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Duy Fund of Benevolence.



E stated in our last issue that in this we should direct the serious attention of the Craft to the alarming decrease of the accumulations of the most important of

Masonic funds—that of the Board or Lodge of Benevolence. Our sole object in this article will be to endeavour to awaken a slumbering indifference which, if permitted to continue, will inevitably in course of time, and perhaps not many years hence, prevent the exercise of that benevolence which is the principal raison d'être for the existence of the Order of Freemasonry. Our remarks will be of an abstract nature, as we are fully convinced that there are many amongst us who will so deeply interest themselves in the state of things which render these remarks necessary, that there will be no difficulty in separating presently the aggregation of causes tending to the existing evil.

Briefly, then, let us state that whilst in 1883 the Consols Fund of the Board of Benevolence stood at £47,000, the balance remaining invested at the end of 1887 was but 38,000; so that, in a period of about four years, no less than £9,000 was sold out to provide for the assistance of distressed brethren and the widows of those deceased and requiring help. In the year ending December 31st, 1887, the contributions of Lodges to the Fund amounted to £7,923, and other receipts from dividends, fees of honour, and privileges swelled that total to £9,343. But in that year there was voted and paid to petitioners £10,683, and after paying a small balance of £304 to the Fund for general purposes, £800 as donations to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a small printing account of £34, the balance struck against the Benevolent Fund was no less than £2,478, which has now

to be provided for by still further reduction of the accumulated fund; so that, what but five years ago was represented by £47,000, will now, or presently, stand at only, in round numbers, £35,000!

Now, before we express our own opinions and those of others as to the remedies which can be applied to mitigate, if not to entirely do away with, so serious a diminution of funds which should increase by interest and the addition of unused balances year by year as a reserve against a period of general disaster or grave calamity, let us ask if the time has not fully arrived for earnest consideration of the whole subject of relief through the direct contributions of our several Lodges? The question at issue is not one of a personal character in any respect. The Lodges are to be honoured and credited for their loyalty in observing the rule which regulates and specifies the amount of their contributions; and the members of the Board of Benevolence and those who assist them are deserving of all praise for their sacrifice of time and the labour they undertake month by month in carefully, and thereby properly, distributing the funds with which the Craft entrusts them. The former cannot, under existing regulations, do more in the way of contributions, and the latter desire to do no less than they have always done as the honoured almoners of English Freemasons.

It is evident that as the income from the contributions by "quarterage" of the private Lodges is insufficient by more than £2,000 per annum to meet the calls made for relief, and as evidences are not wanting that, whilst the former can only increase, if it can increase at all, by small increments, the latter will certainly not only not decrease in number, but most probably will be largely supplemented in the future, some immediate action is necessary if the Craft means to maintain its ancient reputation for splendid benevolence.

What shall that action be? There is a great diversity of opinion in regard to the respective policies (1)—of increasing the payments of the private lodges proportionately to their present "quarterages," for all do not pay alike; and (2)—of assimilating the dues for benevolent purposes throughout all Lodges under the English Constitution, on the ground that every Freemason who can, when and should necessity arise, appeal to the Relief Fund should have previously borne an equal share in its support.

Some years since it was proposed in Grand Lodge to make the payments for London brethren six shillings instead of four shillings per annum, and of country (provincial) brethren three shillings instead of two shillings per annum; and this would, as the circumstances we have explained fully prove, have met all requirements and prevented the sale of any portion of the stock. Indeed, it would have provided that small increase which we maintain is, in the prospect of future contingencies, absolutely necessary. But, although it appeared to meet the wishes of the London brethren, it was opposed strongly by members of Provincial Lodges, who attended in force and defeated the proposal.

We do not submit that the proposal we have referred to, or any one of the others which have been suggested to us, is the best that could be found. In our connection with the Craft, through the pages of this journal, we shall refrain from putting forth or attempting ourselves to discuss any modus operandi as a panacea for existing evils. We shall be content with stating facts and making our own comments on things as they are, and leave it to others to debate on propositions for amendment. This question is therefore left for the consideration of the many intelligent and earnest Freemasons who are the salt of the Order, by reason of their desire to see its truest principles maintained. But, in closing this article, we cannot refrain from saying, and we do say, that the boasted prosperity of the Order will not be exemplified very grandly by the exhaustion of its most important fund; and there must be something wrong somewhere if we get so much as we do from amongst us for the three charitable Institutions and leave the oldest and most masonic fund to die out.

Todge Officers.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Innior Deacon.

THOUGH the responsibilities of the Junior Deacon in a Lodge of Freemasons are certainly not very great, the qualifications for the performance of the duties attached to the office in a perfect manner are by no means slight. We have always held to the opinion that it rests with the Junior Deacon to produce that necessary solemnity which shall impress the initiate with a deep sense of the importance of the business upon which he is entering, and even more than, perhaps, in any other portion of the beautiful ceremony, is the opportunity afforded, whilst the candidate is in his charge, for laying that foundation in the novitiate's mind which shall make him either a bright or careless workman in his future Masonic career. It would not be fitting that we should be more explicit in our remarks on this head, but such of our brethren as can and will reflect upon their introduction into Freemasonry can easily understand the allusions we make without extended observations on the Junior Deacon's duty towards the candidate for our mysteries. To perform that all-important duty well and thoroughly requires careful preliminary preparation, and herein lies that one essential qualification for the office, without which no member of a Lodge should be offered, or, if offered, accept the position. It is not necessary that the Junior Deacon should have filled any other office in the Lodge before accepting such position, and it should therefore be the aim and desire of each and all of the Lodge members not yet selected for office not only to emulate each other, but to strive to excel in efficiency. Those Worshipful Masters do the most good to the Order who, on their installation into the chair of K.S., select and reward by promotion, without reference to rota, the brethren who may enjoy the reputation of having made themselves thoroughly acquainted with our ritual and ceremonial by means of attendance in Lodges of Instruction or the services of a qualified Preceptor. We repeat, and cannot too often do so, that the capable Junior Deacon is not only very frequently the making or otherwise of the new material, but, when the time arrives, proves to be the most fitted for the rule and government of the Lodge.

The Junior Deacon is the medium of communication between the Senior and Junior Wardens, and his duty is to assist the Senior Deacon in all matters relating to the Master's commands. The remarks we have made in the article on the Senior Deacon apply equally to the Junior, and not in any diminished degree, in relation to the peace, order, and regularity of the Lodge and its appointments. As in former days the Senior Deacon had to "see that the pillar of strength in the west was elevated whilst the Lodge is at labour," so it was the Junior Deacon's duty to see that the pillar of beauty, the Junior Warden's column in the south, was "not elevated at any time but when the Lodge is at refreshment,"

neither before nor after. And as the symbolical meanings of those emblems have not in any way been disturbed since they were first expressed, so should the ancient custom still be retained in its integrity. The jewel of the Junior Deacon is the same as that of the Senior, and the like characteristics attach to the emblem. In the Greek Church the Deacons were always pylori, or doorkeepers, and we may still further and consistently extend the meaning of the symbol to the reception of the novitiate within the peaceful walls of a Mason's Lodge.

There is one matter which we take this opportunity to impress upon the Junior Deacon of every lodge, small as it may possibly be considered by many, but very important in connection with the landmarks of the Order. It is that of prompting the answer to a solemn and most important question addressed to the candidate by the W.M. in the early part of his reception. We quote from a recent work:—"The required reply should never be prompted. The enquiry itself leads up to the expected answer, and, following on the solemn appeal which has preceded it, a short pause would, in the great majority of instances, ensure a satisfactory and indeed the only and proper admission. If not then forthcoming the enquiry should be repeated with much emphasis, and the reply Without a spontaneous acknowledgment there is no evidence of that deep-seated reverence and dependence which alone renders a candidate suitable for admission to our Order. prompted reply is worthless in this instance." We commend these words to the parties concerned, agreeing with them in every respect, and believing that the practice enjoined is not only beneficial but such as we are bound to pursue if we would consistently discharge our Masonic duty. We have not much more to add as to the qualifications and duties of the Junior Deacon which could be published here without betrayal of lodge working; and shall be content to conclude in the words of an address to that officer in use some half century ago:—"What is delivered to you in the West faithfully carry to the South. To that which is more immediately your care be particularly attentive. Prepare duly. Lead upon the Square, and prompt like a workman. Your regular and contract temperature and prompt he ledge is highly recovery." early attendance upon the lodge is highly necessary.

AN INTERESTING EXTRACT

FROM

LES MÉMOIRES DE J. CASANOVA.

(Communicated.)

[I find in a contemporary a reprint of a letter signed "Jachin," which purports to have appeared in the Gentlemans' Magazine in April, 1737.

It may interest your readers if you will reproduce in your columns enclosed translated extract from "Les Mémoires de Jacques Casanova de Seingalt," written by himself. Casanova was one of the most noted personages in Europe during the eighteenth century. He was born at Venice, April 2nd, 1725, and made his historic escape by the leads from the secret prison in that city in the year 1755. Probably the following was written by him in about the year 1750. In itself, emanating from such an author, it is a curiosity; but, besides this, a very useful lesson may be learnt by a careful perusal of the digest of a notable character's views of Freemasonry 150 years ago.]

T was at Lyons that a gentleman whose acquaintance I made at Mr. R——'s house, procured for me the honour of being admitted to the sublime "bagatelle" of Freemasonry. Arriving in Paris "Apprentice," some months afterwards, I there became Companion (F.C.) and Master.

