century the "Pointed Style" was known in Germany, and German stonecutters also made marks on the stones in the 13th century. But for all that Bro. Speth has proved that the German Masons knew nothing about secret signs, words, secret initiation, or any kind of Speculative Masonry. Hence, Masons' marks furnish no evidence of the existence of Speculative Masonry before the year 1717.

The last argument (as far as I can understand) of Bro. Gould is based upon a supposition that the three degrees after 1717 were received without a murmur, hence the said degrees must have been inherited from olden times, &c. But in the first place, it is well known

that the Grand Lodge would not allow Lodges to confer the 2nd and 3rd degrees before 1725, hence if the three degrees had been an old "inheritance," the Lodges would never have submitted to being deprived of their time immemorial privilege for a moment. Second, when the Grand Lodge repealed that law in 1725 but very few Lodges availed themselves of it. This was one of the arguments of Bro. Gould in the *Keystone* of 1836, he stated that even as late as 1752 there was still a Lodge in England whose W.M. was only a Fellow Craft. And third, if the mere fact (supposing it to be a fact), that because there was no murmur against the three degrees after 1717, is to be received as a proof that the three degrees were an old inheritance, then Bro. MacCalla may with equal reason prove that *Templarism* is an old inheritance; Bro. Yarker may prove that *Memphisism* is an old inheritance; Bro. Edwin A. Sherman may prove that *Rosy Crossism* was inherited from Robert Bruce, and other members of that "school" (as Bro. Gould styled them) may prove that every *moonshine* Rite or Degree that has been palmed off on credulous Masons from the beginning, up or down, to the invention of the *Mystic Shrine* and the American Masonic something known as "No. 101," are all old inheritances. To which I may add *Hiram Abiff's monument*, and St. John the Evangelist's Grand Mastership, when upwards of ninety years of age. If, therefore, my good Bro. Gould wants to convert us to his new embraced belief he must furnish better arguments than he yet has done; and until then I must continue to believe that neither "Speculative Masonry" nor Masonic Degrees existed before 1717.

BOSTON, U.S. 28th October 1889.

Obituary.

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BROTHER JOHN LAVER, P.M. 211.

By the sudden death of this highly respected brother the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, has lost another of its most devoted members, while the Craft in him will miss one of its most consistent supporters. Brother Laver died on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, at his residence, Sutherland Gardens, Paddington. He was initiated in the St. Michael's Lodge, in the year 1855, at its then headquarters, the Blue Boar, High Holborn. He filled the chair of No. 211 in the year 1860, and it was during his year that the St. Michael's Lodge removed to the hostelry where it now meets,—the Albion, Aldersgate Street. Bro. John Laver, since the death of his old comrade Brother Charles Greenwood, has filled the position of Father of his Lodge. He was held in the highest esteem by his brother members, who invariably gave full consideration to any suggestion he thought fit to offer. His funeral took place on Wednesday, at the Old Churchyard, Walthamstow, in a family grave that contains the remains of his father. Amongst those who attended to pay a last tribute of affection to a worthy man were his son, Mr. Francis Laver, Messrs. R. H. Aveling and Charles Capper (sons-in-law), Mr. R. Sedgwick (executor), Mr. H. Stephens (solicitor), Mr. F. Harvey and Mr. Robert Davey (representing Messrs. Peters and Sons, the firm with which our deceased brother was associated). St. Michael's Lodge was represented by its W.M. Bro. Henry Lindfield, and by Bros. Alfred Green P.M. (Treasurer) and W. W. Morgan P.M. Several of our late Bro. Laver's tenants (he held some house property at Walthamstow) also were in attendance to pay their last respects to a kind and considerate landlord.

BRO. WILLIAM BALL.

THE remains of the late Bro. Ball, of the Stockwell Lodge and Chapter, No. 1339, were interred on Tuesday last, the 3rd inst., at Kensal Green (the oldest Cemetery around London). In addition to the relatives of the deceased, there were present Bros. A. G. Boswell W.M., H. Moss P.M., E. H. Minns S.W., Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey P.M. Secretary, and several other members of the Lodge. At the close of the funeral service, the family and Masonic brethren gathered round the grave and dropped their sprigs of acacia on the coffin. One brother was the bearer of a Masonic wreath. The course of the late Bro. Ball's life was conducted on true Masonic principles.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A. in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1885). Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar, in 1881, since when I have practised, up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P. S. George Price Chapter, No. 2096. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300 and £1400 will, in four years, have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

