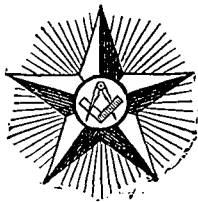


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"May God preserve the Craft."



MAY GOD PRESERVE THE CRAFT! What a heap of meaning is comprised in this simple sentence! From the remote ages of antiquity the craft has been preserved, and, in spite of persecutions by all sorts and conditions of enemies, it has ever been triumphant; ever, as it were, coming to the surface, leaving the worthless dross which has harassed and annoyed at its proper level—the bottom. Many and great have been the stumbling-blocks which have been placed in its way, a way very often without one ray of that light which we all have sought; but, in spite of all, it has lived through, and come down to us from the countless ages. We find it to-day triumphantly to the fore, occupying the proud position it does. Now, looking backwards, and arguing inferentially—there being no effect without a cause—to what, amongst other things, must we ascribe such wondrous vitality? For one, that unity of purpose which ever has been a great characteristic of the members, so far as the craft is concerned; and for another, the sturdy and unflinching front which has so often been shown by brethren of position and ability, when repelling any assault which has been made on our Ancient Order.

In this connection we cannot pass over without a few words an incident which occurred on the 21st ult., at a meeting of the St. Dunstan's Lodge (No. 1589), when our Brother Lord Mayor de Keyser was present as a guest. In the course of the remarks made by him on that occasion, we may truthfully say that he did "yeoman's service" for the Craft. The loyal and unwavering words which fell from his lips with regard to the Order are worthy of being written in letters of gold. We cannot do better than reproduce them here:—

"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 then 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."

This is an instance of sturdy resistance to oppression, and should be treasured in the hearts of all our brethren. Brother de Keyser speaks in no uncertain or wavering tones, never halting between two opinions, but clear and cutting as a trumpet blast says, "I altogether refused to have *anything* to do with such an act of intolerance."

One might have thought that in these days the ancient bigotry of a certain section of the religious community would have vanished—but, alas! this is not the case. In our last issue we published an extract from a work dating some 150 years back, in which the following words occur:—"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." Truly, history repeats itself, and "there is nothing new under the sun."

Whatever else our Masonic tenets inculcate—and there are many great and useful truths therein included—the two, "Fear God; and honour and obey the law," ought always to be considered by those who are not of our Order, as a sufficient guarantee that the rectitude of the charter by which we are one and all bound is ever maintained; and, as Brother Philbrick recently stated, embody the great principles which some day or another will prevail all over the world—true brotherly feeling, and an appreciation of what is good everywhere.

Of course, in a society such as ours, whose branches are spread over the four quarters of the globe, there must necessarily be found, as well as in every profession, trade, or community, members who, by sins not only of omission but of commission, cause strictures—often in no flattering terms—to be passed upon the whole body by the uninitiated; but calm reflection should teach that judgment based on unsound premises is not trustworthy, and that to deduce from one or one thousand men's conduct that the system, *per se*, is bad, is illogical and false. In conclusion, let us remind our readers that there is an old adage, "Help yourself and God will help you," which might fairly be supplemented thus, "Help *one another*, and God will help us all."

Bearing in mind the great principles on which our Order is founded, may we pass on to our children, pure and unsullied as we received them, the virtue and beauty with which they are invested, and teach their lips to continue, and in turn pass on to another generation, the prayer in which we all unite to-day, "May God preserve the Craft."

Lodge Officers.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Inner Guard.

IT may be supposed by many brethren who do not consider the importance to be attached to small beginnings, that the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of the Inner Guard cannot be of sufficient moment as regards the working of a lodge to merit any extended observations. But we shall endeavour to show that, although that officer occupies the lowest statutory position on the roll of assistant officers within the portals of the lodge whilst at labour, much of the order and regularity which should pervade its proceedings depends upon the manner in which his especial duties are performed. The Inner Guard may well be likened to a sentinel placed between the out-works of a military force and its camp, and a similar amount of care and watchfulness is as necessary from the one as from the other to prevent intrusion and disturbance.