The Master's is certainly the supreme degree of Freemasonry, for all the others, which I took in due order, are nothing better than pleasing inventions, which, though good as symbolic, add nothing to the dignity of that of the Master. There is no one in the world who can possibly attain to the knowledge of everything; but every man who feels that he has faculties, and who knows how to render an account to himself of his moral powers, ought to endeavour to acquire the utmost knowledge possible. A young man of good birth, who wishes to travel and know the world and what is called "society," who does not wish to find himself in certain cases in an inferior position amongst his equals, and thus be excluded from participation in some of their pleasures, ought to get himself initiated into what is called Freemasonry, even though it be only for the purpose of knowing, superficially, what it is.

Freemasonry is a charitable institution, which at certain times. and in certain places, has served as a pretext for intrigues both criminal and subversive to order. But what has not been so Have we not seen the Jesuits, under the sacred abused! ægis of religion, arm parricidal blind enthusiasts to strike kings! Every man of any position—I mean to say anyone whose social existence is marked by merit, knowledge, or fortune—can be a Mason, and many are. How can it be imagined that meetings, at which all the members impose on themselves the law never to speak with closed doors, either of politics, religions or governments; who only occupy themselves with either moral or puerile emblems; how can it be supposed, I say, that these meetings, where governments can have their agents, can offer any dangers of a kind to cause Sovereigns to proscribe, and Popes to amuse themselves by excommunicating them! Moreover, it is to miss the object; and the Pope in spite of his infallibility, cannot prevent persecution creating an importance for Freemasonry which it would, perhaps, never have acquired without it. Mystery is a part of man's nature, and everything presented to the crowd under a mysterious aspect will always excite curiosity and be sought after, no matter

even how satisfied one may be that the veil frequently conceals nothing! However, to resume. I advise every well-born young man who wishes to see the world to get himself admitted as a Mason; but I also advise a careful selection of the Lodge, for, although bad company cannot *uct* in Lodge it can, nevertheless, be found there, and the candidate ought to guard himself against dangerous ties. Those who only enter Freemasonry with the intention of learning the secret of the Order run immense risk of growing old under the trowel without ever attaining their goal. There is a secret, but it is so inviolable that it has never been told or confided to anyone. Those who stop short at a superficial view of things think that the secret consists of words, signs, and touches, or that, in fact, the grand word is in the last degree. Wrong! He who guesses the secret of Freemasonry-for no one knows it who does not guess it—only gains that knowledge by dint of frequently attending Lodges, by reflection, by reasoning, by comparison, and by deduction. He does not confide it even to his best friend in Freemasonry, for he knows that if he has not guessed it for himself he will not have the ability to understand it when he shall have had it whispered in his ear. He holds his tongue, and the secret is always a secret. All that is done in Lodge should be secret; but those who, by a dishonest indiscretion, have not scrupled to reveal what is therein done, have never revealed the essential point; they did not know it, and if they had, on no account would they have revealed the ceremonies.

The feelings which are experienced to-day by the profane—that is to say, those who are not Masons—are akin to those which were felt of old by those who were not admitted to the mysteries which were celebrated at Eleusis in honour of Ceres. But the Eleusian mysteries interested all Greece, and everyone of eminence in society at that time aspired to take part in them; whilst Freemasonry, in the midst of a large number of men of the greatest merit, includes a crowd of individuals whom no society ought to acknowledge, inasmuch as they are the scum and outcasts of the

human race in respect to morals.

In the mysteries of Ceres a long impenetrable silence was kept on account of the veneration of which they were the object; besides, what could be revealed? The three words which the Hierophant told the Initiates? But what would that lead to? To dishonour the indiscreet one; for he only revealed barbaric words unknown to the common herd. I have somewhere read that the three sacred and secret words in the Eleusian mysteries meant "Watch, and do no wrong." The sacred and secret words of the various

Masonic grades are just about as criminal.

The initiation lasted nine days. The ceremonies were very imposing, and the company very select. Plutarch tells us that Alcibiades was condemned to death, and all his goods confiscated, for having dared, in his own house, to turn to ridicule the great mysteries with Polition and Theodorus against the Eumolpides. It was even wished that he should be cursed by the priests and priestesses; but the malediction was not pronounced, a priestess opposing it, saying, "I am priestess to bless, and not to curse." Sublime words! A lesson in morality and wisdom which the Pope scorns, but which the Gospel teaches, and which the Saviour of the World prescribes. Nothing is important in these days, just as nothing is sacred for a certain class of cosmopolitans. Botarelli publishes in a pamphlet all the practices of Masons, and one is satisfied to say, "He is a knave." One knew it beforehand. A prince at Naples, and Mr. Hamilton at home, perform the miracle of St. Januarius, and doubtless laugh at it, as well as many others with them. Nevertheless, the king pretends not to know that he wears on his royal chest a star with this motto surrounding the figure of St. Januarius: In sanguine facture.

Everything in these days is inconsistent, and there is no meaning in aught. Nevertheless, it is good to push forward, for to stop

half way is to go from bad to worse.

The Wasonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

NOT FAR FROM ME.

Not far from me, not far from me, When first on checkered floor I bow in humble trust the knee, My Maker to adore; I bow and fervently declare, That God is all my portion there.

Not far from mr, not far from me, In Middle Chamber led, I pass the Mystic portals three, And up the stairway tread; I pass before the Mark divine, Whose light is Masonry's and mine.

Not far from mr, not far from me, In holiest place betrayed, When human hopes all fade and flee, And there is none to aid; And there is none to hear me cry, But Thee, all-pitying Deity!

Not far from me, not far from me, These Mystic labours done, My body 'neath the deathless tree, My soul before the Throne; Oh God, through blest Eternity, Be mine a place not far from Thee.

[From The Poetry of Freemasonry, by the late Bro. Dr. Rob Morris, Masonic Poet Laureate.]



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

Our readers will kindly notice that our Editorial Office is now at 59, Moor Lane, where in future all communications will be received for Editor, Publishers, and Manager respectively.

We have to acknowledge receipt of Masonic Calendar for the provinces of Hertfordshire, with thanks for same. There are yet some provinces whose Grand Secretaries have not favoured us with copies.

In our tabulated list of forthcoming Provincial Lodge Meetings, we have selected only those towns possessing at least four lodges. We are invited to include towns having but a single lodge in connection with each. This we cannot possibly do week after week without sacrifice of space and adding considerably to expense. Wait until we are well established by the help of those who wish us to enlarge ourselves! Meanwhile, as "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," we are pleased to note that our contemporary, The Freemason, has followed our lead, and now provides for what we have always maintained was needed—a better representation of Provincial interests—by admitting particulars of Provincial Lodges meeting within the week of issue of its respective numbers. This will be very useful if it should reach those interested in time for reference, and may be worth the difference between three pence and one penny.

Since writing the foregoing paragraph, the W.M. of an important Provincial Lodge has favoured us with valuable information as to names, numbers, places, and dates of meeting of all the Lodges and Chapters in his province, and would like to see the same included in our tabulated list. The number of Lodges is 13, and of Chapters 7, and thirteen towns are represented. Now, we should really be glad to carry out this wish, and also to particularise other provinces in like manner, for whether there be one or two or a dozen or more Lodges meeting in a given town, each Lodge is entitled to equal consideration at our hands. But space and expense, as we have above said, must be considered by us. We make this proposition to our brethren:—Place your Lodge or Lodges on our subscription list and we will find means to give the information which will interest, not only the individual members of each Lodge, but the Masonic world generally. More than this, beyond what we have at present arranged for, we cannot do—and, surely, we are not asking too much in return for our outlay.

In reference to Bro. Woodward's letter of September 8th, which we inserted in our No. 4, and upon which we proposed to comment, the subject has had our consideration, with the result that, providing no better arrangement can be made in regard to procedure in cases of proposed "exclusion" of a member from a lodge, we think his proposal for amendment should be supported when brought before Grand Lodge, as Bro. Woodward states it will be. It is certain that there is a strong feeling in the Craft that the issue raised cannot be overlooked, and the existing doubt as to what is and what is not meant by Rule 210 should be set at rest.

We have a strong opinion that, present or non-present, each and every member of a lodge should have a voice in so important a matter as "Exclusion," and that means could be found for obtaining a decision by ballot, so as to be clear upon the point that at least two-thirds of the number on the roll of lodge members desire that the extreme penalty it can inflict should take effect.

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Since writing the above, we have received a letter on the subject from a Brother, which appears herein, signed "Veritas." Certainly the point relating to the wisdom and ability of Grand Lodge to frame laws governing the whole Craft is beyond doubt; and the knowledge and experience displayed by its members must ever be above question.

The meetings throughout the Province of Dorset are held in the Masonic Halls in the respective towns, and in no case at hotels or public-houses.

The Prince of Wales has granted a dispensation for a new Lodge of Freemasons, in connection with the Chough Musical Society. The brethren will hold their future meetings at Cannon Street Hotel.

Another Masonic Lodge, the Hallamshire, No. 2,268, was consecrated on October 3rd, by the P.G. Master, Bro. Tew, Prov. G. Master West Yorks. This is an off-shoot from the Britannia Lodge. St. Leonard's (which sprang out of the Wentworth) was consecrated early in the year.

The inaugural address to the members and workers of the National Thrift Society was delivered on Monday last, the 1st inst., by Bro. Colonel Howard Vincent, C.B., M.P., who has succeeded Lord Byron as President of the Society. Among those present who spoke were Bros. J. K. Rowbotham, M. Star, Jerrold, Dr. Greville Walpole, M.A.; Mr. Sherrard, J.P.; Rev. W. Mottram, and the Secretary, Bro. Bowden Green.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Consecration of the Liverpool Lodge of Mark Master Masons will take place at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Saturday, the 13th inst., at 12 noon precisely. Bro. J. F. Callow, W. C. Erwin and Ralph Betley are the three designated principal officers. The R.W. Prov. G. Mark Master. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, will perform the Consecration Ceremony.