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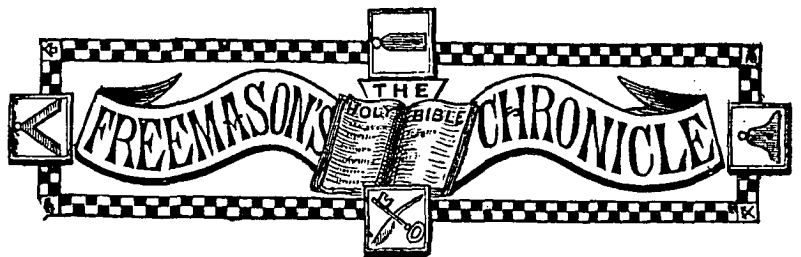
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SATURDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 1889.

P.G. LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held, on the 29th ult., in the Assembly Room of the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. Brother Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Provincial Grand Master occupied the principal chair, supported by Bro. Edmund Ashworth acting as Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. H. Sillitoe P.G. Standard Bearer, and a numerous retinue of Provincial Officers past and present. Bros. J. O. S. Thursby and N. A. Earle were in their respective positions as Senior and Junior Wardens, and the other present Officers in attendance were Bros. the Revs. E. Bigoe Bagot 62, and E. T. Wigg 2279 Chaplains, W. S. Boddington 1253 Registrar, John Chadwick 44 Secretary, Hamlet Lees 1863 S.D., Edwin Hardman 274 S.D., W. T. Schofield 1219 J.D., Thomas Woodcock 191 Director of Ceremonies, Chas. E. Collingwood 298 Deputy Director of Ceremonies, Samuel B. Priestley 219 Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Charles Brierley 42 Sword Bearer, Henry Taylor 286, and Whitfield Thompson 1534 Standard Bearers, Walter O. Pettitt 1055 Organist, James Newton 37 Assistant Secretary, Joseph Bridgford 1077 Pursuivant, William Cartwright 633 Assistant Pursuivant, Kenneth Maclean 1030, Ed. Geo. Lingard 1030, James Cookson 1030, J. H. Edmondson 274, James Taylor 274, and Ashworth Law 274 Stewards, Thomas Higson 348 Tyler. Of the 100 Lodges in the Province, representatives were present from 98. The Prov. Grand Master presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge a set of golden vessels of consecration. He said he wished the brethren to accept them as a gift commemorative of the fact that theirs was the only Province in which the 100th Lodge had been consecrated. At the 100th consecration eight Officers of Grand Lodge were present, and five of them took part in the ceremony. He trusted that the vessels might long be of service, and that Lodges would continue to increase in the same proportion that they had increased during the period of his happy reign over this influential Province. Bro. J. Heelis proposed a hearty vote

of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for his gift. Bro. J. O. S. Thursby, in seconding the motion, said the handsome present was but another proof of the interest Bro. Starkie had always shown in Masonry, and an addition to his many acts for the benefit of the Order. The motion was put by Bro. Edmund Ashworth, and carried with enthusiasm. Bro. Major J. W. Allison was re-elected to the office of Treasurer until May next, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Bro. J. W. Edwards, who was invested with that rank at the last annual meeting. At a later stage of the proceedings the Provincial Grand Master said he was sure the brethren deeply regretted the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Edwards. He proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Edwards, expressing deep sympathy with her in her still greater loss, and also recording their admiration of Bro. Edwards's worthiness as a Mason, and their recognition of his valuable services to the Charities and to Provincial Grand Lodge. The motion was carried. Bros. J. Studd and W. R. Sowter were re-elected Auditors, and Bro. Middleton was elected to act with them. The Provincial Grand Secretary read a report of the Charity Committee, and this was adopted, and new by-laws drawn up by that Committee were approved of. After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been closed, there was a Court of Governors of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, the Provincial Grand Master presiding. Bro. Chadwick Secretary read a report. It said that last year he had to regret a considerable falling off in the support accorded by Lodges and individuals to the Institution, the result, no doubt of the large amount sent by the Province to the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. This year a very different state of things existed, mainly brought about by the letter issued by the Provincial Grand Master to the Lodges in the Province, drawing their attention to the resolution passed at the last meeting of Governors—"That it is desirable to give to our local institution during the next year our first consideration and principal support," and also by the energy of the Treasurer and the Chairman of Committees. The receipts were:—From Lodges, last year £114 3s, this year £520 18s 11d; from individuals, last year £153 14s, this year £409 8s; totals from all sources, last year £576 14s 7d, this year £1208 11s. In each instance the figures were made up from January to November, and since the account for the present year was drawn up a sum of £150 had been received. The expenditure to the 1st November 1888 was £616 13s 7d, £400 in Consols and £119 12s 11d in the bank, while the expenditure to the 1st November 1889 was £471 5s 6d, £8 new investments, and 1038 6s 6d in the bank. While the Institution thus made progress he could not too strongly urge upon the individual members of the Province its claims for their support. Its usefulness was capable of continued extension, while the help it was bestowing by the education given to the children of many of their late brethren was, they believed, incalculable. They had during the year upon the books for education 21 boys and 14 girls, and it was a pleasing feature that since the establishment of the educational part of the Institution they had had income sufficient to educate all the children brought before the Education Board that were eligible without having to resort to an election. On the motion of Bro. Sillitoe, seconded by Bro. Nicoll, the report was adopted, and the meeting closed with an expression of thanks from the chair to the brethren for their exertions during the year.