According to the late Bro. Dr. Oliver, in his work on Masonic Jurisprudence, the Inner Guard of a lodge is an officer of modern standing, and occupies the position which was assigned to the youngest entered apprentice in the old lodges of Operative Masons, *i.e.*, to see that none be admitted except those who are duly qualified, habited in their proper clothing, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers. He is entrusted with the further duty of ascertaining whether the lodge be properly and closely tyled at the command of the Junior Warden; to report when brethren claim to be admitted, and to require the necessary proof of their qualifications; to receive candidates at the inner entrance of the lodge, and to ascertain their privileges by strict enquiry; having communicated with the Worshipful Master to admit them in proper form; and to obey the general orders and commands of the Inner Warden.

We will not stay to enquire how such duties could have been faithfully and perfectly discharged by the *youngest Entered Apprentice* in the old lodges of Operative Masons, but we can well imagine—indeed, we know—that the Inner Guard of a Lodge of Speculative Freemasons of the present day must of necessity have made advances in Freemasonry far beyond the acquirements of an Initiate. In fact, a mere superficial acquaintance with the ritual and ceremonial in the three degrees we practice would be worse than useless to such officer, and lead him into all sorts of errors and mischances. On the contrary, he should know, even if not sufficiently advanced to be able to work the several degrees himself, what his superior officers have to do, and the proper times when and where their work may, for the moment, be stayed to permit the introduction of members and visitors without disturbance or confusion. He should on no account permit the slightest interruption from without to interfere with the solemnity and regularity with which a ceremony or important discussion should be conducted. And in the discharge of that important part of his duty he should be no respecter of persons. No matter what may be the position or exalted rank in the Craft of any applicant for permission to enter, the peace and harmony of a lodge engaged in labour should not be broken by any concession to an ill-timed demand. The applicant himself, if a good Freemason, zealous for the best interests of Masonic work, would himself approve of and commend the necessary delay whilst important charges and addresses are in course of delivery; and no Inner Guard has yet, we may safely say, been blamed for a strict adherence to the practice we refer to, unless perhaps by some few who consider themselves above the rank and file of the Order, and whose censure is more an honour to the censured than their praise would be.

A further responsibility rests with the Inner Guard in respect to the entry of the candidate for initiation, which, we regret to know, does not at all times receive the attention which is, in connection with what is to follow, absolutely demanded. Our readers, qualified by membership in our Order, will quite understand what we mean when we say that the officer within the porch should thoroughly know and understand the preparation; that he should see for himself that the duty attached to the ante-chamber has been fully and properly discharged before he ventures to make the voucher for which the ruler of the Lodge will ask him before the admission of the candidate. Inability in himself to explain what that preparation is, and a neglect of the necessary personal examination before vouching are, in our opinion, disqualifications for the office of Inner Guard.

The jewel which distinguishes the Inner Guard consists of two swords saltier-wise, and should remind him of the necessity for the exercise of double caution, and for obtaining that knowledge which may enable him to correct errors sometimes occurring in the ante-chamber. For this requisite knowledge lodges of instruction, or the services of personal friendship, are open to him and, if he wishes to qualify himself for another promotion he should avail himself of these before he accepts the position which places him on the first rung of the ladder which may lead him to the rule and government of his lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for South Wales was held under the banner of the Picton Castle Lodge, 297, at the Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, on Wednesday. The Picton Castle Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M.M. Bro. Hood-Williams, P. Prov. G.S.O., and at 1.30 the acting P.G. M.M.M., the V.W. Rev. J. Marsden, D.P.G.M.M.M., accompanied by his officers, opened Provincial Grand Lodge. Much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the R.W. Pro. G.M.M.M., Sir Pryse-Pryse. A collection was taken and paid to the Pembrokeshire and Haverfordwest Infirmary.

THE "ALBERT EDWARD" MASONIC LIFEBOAT.