—The Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the county Palatine of Lancaster will be held at the Masonic Hall. Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 13th inst., after the consecration of the Liverpool M.M. Lodge. After the constitution of the new Lodge and the transaction of Prov. Grand Lodge business, a banquet will be served at the Bear's Paw. Lord Street. Bro. John Chadwick, P.G.S.O. and Prov. G. Mark Sec., 2. Cooper Street, Manchester, will give further particulars to brethren interested.

—The Provincial Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge of Northumberland and Durham will be held on Tuesday, the 13th November next, at the Freemason's Hall, Maple Street, Newcastleon-Tyne, under the banner of the T.I. Lodge Northumberland and Berwick.

—The winter session of the Crescent Lodge of Instruction, No. 788, will commence this evening, October 4th, at the King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8 p.m., and meetings will thereafter be held weekly. Bro. E. W. Warner, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., is the Preceptor, and Bro. R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., the Secretary.

—The anniversary meeting of the Northern Counties Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Masonic Hall. Maple Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 9th inst., at 7 p.m., and the regular meetings are now appointed for the second Tuesday of each month, and the fourth Tuesday in December, March, April, May, June, and July.

——The next Chapter at All Souls, No. 170. Weymouth, is to be held to-morrow, the 5th inst. There will be four Exaltations at this meeting. The next Lodge will be held on Friday, the 12th inst., at which there will be four Raisings and an Initiation.

—The Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of Dorset will be held at Shaftesbury, on Tuesday, the 9th inst.

——The Installation meeting at Wareham, No. 386, will be held on Tuesday, the 16th inst.

—The Ceremony of Installation will be worked in the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction. No. 1623, at the New Market Hotel, King Street. West Smithfield. E.C.. on Monday, the 8th October, at Seven o'clock, when Bro. Berg will act as Installing Master.

—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of the Victoria Park Lodge of Instruction. No. 1816, at the "George," Broadway, Stratford, this evening, October 4th, at 7 p.m. Bro. J. Bradford will preside.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

Our Reports and Intelligence Columns we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information. We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to condense, as much as they consistently can, the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor, The Masonic Star, 59, Moor Lane, London.

** The list of Annual Subscribers to THE MASONIC STAR continues to increase most satisfactorily, and we shall be pleased to hear from other Brethren willing to support us.

ROYAL ARCH.

Centenary of Vigilance Chapter—No.111.—On Saturday last, the 19th ult., the companions of the Chapter of Vigilance (No. 111) of the Durham Province of Royal Arch Masons celebrated their centenary in a manner befitting the occasion, the Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Sir Hedworth Williamson, attending the centenary meeting in the Chapter-room of the Freemasons' Hall, Darlington, and presenting the Centenary Charter to the M.E.Z., Comp. S. F. Bousfield. Our contemporary, The North Star, gives a lengthy and very interesting report of the proceedings, which appear to have caused much enthusiasm amongst the brethren and companions who took part in them. Amongst these were Sir Hedworth Williamson, Grand Superintendent of Durham: Companions D. Whitehead, P.P.G.O.; W. Logan, P.G.D. of C.; C. Spencer, P.G. Assist, S.; H. E. O. Muller, P.G. Assist, S.; T. J. Johnson, P.G.P.S.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; Col. Addison Potter, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Northumberland; Canon Tristram, P.P.G.H.; B. Levy, P.P.G.H.; Babington Boulton, P.G.H. Letters of congratulation and regret for absence were read from Colonel Shadwell H. Clerk, Grand S.E., England; Rev. T. Randell, Bede College, Durham; J. M. Meek; C. J. Bannister, P.G.D. of C. of England; Charles Fendelow, P.G. standard bearer of England; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Vicar of St. Peter's, Secretary; J. G. Clay, P.G.J.; T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.H. of North and East Yorks: W. J. Hughan, the Masonic historian of Torquay, &c. After the Chapter had been closed, the companions dined together in the banqueting-hall.

THE THETIS CAHPTER, No. 122, met in the Masonic Hall, Paisley Road, on Friday, the 21st ult. The following companions were then elected and installed for the ensuing year by Companion James Simpson, J.P.Z.:—John Paterson, M.E.Z.; Robert Carrey,

M.E.H.; Andrew Cochrane, M.E.J.; J. Quigley, E.S.E.; W. C. Mackie, E.S.N.; James Simpson, E. Treas.; James Wilson, E. 1st soj.; J. N. Paton, E. 2nd soj.; John Allan, F. 3rd soj.; Thomas M. Lean, Chancellor; and D. Gillies, Janitor.

CRAFT LODGE MEETINGS.

Tyrian—No. 253—Derbyshire.—On the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Derby, Bro. the Rev. C. T. Bromwich, the W.M., presiding, the 103rd anniversary of this lodge was held, and Bro. B. L. Homer Mole was ably installed in the chair of K.S. by his predecessor. The several addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. T. Cox. P. Prov. G.S.W., and Prov. G. Treasurer. The following officers were invested:—J. H. Clarke, S.W.; A. J. Flint, J.W.; Rev. Herbert Price, Chaplain; William Naylor, P.M., P.G.S.B. (England), Treas.; H. V. Edwards, Sec.; E. McInnes, S.D.; T. Carter Wiggs, P.M., D.C.; Montagu Smith, Org.; Edgar H. Claye, I.G.; F. E. Taylor and J. Murray Lindsay, Stds.; and W. Stone, Tyler. Amongst others present were —Bros. E. R. Ware, P.G.S.W.; W. B. Hextall, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. S. Marsden, P.P.G.S.W.; Percy Wallis, P.P.G.S.W.; J. B. Coulson, P.P.G.S.W., J. Hassell, P.P.S.G.D. (Leicestershire); C. Webster, P.S.G.D.; the Rev. Herbert Price, Chaplain; Carter Wigg, P.M.; Silver Hall, P.M.; Grimwood Taylor, P.M.; A. Woodiwiss, P.M.; J. H. Richardson, P.M.; J. Worsnop, P.M.; W. J. Piper, P.M.; J. Whitaker Brigg, W.M. 731; J. Monck, W.M. 802; George Johnson, W.M. 1085; H. Beag, W.M. 1495; Holland Rowbotham, P.M.; Orme, W.M.-designate, Dorothy Vernon Lodge; J. P. Fearfield (Long Eaton); Severn Taylor, John Walker, W. Clemson, W. P. Edwards, J. Murray Lindsay, W. Wheeldon, C. E. Peddler, H. M. Hobson, F. Ernest Taylor, W. L. Dodd, B. W. Pike, Melrose, and Forman. At the banquet which followed labour the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and under the direction of Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O., a musical programme added to the pleasures of a very social meeting.

TORBAY LODGE—No. 1358—PROVINCE OF DEVON.—At the annual meeting of this Lodge, held last week in the Town Hall, Paignton, Bro. C. W. Perrett was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were appointed and invested as officers, Bro. G. S. Bridgman being the I.P.M., viz.:—R. Light, S.W.; H. P. Jarman, J.W.; A. W. Palk, P.M., D.C.; F. Palk, P.M., P.P.G. Purv. Treas.; J. Bradford, P.M. See; J. Nicks, S.D.; J. Hoyles, J.D.; A. Waycott and L. Lees, Stds.; R. E. Drew, I.G., and W. E. Warren, representatives on the Committee of Petitions. Subsequently the members of the lodge. joined by several friends. sat down to a banquet laid out in the lodge-room.

St. Nicholas, Thorne—No. 2259.—The first initiation in this new Lodge took place on Wednesday last, when Mr. C. W. Darley was made an E.A., and Mr. F. Pine a serving brother. W. Bro. Capt. Dove, W.M., ably performed the ceremony, W. Bro. W. Delaney (248) giving the W. tools. There were several visitors present, including W. Bros. Beck (Leeds), Porter (Goole), Wood (Crowle), Mason (I. of Axholme). After the Lodge a Fourth Degree was held. Pleasure and harmony was the mutual result.