After carefully considering the relative qualifications of the thirty-four candidates who presented themselves, the Provisional Committee have selected the Rev. Harry Hebb, M.A. Oxon, to succeed the Rev. R. Morris, LL.D., as the Head Master of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, at Wood Green. The new Master will, subject to the approval of the General Committee, which meets this (Saturday) afternoon, at four o'clock, enter upon his duties on the 1st January next.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Sores, Wounds, and Ulcers.—The readiness with which Holloway's unguents remove all obstructions in the circulation of the vessels and lymphatics explains their irresistible influence in healing old sores, bad wounds, and indolent ulcers. To ensure the desired effect the skin surrounding the diseased part should be fomented, dried and immediately well rubbed with the Ointment. This will give purity to the foul blood, and strength to the weakened nerves, the only conditions necessary for the cure of all those ulcerations which render life almost intolerable. No sooner is this Ointment's protective power exerted than the destructive process ceases, and the constructive business begins—new, healthy growth appears to fill up the lately painful excavated pit.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ROSE OF LANCASTER LODGE, No. 2325.

THIS Lodge was consecrated, in accordance with ancient rites and ceremonies, on the 21st ult., by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, assisted by several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, and in presence of a large assembly of members of the new Lodge and visiting brethren. The ceremony of consecration was performed at the Masonic-buildings, Lord-street, Southport, where the brethren of the Rose of Lancaster Lodge will in future meet, on the third Thursday of each month. The consecrating Officers present were Earl of Lathom D.G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, Presiding Officer; Thomas Clarke Prov. G.R. S.W., Rev. J. K. Turner P.G.C. Chaplain, T. L. Murray Director of Ceremonies, and W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. Prov. G. Secretary. The Visitors included Bros. George Mellor P.G.D. D.P.G.M. East Lancashire, Rev. J. S. Gardner P.P.G. Chaplain West Lancashire, J. Sutton P.P.D.G.D.C., Herbert Kidson P.G.S., J. N. Patterson P.G.D.C., S. M. Harris P.P.G.D.C. Northumberland, J. J. Lambert P.P.G.R., D. Gaskin P.P.G.T., and J. C. Robinson P.A.G.D.C. The Lodge having been duly constituted, the investiture of the Officers was duly proceeded with. Bro. Wm. Platt P.M. was installed in the chair as the first Worshipful Master, Bros. W. J. Warden and C. Watson being appointed as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. In the course of a brief address to the brethren, Lord Lathom said he believed there was a necessity for a new Masonic Lodge in Southport, and that the Rose of Lancaster Lodge would be very numerously attended.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 2328.

ON the 26th ult. a new Lodge of Freemasons was constituted, in York, under the title of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328. The ceremony took place in the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, in the presence of a large assemblage of brethren. We understand that H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor gave special permission for the naming of the Lodge, signed the petition to the Grand Master for the warrant, and has since consented to be enrolled as an honorary member of the Lodge. The impressive ceremony was performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Deputy Provincial Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire, assisted by Bros. W. H. Cowper P.M. 602 P.P.G. Registrar N. and E. Yorkshire, T. W. Tew Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, and the Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., P.G. Chaplain of England. Bro. the Dean of York (the Very Rev. Arthur Perceval Purey-Cust, D.D.), a Past Grand Chaplain of England, was installed in the chair as the first Master, and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead S.W., H. L. Swift J.W., Wm. Lawton Treasurer, C. E. L. Wright Secretary, J. E. Jones S.D., and E. Ralph Dodsworth J.D. The Worshipful Master with the brethren dined together at the Station Hotel.