BRIEF paragraph in our last issue expressed the gratification with which we had noted the care and attention given to the building which shelters, when not "on duty," the lifeboat at Clacton-on-Sea. Several brethren having suggested that a further reference to the gift of Grand Lodge, with some record of the services rendered by the boat itself, would be very acceptable to members of the Craft generally, and particularly to those resident at seaside places, we have corresponded with Bro. M. H. Page, of Beach Road, Clacton-on-Sea, the Hon. Sec., who has very kindly forwarded us the following particulars:—

The Freemasons of England, as a thank-offering for the safe return of the Prince of Wales from India, 1869, presented the munificent sum of £4,000 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, for the purpose of founding and maintaining two lifeboat stations, and Clacton-on-Sea was one of the places selected. A handsome and durable double boat-house of red brick, faced with Portland stone, was erected in Anglefield Road. It bears on a tablet over the chief doorway the following inscription:—'This lifeboat was presented to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution by the United Grand Lodge of the Freemasons of England, in commemoration of the safe return from India of the Most Worshipful Master, His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, 1877.' The first boat stationed at Clacton, named the 'Albert Edward,' will long be remembered in connection with many stirring incidents on the stormy deep. On July 10th, 1878, the public presentation of this boat took place, in the presence of from 10,000 to 12,000 persons. The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy-Grand Master of the Freemasons, with full Masonic order. The boat was launched many times in response to signals of distress from stranded vessels on the dangerous sands off this coast, and many a deed of daring done by her crew can be chronicled. A sad incident occurred on January 23rd, 1884, when, in searching for a shipwrecked vessel, the boat was caught in a terrific gale, and capsized, throwing the whole of the crew into the water. All managed to scramble into the boat except two, James Cross, the second coxswain, and Thomas Cattermole. These poor fellows were thus lost in a humane effort to save life. A subscription for the wives and families of the two men was started at once, and most generously responded to, upwards of £1,600 being realised. Shortly after this event the old 'Albert Edward' was removed from Clacton, after having done excellent service for the Institution. After a boat had been stationed here temporarily, a new boat, again named the 'Albert Edward,' was specially built for the station, and after having been tried and fitted with all the latest improvements, was sent here during the spring of last year. She is a fine craft, well fitted for the important work she is intended for. Her total length is 40 feet, width 9 feet, and her crew consists of 15 men. During the time that Clacton has been a lifeboat station, the crew have been the means of saving upwards of 200 lives, and assisting twelve vessels in distress. The launching of the boat, either for the purpose of endeavouring to save life, or for the periodical exercise of the crew, is an interesting event to visitors. The boat may be inspected on application to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. M. H. Page, or to the coxswain, Bro. R. Legerton, who may usually be found on the pier. The Shipwrecked Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society has also an agency at Clacton-on-Sea, Mr. John Harman being the local agent.

Our brethren visiting the boat-house will be pleased to notice on its walls a presentation to the crew of the lifeboat in the following terms:—

"TESTIMONIAL"

"TO THE CREW OF THE 'ALBERT EDWARD,' CLACTON-ON-SEA.

"Presented by a few Masonic friends, representing the Lodges below-mentioned, in appreciation of the special services rendered by THIS LIFEBOAT in saving the lives of the master and crew of the 'Madeleine,' numbering sixteen souls, on the 23rd October, 1881.

"The Hornsey Lodge	No. 890,
" Royal Albert Lodge	" 907,
" All Saints	" 1716,
" Coborn	" 1804.

"By Bro. Kemp Coleman, P.M., 1716."