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The Suffield Lodge — No. 1808 — met at the Angel Hotel, North Walsham, Norfolk, last week, when Bro. W. R. Anthony, P.P.G.Std. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Among those present were Bros. John Dixon, I.P.M.; H. Randall, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.: A. Bullard, P.M. 1500, P.P.A.G.D. of C.: Toulson, F. Gregory, James Lovelace, P.M.; E. Pugh, H. Milton, A. Wright, Rev. George Sharley, W. T. Sturgess, H. Wells, E. Skipper, C. Barnes, P.P.G.Std.: Horsey, W.M. Doric (Suffolk); C. A. B. Bignold, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. H. Brockbank, Rev. Wimble, P.G.C.: George Walker, W.M., P.G.J.W.; Major Wortley, T. C. R. King, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; C. E. Sexton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., R. Canova, A. King, W.M., P.P.G.Std.: W. F. Stratford, P.G.Std.: W. R. Tidman, W.M.: Thomas Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.: Samuel Carman, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; G. S. Smith, P.M., p.P.G.D. of C.: W. W. Warner, P.G.St.; D. G. F. Gaul, P.M., and others. The incoming W.M. was installed in a most able manner by Bro. Dixon. The officers were appointed as follows:—Bro. J. Dixon, I.P.M.; E. Pugh, S.W.; H. Milton, J.W.; A. Wright, S.D.; Rev. George Sharley, J.D. and Chap.; John Boyce, P.M., Treas.; H. Randall, Sec.: A. Bullard, D. of C.; W. T. Sturgess, Org.; H. Wells, I.G.: E. Skipper, Steward; E. Hollidge, Tyler. After a capital banquet, the customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured; and in the course of the evening a handsome Masonic ring was presented to Bro. Barnes in recognition of his five years' services as secretary, and on his retirement through ill-health; and of a P.M. jewel to the retiring W.M. The harmony of the evening was well-sustained by Bros. J. H. Brockbank, Rev. Wimble, W. T. Sturgess, H. Wells, and H. Green. We congratulate the W.M., and wish him a successful year of office. Bro. Anthony is most indefatigable in all he undertakes, and Lodge Suffield is bound to flourish under his gavel

CLACTON-ON-SEA.—The annual festival in connection with the St. Osyth Priory Lodge, No. 2063, took place at the Royal Hotel, on Friday evening, September 21st. A large number of members of the craft were present. including 21 Past Masters, W. Bro. J. P. Allen, P.M. 1056 and S.W. 2063, was installed W.M. for the opening year, the ceremony being ably performed by W. Bro. W. J. Nunn, I.P.M. 2063, P.P.G.S.D., Suffolk, assisted by W. Bro. Fred. King, P.M. 1056. W. Bro. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O., acted as organist. The following officers were appointed:—S.W., W. Bro. Henry Finer, P.M. 1799; J.W., Bro. Fred. J. Nunn; Treasurer, W. Bro. John Mann, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Sec., Essex: Secretary, Bro. M. H. Page; Chaplain, W. Bro. W. M. Jones, P.M. 697; S.D., Bro. F. Reed; J.D., Bro. J. Starling; I.G., Bro. S. J. Sparling; D.C., Bro. J. Stebbings; Steward, Bro. Murray; Tyler, Bro. H. Hart. W. Bro. W. M. Foxcroft, I.P.M., P.M. 177, P.P.G.A.D.C., was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the able manner in which he had acted as W.M. during the past two years, W. Bro.

Foxeroft was also appointed Representative on the Provincial Charity Committee. A banquet was admirably served at the Royal Hotel by Bro. F. Wallis, at which the usual Masonic toasts were daly honoured. The visitors were Bros. F. King, P.M. 156 and 1613; G. Cavendish, 1956; Wm. R. Bloom, P.M. 697; W. O. Ward, P.M. 650, P.P.G.P. Suff., P.M. and Sec. 1392, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. Harrison, P.M. 51, P.G.S.W.; F. Quilter, W.M. 51, P.G.S.; C. Allen, S.D. 1056; Arthur Barrett, W.M. 1024; G. Canler, W.M. 1799; E. Grocock, J.D. 1799; G. Redding, P.M. 917; J. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.Z., P.P.G.O.; H. Cattermole, P.M. 1839; W. Brightwell, 51; Alfred Dixie, P.M. 453, P.G.D.; F. G. Scheib, 1964; H. J. Skingley, W.M. 697; and R. R. G. Norman, 2689. Some able speeches were delivered, interspersed with excellent singing by Miss Emily Foxeroft. Bros. J. J. C. Turner, F. Herolds, Wm. Nunn, F. King, C. Allen, Milwards, &c., and recitations by Bro. Cavendish. The visitors congratulated the members of the Lodge on its efficient state, and on the position it had taken in the Province. It was the unanimous opinion that the evening had been one of the most enjoyable spent by the St. Osyth Lodge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE—No. 140.—On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the New Cross Hall, Lewisham High Road—Bro. Cash, W.M.—Bros. Burton, S.W.; Hicks, J.W.; G. Brown, Preceptor; J. Shepherd, Secretary; Card, S.D.; Nuding, Jun., J.D.; Pakes, P.M., I.G.; Nuding, Sen.; Smith, Morley, Taylor, Lowe, Burnly, Roberts, Merrit, P. Shepherd, Greenwood, Penrose. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. P. Shepherd candidate. After the usual committees had been appointed and other formal business transacted, Bro. Burton, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

JUSTICE LODGE—No. 147.—On Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Brown Bear. High Street, Deptford. Bro. Penrose, W.M.,—Bros. Faulkner, S.W.; Whibley, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Prior. S.D.; Jackson, J.D.; Borrett, I.G.; Barflett, P.M.; Thomas, P.M.; W. T. Hunt, jun., P.M.; J. B. Williams, Emblin, J. H. Morgan, Newell, Dandridge, Dodd. Millington, Dixon, Leng. Wilson, and Amos. The coremony of raising was rehearsed. The brethren saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leng candidate. Bro. Faulkner, S.W., was elected W.M. for the second Thursday in October.

ISLINGTON LODGE—No. 1471.—On Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Bro. J. G. Cobb, W.M.,—Bros. J. Petch, S.W.; J. M. Searlett, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; J. C. Yates, J.D.; C. H. Stevenson, I.G.; J. Duncan, A. Wolter, D. C. Ritchie, and C. Hillier. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Duncan candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wolter candidate. Bro. J. Petch was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

CHAUCER LODGE—No. 1540.—On Tuesday, the 25th ult. at the Old White Hart Hotel. Borough, S.E.—Present: Bro. Herbert Brine, W.M.—Bros. Holliday, S.W.; W. Steele, J.W.; W. Wingham, Preceptor: Fred. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; H. G. Douglass, S.D.; C. F. Williams, J.D.; M. E. Stokes, I.G.; S. Renaut, Wright, B. White, Harper, C. R. Williams, and Roots. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Renaut as candidate. Bro. Brine vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Wingham. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. White candidate. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. W. Roots.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE—No. 2030.—On Friday, the 21st ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.—Present: Bro. Piper, W.M.; Bros. Harvey, S.W.; Roberts, J.W.; Boulton, Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Badderley, S.D.; Mann, J.D.; Molony, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Brandon, P.M.; Coleman, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Mimms, Dottrel, Lewis, Chabot, Wembwell, Ray, Stutfield, Wake and Goffin. Bro. Coughlan, P.M., having taken the chair, Masters was formed and the ceremony of Installation was rehearsed, Bro. Mimms as W.M. elect. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Strutfield candidate.

The Star Chaiter of Instruction—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 28th ult. at the Stirling Castle. Church Street. Camberwell, at eight. Present: Comps. Fred. Hilton. P.Z., Preceptor: Moore, II. 169, M.E.Z.; Briant. 1329. H.: C. Wilson. J.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; V. T. Murché, S.N.; T. Grummant, P.Z.. 1275, P.S; Fleck. A.S.; J. Addington, H. 1275; and C. Woods. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comp. W. Briant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Carl T. Fleck, 1275, was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the excellent way in which Comp. Briant had performed the ceremony of the Second Chair for the first time. Votes of thanks were also accorded to Comps. Whitby, M.E.Z., 1329, and C. Woods, the former for presenting policy for fire insurance, and the latter for presenting "Proposal Forms."

HYDE PARK LODGE—No. 1425—On Monday, October 1st, 1888, at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W.—Bro. J. R. Allman, W.M.; Bros. W. J. Mason, S.W.; E. F. Ferris, W.M. 1543, J.D.; G. Read, P.M., 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Death, S.D.; W. R. Hatton, J.D.; W. G. Coleman, I.G.; W. Robinson, W. Std.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1415; W. J. Hakim, W.M.-elect, 141; O. W. Battley; W. C. Edwards; S. Barrow; S. Stretch, jun.; M. T. Tuck. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hakim candidate. Bro. Hakim, at the request of the W.M. assumed the chair and invested the officers. The 2nd section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mason was elected W.M. for October 8th.

Hornsey Chapter of Improvement—No. 890.—A convocation was held on Friday. 28th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. Present:

Z. Comp. W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975: H. M. S. Speigle, 834: J. W. H. Dean, P. 277 and 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset: S. E. H. Dehane, Z. 890; P.S. E. J. Day, 1329; I.A.S. W.H. Wadham, 1642. The ceremony of exaltation was admirably rehearsed, and Comp. Chalfont was again elected as Z. for next meeting (Friday, 5th inst.). The attendances at this Chapter of Improvement are likely to be large during the ensuing session.

West Smithfield Lodge—No. 1623.—On Monday, Oct. 2nd, at the New Market Hotel, King Street, West Smithfield, E.C.—Bro. Billing, W.M.—Bros. Ellenden, S.W.; Henrich, J.W.: Renaut, S.D.; Berg, I.G.; Hill, P.M. Sec. (pro tem.); Brasher, Armbruster, Rumball, &c. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. Hill, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Armbruster candidate. Bro. Ellenden was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Berg will work the ceremony of installation at the next meeting of this Lodge of Instruction on the 8th mst.

NEW CONCORD LODGE—No. 813.—On Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the "Jolly Farmers," Southgate Road, N.—Bro. Reed, W.M.—Bros. Barnett, S.W.: Ashton, J.W.: Haslip, P.M. Preceptor: Langdale, S.D.; Hill, P.M., I.G.; Cordell, Acting Sec.; and Cordell. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cordell candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ockleford candidate. Bro. Hill, P.M., was elected a member. Bro. Barnett was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

ROYAL SAVOY—No. 1744.—On Thursday, 27th ult., at the Blue Post, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.—Bro. A. Verdin, W.M.—J. Thom, S.W.; J. Greenway, J.W.; J. C. Smith, P.M. 1744, Preceptor; Star, S.D.; H. Van Joel, P.M. J.D.; W. Wiliams, I.G. The First Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Greenway, assisted by the brethren. The Second Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Thom, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Verdin vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Van Joel. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. Bro. Verdin resumed the chair. Bro. Thom, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

ROYAL ARCH.