PILGRIMS LODGE, No. 772.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 28th ult., the annual meeting was held in the Lodge-room at the George Hotel, Glastonbury, when Bro. W. G. Brown S.W. was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. M. Bright D.P.G.M. South Wales. At the conclusion of the business the usual banquet took place at the Hotel, a splendid repast being laid on the table by Host Leach. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

HUYSHÉ LODGE, No. 1099.

THE members held their installation banquet in the new refectory attached to the Lodge-room, Home Park, Stoke, on the 28th ult. Bro. J. W. Foster the W.M. presided, Bros. G. Vanstone S.W., and S. J. Page J.W. being in the vice-chairs. Those present included Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain 189, P.P.G. Chaplain, P.P.J.W.; W. J. Stanbury P.M. and Secretary 1099, W. H. Gillman P.M. 1099, R. W. Pitcher P.M. 230, &c. A substantial repast was provided by Bro. Williams, of Fore Street, Devonport. A capital musical entertainment was given by a band under the direction of Bro. G. Miller, Organist of the Lodge. Bro. E. Roseveare P.M. was in excellent voice, and sang "My Pretty Jane" in his own inimitable style. Equally successful was Brother Gillman's rendering of "Who shall be King." Bro. E. Roseveare gave a clever ventriloquial sketch, introducing some smart and humorous local references. In the course of the evening various complimentary remarks were made respecting the enterprise of Lodge Hayshe, in building and fitting up such a handsome refectory.

KIRKDALE LODGE, No. 1756.

BROTHER JOSEPH MOLYNEUX was, on the 27th ult., in the presence of a large assembly of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren, at Skolmerdale Hall, Westminster Road, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The new Master was installed by the retiring W.M. After his installation Bro. Molyneux proceeded with the investiture of his Officers, as follow:—Bros. James A. Kellie I.P.M., Charles Johnson S.W., William Bushell J.W., Rev. Dr. Hyde Chaplain, Joseph Croxtou Treasurer, John Milne Secretary, John Macaulay S.D., Joseph Ricketts J.D., George Eytan Organist, Dr. H. R. Powell I.G., T. W. Wood, J. Wallace, C. F. Reid, Edwin C. Gaskill Stewards, and Chas. Bargey D.C.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Cannon Street Hotel. The W.M. of the past year Brother George Frederick Edwards was early in attendance, and the Lodge was formally opened at the time named on the summons. Among those present were Bros. F. G. Barns W.M. elect, W. Jerrett Miller P.M. (Treasurer), W. Worrell P.M. (Secretary), P.M.'s W. F. Smart, A. Le Grand, W. J. Collens, E. Kidman, W. T. Heath. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. T. R. Parrell I.G. 960, Lieut.-Col. H. Gardner 1718, D. Campbell Steward 1365, T. W. Pritchard I.G. 742, C. Stanger W.M. 12, C. N. McIntyre North J.W. 1559, W. W. Westley I.P.M. 186, W. Medwin P.M. 1615, A. A. Jones 975, H. Garrod P.G.P., H. J. Felton I.P.M. 1056, L. Ferguson I.G. 1997, M. J. Russell 95, J. R. Morgan 569, W. Hancock S.D. 2191, W. Morley W.M. 1769, J. Salmon P.M. 2077, J. W. Tyler S.W. 2077, A. Mullord P.M. 1288, H. Von Joel P.M. 957, W. J. Andrews 1329, E. T. Pearce 1260, H. J. Powell S.D. 1801, A. Paterson S.D. 1804, W. Woodruffe P.M. 957, T. G. Doughty 1287, J. H. Hawkins P.M. 65, R. Lyon 2272, John Trent 2030, C. P. Bellamy I.P.M. 2021, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the audit committee was received and adopted. Bro. A. E. Samuell, a candidate for the second degree, was then introduced, and successfully passed his examination. He was entrusted, and then left the Lodge. After advancement, the candidate was re-admitted, and the ceremony of passing was worked on his behalf, thus giving him the opportunity to take his place as a Fellow Craft Freemason. The W.M. elect, Bro. F. G. Barns, C.C., was then presented, and Bro. Edwards commenced the ceremony of installation. In due course the Board of Installed Masters were called upon to assist, and Bro. Barns was regularly installed into the chair of the Lodge. On the re-admission of the brethren the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted by the brethren in the three degrees. The investment of Officers followed, the brethren named being chosen for their respective offices:—Bros. G. F. Edwards I.P.M., E. Brooks S.W., Henry Heck J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, J. F. Haden S.D., H. Harker J.D., Dr. Pickett I.G., E. J. Beagle D.C., R. C. Wilson A.D.C., E. Kidman P.M. Steward, M. Woolf Assistant Steward, Louis Reinhardt Tyler. The first duty of the W.M. was to present to his predecessor the elegant jewel of the Lodge. This had been voted at the last meeting, and the W.M. in making the presentation to Bro. Edwards congratulated him on the admirable way in which he had conducted the business of the Lodge during the past year. The brethren with the most perfect unanimity had voted the jewel, and he (Bro. Barns) had great pleasure in being the medium for its presentation. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to Bro. G. F. EDWARDS P.M.