We may add that both from Bro. Page, the Hon. Sec., and Bro. Legerton, the coxswain of the boat, all visitors, and especially the brethren of our order, receive at all times most courteous attention.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was held on the 1st inst. at Coventry. St. Michael's Lodge (1,630) was opened at St. Mary's Hall by W.M. Dr. Charles Davidson. The Prov. Grand Master (the Right Hon. and Worshipful Brother the Lord Leigh), the D.P.G.M. (Bro. James T. Collins), and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were received, and the P.G. Lodge was opened. The usual lodge business having been transacted, the P.G. Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year. Lodge was then adjourned for Divine Service to Holy Trinity Church, the brethren walking in procession through the streets, clad in full Masonic-craft clothing. Bro. the Rev. Thurston Rivington, P.P.G. Chaplain, vicar of St. Nicholas, Warwick, read the lesson, and a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Bridgman Boughton Leigh, P.P.G. Chaplain, in the course of which he made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Masonic charities. A collection was taken on behalf of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund, realising £12 17s. 6d. The brethren then returned in procession to St. Mary's Hall, where lodge was closed in due form. A banquet was afterwards held at the Queen's Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Leigh) in the chair.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

TOAST: "THE MASTER'S HEALTH."

SONG.

TUNE—"Here's to the maiden of bashful fifteen."

HERE'S a health to our Master, a good man and true !
Brother Wardens attend to the Gavel ;
See your Columns well charged, and let concord prevail.
Where harmony reigns, none dare cavil.

Chorus—Then let the toast pass, our point left and right
Is to honour the man who rules o'er us to-night.

Here's a health to our Master who rules o'er the Lodge,
His mandate let all be obeying ;
He is courteous and bland to his compeers around.
While respect to the laws they are paying.

Here's a health to our Master who acts on the Square.
And his zeal in the Craft we admire ;
Imparting instruction and knowledge to those
Who to walk in his footsteps aspire.

Thus our Master's respected, we all know his worth.
And with hearty good wishes all greet him ;
For we all feel a pleasure to see him at work.
Or here at the Banquet to greet him.

J. H. JEWELL, P.M., P.P.G.R. (Kent.)

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL IN HULL.

On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, R.W. Pro. G.M., Yorks (North and East), opened a new Masonic Hall at Hull, which has been erected for the accommodation of the Kingston and De la Pole Lodges. The new lodge-rooms are over the Lecture Hall, at the Public Rooms. They have been built by Colonel Gleadow, the proprietor of the other portions of the building, and will be rented by the two bodies named.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of the brethren of the two lodges more directly interested, and the gathering was considerably augmented by the presence of the members of other Craft lodges in Hull and the East Riding. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was attended by local representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the whole were adorned with their official collars and jewels, constituting with the remainder of the assembly a resplendent scene. The new lodge premises are situated on the first floor of the building, which used to be called Protestant Hall, now styled the Public Rooms Lecture Hall.

In the course of the proceedings, the Right Worshipful DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, addressing the assembled brethren, said : The custom of dedicating Masonic halls to serve as temples for the perpetuation of the tenets of our order has been universally practiced since that happy period when the Craft were enabled to leave the friendly shelter of the taverns, where our meetings were originally held. When the four old lodges met together in 1717 and founded the Grand Lodge of England, which became the mother of Freemasonry all over the world, its periodical assemblies were held in various taverns famous in the annals of old London, where, to this day, the majority of London lodges still perpetuate masonry. The atmosphere of the tavern, however convivial its surroundings, can scarcely be considered a congenial condition for the growth of those higher and more cultured Masonic characteristics which comprise the greatest beauties of Freemasonry. In the provinces, Masonic halls are very numerous, and in our own province, consisting of 29 lodges, there are actually but two that meet in hotels, a most satisfactory and commendable state of things. The Hull brethren may indeed consider themselves especially fortunate in having advantages which few other craftsmen possess. Let me exhort you, my brethren, to maintain the genuine tenets of Masonry in their brightest lustre. Let this temple, now solemnly dedicated in the name of the Most High, be indeed consecrated by all your words and actions. Let no unbecoming or unbrotherly speech pollute its sacred walls, but let peace and harmony ever distinguish the meetings to be held herein. A Masonic Lodge is a Mason's church, and should be treated in the same reverential spirit as the temples of our holy religion. At your festive meetings in your dining hall, where social conviviality is fit and proper, take care at all times that due decorum be observed, and let nothing be suffered to transpire of which an English gentleman should be ashamed. Freemasons must be distinguished above their fellows by their virtues. Our charities are well-known and justly admired, but it is by the personal habits of individuals that the world will judge of us :

"As Masons may our thought and word
With plumb rule strict compare,
And may our conduct stand the test
Of level and of square.
Then let us the Great Architect of lowly hearts implore
To well cement and bless the Craft
Till time shall be no more."