TEMPERANCE CHAPTER—No. 169.—Comp. Goorge Brown, P.Z., M.E.Z. A convocation of this Chapter was held at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. Present: Ex. Comps. Geo. Brown, M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, H.; Geo. Skudder, J.; J. G. Neeld, P.Z. Scribe E.; Geo. Bolton, P.Z. Treasurer; Henry Bartlett, P.Z.; Julius Rosentock, P.Z.; Henry Moore P.Z.; Robert Jackson, Scribe N.; J. G. Thomas, P. Soj.; W. Sanderson, 2nd Assist. Soj.; Dixon, Dale, Burney, Pitt, Freeman, Kefford, Bear; and visitors: Ex. Comp. James Stevens, Panmure, P.Z. 720. 771. Bro. Geo. Bolton, of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, was proposed for exaltation at the ensuing meeting. Routine business occupied the Members of the Chapter for some time, after which they adjourned to dinner and spent a pleasant evening in social harmony and good fellowship.

THE LORD MAYOR ON FREEMASONRY.

On Wednesday evening, the 21st ult., the Lord Mayor was entertained by the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, at Anderton's Hotel. Fleet Street. Bro. R. H. Clemow, the W.M., presided; and there were present to meet the chief magistrate a numerous company of members and visitors, including Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, Major and Sheriff Davies, Sheriff Higgs, Under-Sheriff Beard, Altman, C.C.; G. Manners, C.C.; Colonel Shadwell Clerke, G. Secretary, and many others. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, said that this was the first occasion in the history of the St. Dunstan's Lodge that they had been visited by the chief magistrate, and the brethren might congratulate themselves in having so many distinguished guests present to receive him.

Bro. The LORD Mayor replying, expressed his thanks to the lodge for the kind, cordial and sympathetic reception he had received. Surrounded, as he felt himself to be by friends, many of long standing, friends who had made him what he was, real friends whom he wished most gratefully to thank, he trusted that he should shortly have more leisure time, when he should be able to be more frequently among them. Bro. Philbrick had truly said that Masonry was not a local institution—it was universal—it embodied the great principles which some day or another would prevail all over the world—true brotherly feeling—an appreciation of what was good everywhere. He comprehended that unity which helped to harmonize and make the world what it ought to be, and what as Masons, they wished it to be. In addressing, he believed, 20,000 people at Stockport, he informed them that he, and those taking part in the ceremony as lawful Masons, had their secrets. but that those secrets were not in any way opposed to the laws of God or man. Therein lay the true spirit of Freemasonry. And the reason why he, when he was called upon some time ago to give up his Masonic Association, which for so many years he had cherished so dearly, refused to do it, was, as he said. "As a Mason, I practice nothing which is incompatible with the laws of God or man, and I shall remain a Mason." He refused altogether to have anything to do with such an act of intolerance, recognising, as he did, to the fullest extent, the tolerant and generous spirit exhibited by the citizens of London in electing him the chief magistrate. It was his intention to remain a Mason, and to devote more of his time to the Craft, particularly the three great institutions of which they were all so proud. He again thanked the members of the St. Dunstan's Lodge for their cordial reception.

Bros. Sheriffs Major Davies and Higgs, having responded in suitable terms, after the usual toasts, the brethren separated. having passed a most enjoyable evening.

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Re RULE 210.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your impression of September 13th I notice a communication which Bro. Woodward has published in the columns of the Freemason, and which is reproduced by you. I had hoped that some more able pen than mine would have, ere this, been utilised for the purpose of casting light on this important point. Perhaps, as no one has thought fit to enter into the question, what I now venture to put before you may not be altogether out of place.

1st. It seems to me that when so grave an issue is raised as the exclusion of a Brother from his lodge, the concise terms of Rule 210 should not in any way be altered or strained, i.e., because a certain section of members present do not (for no matter what reason) record their votes, it neither can nor ought to be considered that by their silence they tacitly consent to such proposition. On the contrary, the mere fact of their remaining neutral, so to speak, is presumptive evidence that they at least do not concur in the proposed sentence of suspension, and practically, by abstaining from voting, give a verdict analogous to the Scotch "not proven." There may be many reasons which prevent their voting, such as, not wishing, in case the whole body corporate of the Lodge is not present either in person, or as in such case might with great reason be by proxy, to damnify a brother in the way suggested, in the absence of their confreres, who, perchance being precluded by the exigences of their public or private avocations from being present would, if otherwise situated, have been in their places and effectually turned the scale in favour of the Brother who, in their absence, it is tried to place under so Masonically a social ban.

2nd. It is well known that in many cases in which men are called upon to sit in judgment on their fellows, that a feeling of diffidence arises as to whether some blunder or other may not have been made in the strictest sense of truth regarding the hypotheses laid before them; and not wishing to cast any reflection on either accuser or accused, it is not right to allow such doubts to take a tangible shape in the form of abstinence from voting. I cannot but think that every right minded brother will agree with me when I say that to vote when unconvinced, simply because a certain section of one's co-fraternity desire it, is far worse than to abstain altogether, in which latter spirit, it appears to me, rule 210 was framed, viz.: to give the "prisoner the benefit of the doubt."

Again, what abuses would creep in, (I do not say in any lodge in particular, but generally speaking) were the words "who shall vote" to be added in rule 210 after "present." It is comparatively easy to persuade a Brother to abstain from voting, and thus snatch a verdict against an obnoxious member; but not so readily can any one be talked into giving an adverse vote on so

vital a question as that raised by Bro. Hollar.

Finally, with the very greatest amount of respect for Bro. Woodward, might I through your columns suggest to him, that though no doubt amply qualified to criticise and improve rules comprised in the constitution of our order, it would be much preferable to leave the whole question so far as Masonic Law is concerned in the hands of our grand registrar. Controversy in the columns of any public journal as to the right or wrong of any portion of such rules is against the interests of the Craft in general, and can always be. as in the case under consideration, appropriately dealt with by the proper authorities, when regularly approached. Furthermore, should any revision of a particular rule be considered desirable. G. L., we may rest assured, is very competent to do what is necessary without the interference of individual members of the Craft, who. no matter how high their standing therein may be, cannot possibly place opinions and views on the same platform as those of a number of gifted brethren, whose duty it is to enact and carry out the laws of our Society. Yours faithfully and fraternally, VERITAS.

CHARITY JEWELS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I had an opportunity lately of looking through a copy of a report at a Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, to which was appended an account of the Fund of General Purposes.

The following items require explanation, and perhaps you can afford it as well for the information of the Craft generally as for

myself in particular:—

Dr. To sale of Charity Jewels, one year, £53 0s. 6d.

Cr. By W. J. Taylor, for Charity Medals, £26 5s. 0d. Does this mean that the Board of General Purposes purchases medals at the rate of about one guinea each and sells them to those who are entitled to wear them at about two guineas each? If it does not mean this, what does it mean? If it does mean it, then on what ground should a man who has done a charitable service meriting distinction be mulcted in a sum equal to one hundred per cent. if he utilizes his privilege? Yours fraternally, September 29th, 1888.

** We have referred to the report alluded to by our Correspondent, and the explanation he asks for seems reasonable. It is impossible for anyone to understand what is meant by the respective sums mentioned in the statement of account, unless it be as our Correspondent suggests.—Ed. M.S.

To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Condescend to receive from me "hearty good wishes" for your spirited enterprise in starting a fresh Masonic Journal, and I trust you will meet with that support from the Fraternity which your generous venture deserves. I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally, CHARLES J. PERCEVAL,

Sept. 29th, 1888.

V. P. of The Three Institutions.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In reply to "G. D. C., Essex," it is wrong for a P.M. not to wear a P.M.'s jewel, and he is certainly expected to get himself one in silver—unless one be presented to him, when it may be in gold. or silver gilt. The Book of Constitutions of Freemasonry and Regulations of Royal Arch Masonry distinctly show in the illustrations authorised at the end of each of them what is required to be used, and the pattern, so that there is no doubt at all on the The decorations authorised are, to my mind:

A Centenary jewel, if the Lodge to which you belong has the

A Past Master's jewel, if you have passed the chair.

A Royal Arch Companion's jewel, if belonging to that supreme degree.

A Past 1st Principal's jewel, if you have passed the three chairs.

A Provincial Officer's jewel, Craft or Arch, if you hold present or Past Provincial rank. A Steward's jewel, if you have served at any festival, and had

it presented to you; and

A Jubilee jewel.

Any brother who is entitled to any or all of the above is wrong if he does not wear them, because they are the index by which a stranger knows the Masonic rank of the brother to whom he is speaking in the Lodge. And if the Craft has conferred distinction it is a very poor return not to show you appreciate it by providing yourself with the outward and visible sign of the fact known only, perchance, to yourself in a Lodge crowded with brethren. Yours truly and fraternally,

ZILLWOOD MILLEDGE. P.M., P.P.G.D., W.M. 170, P.Z. 170, P.P.I.S. Dorset, &c. The Fernery, Weymouth, Sept. 28th, 1888.

Answers to Correspondents.

- J. W. asks us to give a list of suitable *Recitations* for masonic meetings after labour, with date and place of publication. Can any of our readers help us in this matter?
- T. D., P.M. and Sec. 481.—We are very much obliged, and you will note that we have given attention to all your estoemed items of information. We have also sent to Morpeth, as requested.

Masonic Exchange & Mart Column

For Sale or Exchange.