By the Brethren of the WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766,
To evince their appreciation of his efficient services whilst presiding over them as W.M. for the year 1888-90.

The compliment was modestly but gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Edwards, who assured the brethren that his interest in the welfare of the Lodge would be sustained so long as he was associated with Freemasonry. We may mention here that Bro. Edwards was also made the recipient of a Past Master's collar and jewel; this was inscribed as under:—

Presented to Bro. G. F. EDWARDS P.M.

By the Members of the WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.
Nov. 28th 1889.

The other business of the evening comprised the election as a re-joining member of Bro. John Greenslade. Mr. George Pearce, a candidate for initiation, who was proposed by Bro. F. G. Barns and seconded by Bro. W. Worrell, successfully underwent the ordeal of ballot, and was initiated by his old friend the new W.M. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to Bro. Hutchinson, who had recently lost his wife. The W.M. announced that a "Lady's Night" would be celebrated early in the new year, and after some other matters had received attention, Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the Pillar Hall, under the superintendence of the new proprietors of the Cannon Street Hotel, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all who sat down. On the removal of the cloth the loyal toasts were briefly given, and the brethren did them full honour. In speaking of the Pro G. Master, the D.G. Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, the W.M. dilated on the zeal and ability shown by our Masonic rulers. It was perhaps a matter for regret that the accommodation provided at Freemasons' Hall did not meet the requirements of the brethren at all times, notably when the election of Grand Treasurer took place. This, however, did not militate against the services rendered by the Grand Officers, who were ever ready to advance the best interests of Freemasonry. Bro. Henry Garrod Past Grand Pursuivant replied. Bro. Salmon, C.C., was also called upon; he advocated a subsidiary Grand Lodge, or its equivalent, for London. Bro. Salmon also made reference to the ability displayed by the W.M. in initiating the candidate of the evening. Bro. G. F. Edwards proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. During his term of office the presiding Officer is essentially the fountain head, and in the William Preston, so far as regards Bro. Barns, there could be no question as to his capability to provide for the welfare and happiness of the brethren. In reply, Bro. Barns felt he could scarcely command a supply of words, but he felt animated by a strong desire to carry out his duties in a satisfactory manner. The brethren were to a certain degree sponsors for him, inasmuch as they were responsible for having placed him in his present exalted position. He could assure them their confidence should merit his highest consideration, and he trusted to give them, one and all, satisfaction. At this stage of the proceedings the Charity Box was passed round, and £4 1s 6d was realised. This sum was devoted to the assistance of Mrs. Ramsay, a lady with whom the William Preston Lodge evince a vast amount

of sympathy in her misfortunes. The health of the I.P.M. was the next toast. The brethren would all agree with him (the W.M.) when he said they had had a very enjoyable year. Bro. Edwards had never lost an opportunity of promoting the comforts of his brethren, and those who were associated with him in the battle of life. He had striven, successfully striven, to advance the Lodge, and his endeavours had been eminently satisfactory. The compliment was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Edwards. The health of the Initiate was the next toast; the W.M. trusted that he would become one of the lights of the William Preston Lodge. He (the W.M.) had been an old companion of their Initiate; they had known each other since they were boys. Their Initiate was no chicken; this year he had celebrated his jubilee birthday, and he, his old friend, looked forward to do the same next year. Bro. Barns said he was intensely gratified in being privileged to initiate Bro. G. Pearce into the William Preston Lodge. After reply had been made, the Visitors were complimented, and Bros. Morley, Hawkins, Morgan, and others responded. For the Treasurer and Secretary Bro. Miller replied, and the S.W. and J.W. responded for the toast given in their honour. The proceedings were enlivened with some good songs, and it was at a late hour that the Tyler brought this successful meeting to a close.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