Calcill's Candid Disquisition of the Principles of Freemasonry, 1769 — Trewman's Principles of Freemasonry, 1777 — The Unparallelled Sufferings of John Custos, tortured by the Inquisition, Plates and List of R.A. Chapters, 17—. — Masonic Effusions, F. C. Daniel, 1819—A Masonic Treatise, with an Elucidation, W. Finch, 1802—Vestiges of Genuine Freemasonry, M. Margalouth, 1852—The Masonic Charities, G. Taylor—An Investigation of the cause of hostility of the Church of Rome towards Freemasonry, 187.—An Essay on the Origin of Freemasonry, 1880—Preston's Illustrations, 1788, 1801, 1812, 1821, 1841—Freemason's Quarterly Magazine and Review, 1851-2-3-4-5, In Parts as issued.—T.F.

Wanted.

Ahiman Rezon, 1787-1813—Royal Arch Regulations before 1823
—Preston's Illustrations, 1772, 1775—Sketches and Reprints, W. J.
Hughan. First Part. 1871—Constitutions, 1855, 1861, 1866—And
the following histories: Freemasonry in Inverness—In ChinaAmoy—At Bottoms Eastwood—Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship—St.
Hilda Lodge, South Shields—Imperial George Lodge—Britannic
Lodge—Kelso Lodge—Grand Lodge Report, December, 1871.—T.F.

The "Albert Edward" Masonic Lifeboat.—During a brief stay at Clacton-on-Sea within the past week, we had opportunity for the inspection of that handsome little edifice which shelters the lifeboat presented by the United Grand Lodge to the National Lifeboat Institution in commemoration of the return of our M.W. Grand Master from India in 1869, and were much gratified to notice the care and attention devoted to the building itself, and to the craft which has been instrumental in saving life within reach of its humane mission. Bro. W. H. Page, the Hon. Sec. in charge, (and Secretary of the St. Osyth Priory Lodge, No. 2063) is to be congratulated on the result of his services in keeping the building, the boat, and all its appliances in perfect order as we found it, and brethren visiting this rising watering-place could scarcely spend a more pleasant and profitable hour there than by seeing for themselves the results of the liberality of the Craft in this respect.

IMPROMPTU DANCE.—As several of the visiting brethren in connection with the annual festival of St. Osyth Lodge, on the 21st ulto., were staying until the following Monday, the retiring W.M. and the present W.M. asked them and a few friends to a dance at the Royal Hotel on the Saturday evening. Several ladies and gentlemen responded to the hasty invitation, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. Cavendish ended the evening by reciting "The Three Parsons" in excellent style. Bro. Foxcroft. in a neat speech, stated why they had met, and hoped such meetings might continue.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

For the current week, compiled from the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar (G. Kenning, London). This table is correct as to days of meeting named in the respective Warrants or Charters. In some instances, however, the Lodges, &c., may be out of session, and further enquiry may be necessary to prevent disappointment.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R. A. C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R. X., Red Cross Conclaves; F. M. H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F. M. T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P.R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

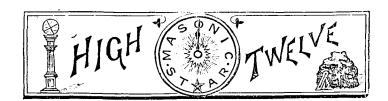
Metropolitan Todges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of Freemason's Hall, London, are London Lodges."—General Laws and Regulations.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND C	HAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4th.			(2nd) TUESDA	Y, OCT	OBER 9th—continued.
27 45 192 227 538 554 742 1178 1351 1425 1539 1765 1772 1772 1770	Strong Man Lion and Lamb	Anderton's Hotel, E.C. M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C. Cannon Street Hotel Ship and Turtle, E.C. F. M. H. Green Dragon, Stepney Crystal Palace, S.E. Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge 225, Strand, W.C. The Westbourne, Craven Road, W. Surrey M. H., Camberwell 13, Mandeville Place, W. Victoria Mansions Rest., S.W. M. H., New Thornton Heath	917 933 1196 1269 1593 1604 1614 1837 1969 2054 R.A.C 185 S.C.	Cosmopolitan Dorie Urban Stanhope Royal Naval College Wanderers Covent Garden Lullingstone Waldeek Wilson Hes Jerusalem		Cannon Street Hotel Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street F. M. H. S. M. H., Camberwell Ship Hot., Greenwich F. M. Hall Criterion, Piccadilly M. H., Wilmington, Dartford F. M. H. Swan Hotel, Rickmansworth F. M. T. 33, Golden Square
R.A.C. 174 181 1381	Universal	London Tav., Fenchurch Street F. M. 11. Horns Tav., Kennington		ENERAL COMMITTE	E, BENE	7, OCTOBER 10th. VOLENT INSTITUTION, AT 4.
	(Ist) FRIDAY, (3 15	Fidelity Kent		F. M. H. Ditto
706 890 1489 1672 1815 2076 Mark. 8 R.C.	Florence Nightingale Hornsey Marquis of Ripon Royal Kensington Penge Quatuor Coronati Thistle	M. H., William Street, Woodwich Anderton's Hotel, E.C. Cock Tavern, Highbury Station F. M. H. Thicket Hotel, Anerley F. M. H. F. M. T. 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.	147 749 781 820 1260 1306 1349 1503 1538 1586 1694	Justice		White Swan, High Street, E.C. Anderton's Hotel Silver Tav., Burdett Road Greyhound, Richmond F. M. H. Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate Ship and Turtle, E.C. Albany Hot., Twickenham Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool Street White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
	(1st) SATURDAY,		1718 1900	Centurion Montague Guest		Inns of Court Hotel Ditto
1194 1572 1622 1949 R.A.C.	Villiers	Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street Surrey M. H. Brixton Hall, Acre Lanc. Brixton F. M. H.	2041 R.A.C. 857 1540 Mark. 284 S.C.	West Kent Volunteer St. Marks Chaucer High Cross 33rd		M. H., Wilmington, Kent Surrey M. H., Camberwell Bridge House Hot., S.E.
	(2nd) MONDAY,		(2nd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th.			
58 59 193 257 1305 1571 1805 1891 2012 2030 R.A.C. 22 1366 Mark. 44 104 224	Royal Naval Confidence	Ship and Turtle, E.C. F. M. H. Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. F. M. H. Criterion, Piccadilly Bridge House Hot., E.C. Vestry Hall, Bow Road Barons' Court Hot., West Kensington Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge Town Hall, Westminster Guildhall Tay., Gresham Street Gate House Tay., Highgate M. H., Woolwich 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C. Griterion, Piccadilly	206 238 860 879 1076 1216 1471 1558 1598 1599 1708 1791 1804 1987 2090 R.A.C.	Friendship Pilgrin (German) Dalhousie Southwark Capper Maedonald Islington Duke of Connaught Leyspring Skelmersdale Plucknett Creaton Coborn Shand Hammersmith Mount Lebanon		Ship and Turtle, E.C. F. M. H. Anderton's Hot., E.C. Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.I Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell Cock Tav., Highbury, N. Surrey M. H., Camberwell Anderton's Hotel, E.C. M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C. Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley F. M. H. Vestry Hall, Bow Criterion, Piccadilly Vestry Hall, Hammersmith Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
180 198 228 548 831	Percy United Strength Wellington	OCTOBER 9th. F. M. H. Ship and Turtle, E.C. Guildhall Tay., Gresham Street White Swan Tayern, Deptford Criterion, Piccadilly	140 452 619 813 1383 1716 Mark. 86	St. George Frederick of Unity Beadon New Concord Friends-in-Council All Saints Samson and Lion		Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich M. H., Croydon M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C. Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street 33, Golden Square, W. Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow

Provincial Todges and Chapters (Targest Centres).

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.		PLACE OF MEETING.
BIRMII 43 74 468 473 587 739 887 925 938 1016 1031 1163 1180	St. Paul's	M. H., New Street M. H., Severn Street Great Western Hotel M. H., New Street Ditto	1691 2024 2087 2105 2183 R.A.C. 778 1194 1293 1691	Ouadratic My, Jn, Jy only Raymond Thrupp 4th Apl Electric 4th May Cama 15th Dec Royal Hamp. Court 10th Oct Bard of Avan My & Jy only Royal Middlesex 20th Oct Burdett 12th Jan Quadratic 15th Oct	Mitre Hotel Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto
1474 1551 1644 R.A.C. 43 74 587 938 1016 1031	Israel Sth Oet Charity 16th Oet Alma Mater 19th Oet Fortitude 11th Dec Athol 4th Nov Howe 1st Nov Grosvenor 6th Nov Elkington To-DAY, 4th Oet Fletcher 4th Dec	M. H., Severn Street M. H., New Street Ditto Great Western Hotel M. H., Severn Street M. H., New Street Ditto Ditto Ditto	57 250 1010 1605 2134 R.A.C. 57 250 1010 1605	Humber	F. M. H., Osborne Street M. H., Dagga Lane M. H., Worship Street 58, Charlotte Street Ditto F. M. H., Osborne Street M. H., Dagga Lane M. H., Worship Street 58, Charlotte Street
	N-5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.		Isle o	F MAN-5 LODGES, 1 CHA	PTER.
37 146 221 348 1723 R.A.C. 37 221 348	Anchor and Hope Sth Oct Antiquity 10th Oct St. John 17th Oct St. John's 25th Oct St. George 26th Dec Concord 15th Oct St. John 6th Mar St. John's 25th Oct	F. M. H., Institute Street Ditto	1004 1242 2049 2050 2197 1075 2164 R.A.C 1004	Athole 22nd Nov Tynwald 31st Oct Ellan Vannin 6th Nov St. Trinians To-DAY, 4th Oct Spencer Walpole 8th Oct S. Manghold 16th Oct St. Germans 13th Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto M. R., Ramsey Peel Castle Hotel, Peel M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
BRADE	ord-5 Lodges, 2 Chapter	RS.		•	
302 600 974 1018 1648 R.A.C. 302 600	Hope 22nd Oct Harmony 18th Oct Pentalpha 6th Nov Shakespeare 10th Oct Prince of Wales TO-MOR., 5th Oct Charity 22nd Oct Sincerity 6th Nov	M. H., Darley Street F. M. H., Salem Street M. H., Darley Street M. H., Darley Street Ditto Ditto F. M. H., Salem Street	289 304 306 1042 1211 1221 1311 2069	—S LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS. Fidelity TO-DAY, 4th Oct Philanthropic 31st Oct Alfred TO-MOR., 5th Oct Excelsior 18th Oct. Goderich 5th Nov Defence 8th Oct Zetland 19th Oct Prudence 13th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill M. H., Great George Street M. H., Kelsall Street M. H., Great George Street Ditto M. H., Carlton Hill M. H., Great George Street Ditto
	ron—9 Lodges, 5 Chapter		R.A.C. 289	Fidelity 9th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
271 315 732 811 1466 1636 1821 1947 2201 R.A.C. 271 315 732 811	Royal Clarence 19th Oct Royal York 6th Nov Royal Brunswick 11th Oct Yarborough 20th Oct Hova Ecclesia 6th Oct St. Cecilia 30th Oct Atlingworth 18th Oct Earl of Sussex 27th Oct Lennox 2nd Nov Royal Pavilion 16th Oct Royal Sussex 22nd Nov Yarborough 12th Oct	Royal Pavilion Ditto Ditto Ditto Old Ship Hotel Royal Pavilion Ditto Town Hall, Hove Royal Pavilion Ditto		Philanthropic 7th Nov Alfred 12th Oct Excelsior 18th Oct Excelsior 18th Oct St. John's 7th Nov John of Gaunt 18th Oct Commercial 26th Oct Albert Edward 9th Oct Golden Fleece 15th Oct Fortitude 25th Oct	M. H., Great George Street M. H., Kelsall Street M. H., Great George Street ERS. F. M. H., Halford Street Ditto
1466		Old Ship Hotel	1560	St. George's 7th Jan	
BRISTO 68 103 187 { 326 610 686 1388 1404 2257 R.A.C. 68 103 187	L—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS. Royal Clarence Sth Oct Beaufort 6th Nov Royal Sussex Lo. 10th Oct Of Hospitality 10th Oct Lorsalem 18th Oct Colston 17th Oct Jerusalem 9th Oct Canynges 6th Oct St. Vincent 25th Oct Powell 22nd Oct Royal Clarence 17th Nov Beaufort 23rd Oct Charity 6th Oct	F. M. H., Park Street Ditto	32 155 203 216 241 249 292 594 667 673 680 724 786 823	St. George's 24th Oct Perseverance 19th Oct Ancient Union 18th Oct Harmonic 11th Oct Merchants 9th Oct Mariners To-DAY, 4th Oct Sincerity 8th Oct Downshire 25th Oct Alliance 16th Oct St. John 6th Nov Sefton To-Mor., 5th Oct United Service 11th Oct	Adelphi Hotel M. H., Hope Street Ditto Adelphi Hotel M. H., Hope Street Ditto
Bury-	-5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.		1013 1094	Royal Victoria 7th Oct Temple 10th Oct	Ditto Ditto
42 128 191 1012 1392 R.A.C. 42 128	Relief 6th Oct Prince Edwin 17th Oct St. John 11th Oct Prince of Wales TO-DAY, 4th Oct Egerton 25th Oct Unanimity 22nd Nov	Grey Mare Hotel Bridge Im Knowsley Hotel Derby Hotel Stanley Arms Derby Hotel Bridge Im	1182 1264 1299 1325 1350 1356 1393 1502 1505	Duke of Edinburgh	Ditto Ditto Ditto Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby M. H., Hope Street Ditto 80, North Hill Street M. H., Hope Street Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto
Derry.	-4 Lodges, 2 Chapters.		$\frac{1570}{1609}$	Prince Arthur 16th Oct Liverpool Dramatic 24th Oct	Ditto Ditto
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"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

After Lodge is closed, Brethren may find relaxation and amusement in LONDON at—

THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE. Lessee and Manager, Mr. Augustus Harris. The Armada at 7.30.

HAYMARKET THÉATRE.

Lessee and Manager, Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree.

CAPTAIN SWIFT at 8.30.

THAT DREADFUL DOCTOR at 7.50.

ADELPHI THEATRE,
Sole Proprietors and Managers, Messrs. A. & S. Gatti.
The Union Jack at 8.
The Lottery Ticket at 7.15.

PRINCESS' THEATRE.
Sole Lessee, Miss Grace Hawthorne; Manager, Mr. W. W. Kelly.
The Still Alarm, at 7.45.

THE GLOBE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. John Lart.
THE MONK'S ROOM at 8.15.

JODRELL (NOVELTY) THEATRE. Closed.

SAVOY THEATRE.

Manager, Mr. D'Oyly Carte.

THE YEOMAN OF THE GUARD, 8.30.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Horace Sedger.
DOROTHY 8.30.

WARRANTED BURGLAR PROOF, 7.40.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Thomas Thorne.
JOSEPH'S SWEETHEART at 8.30.

THE BROTHERS at 7.45.

COMEDY THEATRE.

Lessee and Manager, Mr. C. H. Hawtrey.

UNCLES AND AUNTS at 9.

THE SPY at 8.

TOOLE'S THEATRE.
Lessee, Mr. J. L. Toole,
PEPITA at 8.15.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
Sole Lessee, Mr. Henry Irving.
A Parisian Romance at 8.45.
Lesbia at 7.45.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.

Lessee and Manageress, Agnes Hewitt.
KITCHEN LOVE at 7.15.
TICKET OF LEAVE MAN at 8.

TERRY'S THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Edward Terry.
Sweet Lavender at 8.30.

STRAND THEATRE, Under the Management of Mr. Willie Edonin,

KLEPTOMANIA at 7.45.
ALADDIN at 9.30.

OPERA COMIQUE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. F. J. Harris.
CARINA at 8,30.

SURREY THEATRE.
THE GOLDEN LADDER at 7.30.

METROPOLITAN, EDGWARE ROAD.
ALWAYS A GOOD COMPANY.

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THEATRE ROYAL.
Sole Proprietress, Mrs. Nye Chart.
THE PAPER CHASE at 7.30.

Dramatic Motes and Observations.

(Communicated).

THE Exhibition of Armada and Elizabethan relics, pictures, armour, &c., which Bro. Augustus Harris has organised, will be opened at Drury Lane Theatre, on the afternoon of the 24th inst.. by the Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham. Bro. Harris has received promises of the loan of many objects of great interest.

The Drury Lane Pantomime will be entitled "The Babes in the Wood." Bro. Augustus Harris has engaged a strong caste: Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, Dan Leno, Charles Lauri. The Brothers Griffiths and Harry Payne as clown; also Walter Andrews, Pleon. Reuben Inch and Victor Stevens; and Misses Maggie Duggan and Harriet Vernon as principal boys, and Ænea as the Fly Cock Robin.

As we predicted, "Carina" was a great success at the Opera Comique, last Thursday. The book is by Mr. Blanchard, and the attractive music is composed by Madame Julia Woolf (Mrs. Isaacson).

As I said in our last issue, the "Two Orphans" will be put on shortly. Miss Marie Lewis will play Henriette as she did at the Union Square Theatre, New York.

SEVERAL papers during the past week have said that Mr. H. J. Leslie will produce a comedy entitled "Blackmail" at a Gaiety matinée; this I hear, from a reliable source, is not a fact.

"A PARISIAN ROMANCE" was produced at the Lyceum Theatre last Monday evening. Mr. Mansfield took the leading character (Baron de Chevrial)

Bro. Henry Irving was entertained at a banquet by the Edinburgh Pen and Pencil Club on the evening of the 2nd inst.. and in responding to the toast of "The Drama," took occasion to vindicate the actor's calling from some recently-published aspersions.

THE Italian Exhibition continues to draw large crowds. The exhibits are still as fresh as ever, and the life-like scenes in the Colosseum meet with the hearty applause they so justly deserve.

MISS MYRA MAY was last week the recipient of a handsome gold bracelet, set with brilliants and engraved with her name, in commemoration of the fourth year of her appearance on the stage.

OWING to the sudden illness of H. M. Edmunds, of the Albert and Edmunds House, the sketch entitled "Jack, the Cat, and the Mill," in which the above troupe have been performing at the Metropolitan Music Hall, had to be withdrawn there on Monday last.

M. JEAN DE RESCHKE appeared a few evenings ago in Verdi's opera "Aida," at the Grand Opera in Paris. His splendid rendering of the music of the third act has added not a little to the reputation he so justly earned in London last season. Without doubt he is the finest tenor who has appeared on the lyric stage since the days of Mongini.

THE readers of THE MASONIC STAR could not do better than see Mr. Willard in the new play at the "Globe." It is one of his finest impersonations.

It is asserted that arrangements are in course of perfection for the suppression of the gang who patronise "first nights" for "burkeing" purposes.

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" has ceased to be an infliction on a credulous British Public. Mr. Mansfield, as an actor, has far greater scope for distinguishing himself than such a ridiculous play (!) affords.