ON Wednesday, the 13th ult., the installation meeting was held, by kind permission of the Mayor (J. Clifford, Esq.), in the Maidstone Town Hall. This Masonic event is always looked forward to with interest by many of the leading Masons of the Province of Kent, and this year the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Smith Eastes added special importance to the gathering. Bro. T. I. Barden was the W.M. elect, and he was duly installed into the chair of the Lodge by his predecessor Bro. J. Beavis Groom, who performed the interesting ceremony in a very impressive manner. Bros. G. T. Ker and D. Walsh took the Wardens' chairs, and Bro. F. W. Wright P.M. admirably filled the office of Director of Ceremonies. After the installation, the Worshipful Master, Bro. T. I. Barden, presented to Bro. J. Beavis Groom, on behalf of the Lodge, a valuable Past Master's jewel as a memento of services rendered the Lodge during his term of office. There was a very large attendance of the brethren of the Lodge, and among the visitors, in addition to Bro. Smith Eastes D.P.G.M., and Bro. Alfred Spencer Provincial Grand Secretary for Kent, were Bros. G. F. Baker W.M. 503, Atkinson W.M. 2305, G. Baker P.M. 503, A. B. Urmston J.W. 1725, Wallis P.M. 503, Elmore P.M. 503, Foord P.M. 503, Silas Wagon P.M. 1063, F. Gordon P.M. 1063, J. H. Clarke P.M. 391, 639, 503, Sharman P.G.S.D. Cambridge, Austin S.W. 709, Hope Secretary 503, Robson 503, Hickmott 503. At 5.30 p.m. the brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was supplied by Mr. W. W. Frost. Bro. Barden W.M. presided, and he was supported on his right by Bros. Eastes and Spencer. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. Bro. Eastes in his speech, paid a high compliment to the very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, after whom the Lodge is named. His remarks were received with great applause. Songs were sung in capital style by Bros. Robson, Taverner, Ellis, Jenkinson, and Simmons. Appended is the list of Officers for the year:—Bros. J. Beavis Groom I.P.M., W. Burne Stonham S.W., R. McVicar J.W., G. Roberts Dann Treasurer, D. Walsh, M.D., B.Sc., Secretary, W. Payler Dickinson S.D., W. F. V. Simmons J.D., F. W. Wright P.M. D.C., H. F. Whyman Organist, C. R. Wind I.G., E. Gratwick S. Steward, Ambrose Roberts J. Steward, J. Gowan Tyler, G. Taylor Ker Charity representative. The event proved to be one of the most successful gatherings held in the county for many years.

RYE LODGE, No. 2272.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Peckham Public Hall, on Wednesday, the 13th ult., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Frederick Dunn, assisted by his Officers, at which Bro. H. E. Reed was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and Dr. Johnston, M.R.C.S., was initiated into the Craft. A ballot was taken for several joining members, and propositions received for joining the Lodge and for initiation. Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. Abrahams W.M. 72, Penny P.M. 1679, and G. C. May 1901.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—This Lodge of Instruction having removed from the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, to the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, the members celebrated the event, and opened the new season with a supper, on Tuesday evening of last week, under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Haller, Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge. Among those present were the following Past Masters of the Prosperity:—Bros. Daniel, Ferry, Chicken, Roberts, Dyson, and Walker, and, in addition, a number of members of the Lodge of Instruction. The repast having been partaken of, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts of the evening, commencing with that of the Queen and the Craft, which was suitably introduced and duly honoured. Bro. Daniel was entrusted with the toast of the Acting Master, Bro. Haller. Bro. Daniel considered the duty entrusted to him was an important one—it was really the most important toast of the evening. Speaking to members of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, he felt sure they were all aware of the ability of the brother who was that evening presiding over them, while he could vouch for his efficiency in the mother Lodge. That evening's gathering reminded him of the old days of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, which he was pleased to see going on so auspiciously. The meeting that day was a poor one compared with what they had expected, so many who had promised to attend were not present, but as they had given financial support to the gathering they had shown their appreciation of what was being done, and their desire to co-operate in the good work, which all hoped would be continued in the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, both under its present chief and those who succeeded him. Bro. Haller suitably replied. He was