ORATORIO appears likely to have a flourishing time shortly. The "Stabat Mater," "Redemption," "Elijah," &c., will be given at the Albert Hall, as well as works by Cowen, Benoit, &c.

"A FAIR BIGAMIST" had a short life, but hardly a merry one, at the Royalty. About four days is certainly short, even in these rapid times."

Bro. Geo. Maclean had "hearty farewell" from the members of the Savage Club Lodge, at the Criterion, the other night, on the occasion of his leaving for America, with Miss Anderson's Company on tour. We wish him God-speed.

STELLA.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(continued).

No. of Lodge or Chapter.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge. Name of Lodge or Chapter. Place of Meeting.
Manchester	APTERS. Albion Hotel Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly Ditto F. M. H., Cooper Street Ditto Ditto F. M. H., Salford Town Hall, Hulme F. M. H., Salford Ditto Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton Midway Hotel, Levenshulme Albion Hotel F. M. H., Cooper Street Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove Town Hall Buildings, King Street Bedford Street, Cheetham Red Lion Hot., Blackley Grand Hotel, Aytom Street F. M. H., Salford F. M. H., Cooper Street F. M. H., Cooper Street Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove Queen's Hotel Conservative Club, Newton Heath Chester Bank, Prestwich Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys Town Hall, Pendleton 74a, King Street Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross Midland Hotel, Ardwick Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	
Virtue	F. M. H., Cooper Street Ditto Ditto M. H., Salford Midland Hotel, Ardwick F. M. H., Cooper Street Town Hall, Hulme M. H., Salford Midway Hotel, Levenshulme M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham	257 Phænix 24th Oct 342 Royal Sussex 17th Oct 487 Portsmouth 11th Oct 1069 United Brothers 9th Oct 1428 United Service 12th Oct 1776 Landport 18th Oct 1834 Duke of Connaught 1903 Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar 1990 Hampshire Lo. of Emulation 1990 Portsmouth Tem- 22nd Oct 1804 Portsmouth Tem- 22nd Oct 1805 Portsmouth Tem- 22nd Oct 1806 Portsmouth Tem- 22nd Oct 1807 Portsmouth Tem- 22nd Oct 1808 Portsmouth 110, High Street F. M. H., Landport M. H., Landport Ditto Dit
Newcastle-on-Tyne	M. H., Grainger Street F. M. H., Maple Street Ditto M. H., Grainger Street Assembly Rooms F. M. H., Grainger Street F. M. H., Maple Street Ditto F. M. H., Grainger Street Ditto Ditto Ditto M. H., Maple Street Ditto M. H., Maple Street Ditto Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road	2008 perance 22nd Oct Soldier's Institute, Figure
NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTER Lo. 52 Union 6th Nov 93 Social 9th Oct 213 Perseverance 16th Oct 807 Cabbell 25th Oct 943 Sincerity 23rd Oct	Norfolk Hotel 23, St. Giles Street Ditto Ditto Ditto	1779 Ivanhoe 30th Oct Ditto
1500 Walpole TO-DAY, 4th Oct	Ditto Norfolk Hotel 23, St. Giles Street Ditto •	130
402 Royal Sussex 16th Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street George Hotel M. H., Goldsmith Street Ditto	SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

The Editor desires that the following List may be taken as only approximately correct. To ensure absolute correctness in future issues, information from the Secretaries of the Lodges not named, or imperfectly announced, is especially solicited.

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THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4th.			(2nd) MONDAY, OCTOBER 8th—continued.		
3 13 27 87 144 147 435 754 871 879 901 907 1158 1259 1278 1306 1348 1360 1348 1360 1366 1441 1571 1602 1614 1625 1673 1681 1685 1791 1816 R.A.C. 188 753 1471	Fidelity at 8 Union Waterloos2 , 8 Egyptian	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich. Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street. Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C. White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea. Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Union Tav., Air Street, W. Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham. Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford. Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road. City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axc. White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C. Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd., C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church. Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road. Three Crowns, Mile End Road. Cock Tav., Kennington Road. Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N. Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W. Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C. White Horse, Liverpool Road, N. Criterion, Piccadilly. [well. Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E. White Hart, Abchurch Lane. Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair Town Hall Leytonstone Blue Póst, Charlotte Street, W. Whitshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford. Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall. Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale. Northampton Hot., St. Paul's Rd., Canonbury, N. Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.	1507 1536 1572 1585 1608 1623 1662 1693 1707 1804 1891 1901 2021 2090 R.A.C 206 55 140 141 177 188 238 463 554 704 706 753 820 858 860 861	Metropolitan at 7.30 United Military , 7.30 Carnarvon , 6 Royal Commemoration , 8 Kilburn , 8 West Smithfield , 7 Tredegar , 8 Beaconsfield , 8 Beaconsfield , 8 Kingsland , 8.30 Eleanor , 8 St. Ambrose , 8 Selwyn , 8 Selwyn , 8 Hammersmith , 7.30 Hope , 7.30 Hope , 7.30 Constitutional at 7 St. George , 8 Faith , 8 Domatic , 7.30 Joppa , 7 E. Surrey Lo. of Coned. , 7.45 Yarborough , 8 Camden , 8 Florence Nightingale , 7.30 Prince Fredk. William , 8 South Middlesex , 7.30 Dalhousie , 8 Finsbury , 7 Finsbury , 8 Finsbury , 7 Finsbury , 7 Finsbury , 8 Finsbury	Bedford Hot., Southmpn, Bldgs., Holbn. Public Hall, New Cross. Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W. Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road. Champion Hot., Aldersgate Street. Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street. Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Green Dragon, Stepney. Northbrook Hotel, Lee. M. H., William Street, Woolwich. Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Valc. Greyhound Hot., Richmond. Beaufort Ho., Walham Green. Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston. King's Head Tay Threadneedle Street.
	(1st) FRIDAY,	OCTOBER 5th.	1044 1076 1155 1321	Wandsworth , 8 Capper , 8 Excelsion 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth Railway Hot., Angel Lanc, Stratford. Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
9 25 167 169 217 256 333 507 733 749 765 780 834 933 1056 1195 1228 1287	Albion	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand, Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar. York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W. Railway Tavern, New Cross Road. Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street. F. M. H. Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell. S. M. H., Camberwell New Road. Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood. Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W. Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W. Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge. Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersnith, W. Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E. Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C. Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green. Green Man, Leytonstone Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury] Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-	1349 1382 1446 1471 1472 1540 1558 1586 1598 1612 1695 1767 1839 1949 1950 R.A. C. 25 704 975	Emblematic	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town. George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar. 19, Jermyn Street, St. James's. Cock Tav., Highbury. Three Crowns, North Woolwich. Old White Hart, High Street, Borough Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E. White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood. Red Lion, Leytonstone. Bell Hot., Ealing. Hornsey Wood Tav., N. Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn. Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside. Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E. Rallway Hot., New Southgate. Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane. The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C. Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1365 1381 1607 - 1629	Clapton , 8 Kennington , 7.30 Loyalty , 8 Henry Muggeridge , 6	I.d. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E. Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.	!	(2nd) WEDNESDA	Y, OCTOBER 10th.
1642 1716 2030 R.A.C. 65 890 946 355 1275	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road. Town Hall, Poplar. King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd- Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C. Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn. Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W. The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C. Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.	30 73 79 87 186 193 228 538 720 781	United Mariners at 7.30 Mount Lebanon , 8 Pythagorean , 8 Vitruvian , 8.30 Confidence , 7 United Strength , 8 La Tolerance , 8 Panmure , 7 Merchant Navy , 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham. George Inn, Boro' High Street. Portland Hot., Greenwich. Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge. Raily. Hot., West Hampstead. Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street. Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk. Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street. Balham Hot., Balham. Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
V ~ * *	(1st) SATURDAY	7, OCTOBER 6th.	813 862 898 902	New Concord , 8 Whittington , 7.30 Temperance in East , 7.30 Burgoyne , 7	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street. Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar. Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
179 198 1275 1364 1541 1624 2012 R.A.C.	Manchester at 8 Percy 8 Star 7 Earl of Zetland 7 Alexandra Palace 7 Chiswick 7 Chiswick 7 Mount Sinai 8	Yorkshire Grey, Ldn. St., Fitzroy Sq. Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road. Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney. Station Hot., Camberwell New Road. King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimilco. Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.	1288 1421 1475 1601 1604 1708 1922 1963 2206 R.A.C. 177 180	Finsbury Park at 8.30 Langthorne 8 Peckham 8 Ravensbourne (3rd Oct.) ,, 8 Wanderers 7.30 Plucknett , 7.45 Earl of Lathom 8 Duke of Albany 7.30 The Hendon 8 Domatic 7 St. James's Union 8	Cock Tav. Highbury, N. Swan Hot., Stratford. Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E. George Inn., Catford, S.E. Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W. Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley. Station Hot., Camberwell New Road. Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd. Old Welsh Harp, Hendon Union Tav., Air Street, W. Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
	(2nd) MONDAY	7, OCTOBER 8th.	933 1950	Doric ", 7.30 Southgate , 8	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
22 45 174 180 511 548 933 1178 1227 1425 1445	Loughborough at 8 Strong Man , 7 7 Sincerity , 7 8 Xetland , 8 Xetland , 8 Wellington , 8 Perfect Ashlar , 8 Upton , 8 Upton , 8 Hyde Park , 8 Prince Leopold , 7	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C. Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C. Union Tav., Air Street, W. York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W. White Swan, High Street, Deptford. Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E. Jamaica Tav., Sthwk. Pk. Rd., Bermdsey. Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate. Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn. Printing Ho. Wks., 202 Whitechapel Rd.	*,* 17	lges and Chapters, as (see a	obliged for any information the
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