not so constant an attendant at the Lodge of Instruction as he could wish, and indeed owed his position that night to the fact of his being present W.M. of the mother Lodge. He specially journeyed from Newcastle to be present, and was amply rewarded by the reception accorded him. Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction was the next toast. Lodges of Instruction were far more important, in the opinion of the Worshipful Master, than many Masons seemed to imagine. The proceedings at weekly meetings of these Lodges, when brethren attended in their regular every day surroundings, did much to impress them with the dignity and importance of Freemasonry, and teach them the lessons of its beautiful ceremonies and ritual. Freemasonry, indeed, should give a colouring to the every action of a true brother. He (Bro. Haller) should take the opportunity of mentioning their Lodge of Instruction at their next regular Lodge gathering, and should then impress on the members the desirability of supporting it. With the toast was associated the name of Bro. Talbot, the Preceptor, whom the Worshipful Master characterised as a man well able to give the instruction necessary in such a Lodge as theirs. He was really marked out as a leader among his fellows, and well deserved the high honour conferred on him. They must all hope his present actions would ultimately lead him to the highest rungs of the Masonic ladder. Bro. Talbot returned his sincere thanks. He assured those present he actually loved the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction. Every week he liked it more and more, and his only regret was that a larger number of brethren did not avail themselves of its gatherings. It would be their constant endeavour to impart all the instruction it was in their power to give. The toast of the Visitors was heartily given, and to this Brother Hetheridge replied, after which was given the Masonic Press, acknowledged by Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., who spoke of his experiences in the Lodge some thirteen years before, when he remembered being coached by its members in the earliest lessons of Freemasonry. The toast of the Treasurer was given, and it having been acknowledged the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 8 p.m. Present: Bros. E. Ansell W.M., S. Dancyger S.W., A. Botibol J.W., A. J. Marks S.D., H. Saqui (Secretary) J.D., J. Goodinge I.G.; Bros. Samuel, Garrard, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Garrard candidate. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Saqui, and the 2nd section by Bro. Goodinge. It was settled that the 15 sections be worked on the third Tuesday in January 1890.

Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, 3rd inst. Brethren present were J. Greenway Preceptor, T. Marshall W.M., H. Esling S.W., E. L. Berry J.W., Geo. Swan P.M. Secretary, W. O. Welsford S.D., G. Grimes J.D., E. D. Rymer I.G.; Bros. Price W.M. elect 1321, Graham W.M. 1559, Ray P.M., Hunt, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The first and second sections of the first lecture were then worked by Bro. Greenway, who has quite recently accepted the Preceptorship, and is displaying great energy and ability in his work, thus convincing the members of the wisdom of their choice. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ray being the candidate. Bro. H. Esling W.M. of the mother Lodge was unanimously elected to the chair of W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The Lodge meets every Tuesday, at 8 o'clock, at the Mona Hotel as above; sections of the lectures are worked, and ceremonies rehearsed at each meeting. Visitors will be cordially welcomed.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C. Bros. Hobbs Preceptor, S. Lea Smith W.M., Besant S.W., Billingham J.W., Mapleton Secretary, De Paine S.D., E. R. Smith J.D., Marshall I.G.; Bro. Room (P.G. Secretary Middlesex), and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Toulmein acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the explanation of the tracing board. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree, and Bro. S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. It was unanimously decided that the Lodge take a share in the Second Langton Benevolent Association now being formed. Bro. Room expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in visiting the Lodge, and congratulated the members on its excellent working. Soon afterwards the Lodge was closed. Brethren desirous of joining the Second Langton Benevolent Association now being formed should apply to the Hon. Secretary, Brother Gordon Smith, 2 Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside, when there were present Brothers Marcus Preceptor, Foot W.M., Cox S.W., Hart J.W., Williams Treasurer, Miller Secretary, Taylor S.D., Dutton J.D., Plummer I.G., and several P.M.'s and members. After formalities had been complied with, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dunlop candidate. This was followed by the ceremony of passing, Brother Ensworth acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. The 15 sections will be worked here, by the members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, on the 2nd Tuesday in January next.

TO THE DEAF.—A Person cured of Deafness and noises in the head of 23 years' standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it FREE to any Person who applies to Nicholson, 21 Bedford Square, W.C.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1375—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruct)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1824—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
1940—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. In
R.A.—Sinai, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hoya Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
20—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—God Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderson's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrew, 101 Queen Victoria-street
528—Wellington White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Duke, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
957—High, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Tuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Field, Market-place, Enfield
1301—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1331—Stockwell, White Hart Tavern, Church Lane, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leicester Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Barons of Ripon, Victoria Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Leopold, The Leopold, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge Hotel, London Bridge
1583—Royal Commemorative, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South End, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1893—Kinrys and, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Adle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vesary Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East End Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
202—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2030—The Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

50—Leopold, Castle Hotel, Haslemere
75—Leopold and Honour, Roy Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Percy Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Shoffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chiquers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Baptist, The Hall, Rugby
537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
539—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Derby
927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dowsbury
993—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Clatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Clifton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Militia, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsley, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 123 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 K.T. 5—Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, F.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1014—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Moor-coth-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.C. 71—Bavard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastl (Instruc.)
 432—Abbey, Newlegate Arms, Nuneaton
 445—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippington
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Watobury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-le-Zouich
 822—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Lominster
 863—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontino Hotel, Ipswich
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
 1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clars, Suffolk
 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
 R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
 R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
 R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Walsworth
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Colledge Street, Lambeth
 147—Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 222—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Birdett Road, E.
 81 3—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)

862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 922—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In.)
 1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1631—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cumberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bay, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Danton
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Nowchurch, near Manchester
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athol, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleevehampton
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Stayne Hotel, Worthing
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Victoria Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannon, Stratford
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hoobara-on-Tyne
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromby, Kent
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
 2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
 2216—Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton, near Manchester
 R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 R.A. 88—Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
 R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
 R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
 R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
 R.A. 1973—Sage and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Palace, Boreas

THURSDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 57—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 35—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Rogout-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnot Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Cannonwell
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Strand and Grosvenor, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1303—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1558—D. Connaught, Panmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Cannonwell, at 8 (In.)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1592—Sir Hugo Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1629—Froggar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finsbury
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at (Instruction)
 791—Creston, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
 1996—Priory, Berrywood Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
 R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London
- 35—Medira, 85 High Street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Stratford
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, London, Strand
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 739—Temperance Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 786—Croxteith United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Babbay
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, North Shields
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, Liverpool
 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
 1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trade-gate, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Tait's
 1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shipway Road
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carsualton. (Instruction)
 1915—Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
 M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 157—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (Inst.)
 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Inst.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1842—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Choumont Road, Peckham, at 8. (Inst.)
 2000—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
 R.A. 669—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arca lo, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
 528—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Park Lane Street, Harrogate
 1087—Beaunesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Loighton Bazzard
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 179—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 1830—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1923—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 R.A.—Sinai Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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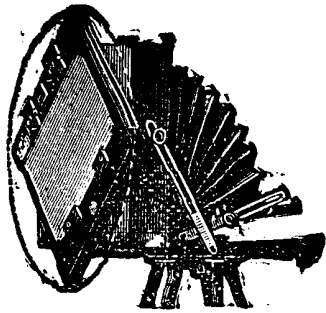
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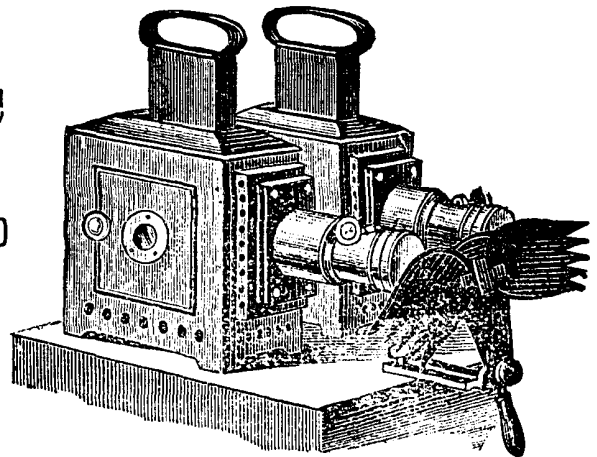
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