We commend these admirable words of our Right Worshipful Brother to the serious consideration of all right-thinking Freemasons zealous for the reputation and respectability of our Order.

We are requested to Notify that:—

—The Annual Festival and Installation Meeting of the "Dorothy Vernon" Lodge, No. 2129, will be held on Tuesday next, the 16th inst., at Haddon Hall, Derbyshire, at 2.45 p.m. Bro. Andrew Edward Cokayne, P.M. 533, P.G.S.B. Cheshire, is the present W.M., and will install Bro. Robert Banton Orme as his successor. A banquet will be served at the Rutland Hotel, Bakewell, at 5 p.m.

—The Installation Meeting of the Concord Lodge, No. 1534, will be held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, Lancashire, on Thursday, the 18th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Bro. John Wardle is the present W.M., and the W.M. elect Bro. Edward Parker Mead. The festival banquet will be served at 6 p.m.

—The Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216—Bro. A. R. Cranch, P.M., W.M.,—will hold a regular meeting at the Head-quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Flodden Road, Camberwell, this evening, the 11th inst., at 6.15 p.m. Two ceremonies will form part of the business before supper.

—The Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, now meets on Thursday (instead of Monday) evenings, until the third Thursday in March, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bro. H. W. Nicholson, of Harefield House, Uxbridge, is the Secretary to the lodge of instruction.

—The Installation Meeting of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, will be held at the Saracen's Head, Dunmow, Essex, on Wednesday next, the 17th inst., at 5 p.m., when Bro. The Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.P.G.C. and P.M., will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year, prior to which the initiation of two candidates and the passing of a brother to the second degree will take place.

—The Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188, meets at the Manchester Hotel, E.C., every Tuesday, at 7 p.m.

—The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, will hold its first regular meeting for the new session at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., on Saturday, the 13th inst., at 3 p.m. Bro. John Seex, P.M., W.M.-elect, will be installed at this meeting. A raising and other business will occupy the attention of the brethren prior to a banquet which will be served at 6.30 p.m.

—The first meeting of the "The Starkie" Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, promoted by Bros. A. H. Jefferies, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. : J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.G.S.B. : and E. W. Irving, P.M., at Manchester, will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, in that city, on Monday, the 12th November. The consent of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, that the new Lodge may bear his name has been obtained. We shall probably refer to this Lodge in future issues.

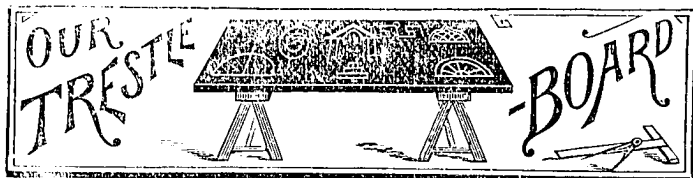
—A Lodge of Instruction, in connection with the Sandown Lodge, No. 1869, will be held at the Sandown M.H. on Thursdays. Bros. A. Shaw, I.P.M., and A. G. Prickett, are Preceptor and Secretary respectively. These brethren have a reputation for ability which should ensure success.

—The celebration of the Third Jubilee of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, Halifax, Bro. Francis Fleming, W.M., will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 4th, by attendance at divine service at Halifax Parish Church, when the Very Rev. and Worshipful Bro. The Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain, will preach. The brethren are to assemble at Freemasons' Hall at 10 a.m., and proceed in procession to the church. The Provincial Grand Master has intimated his intention to be present.

THE COPLEY MARK MASTER MASONS LODGE—No. 111—held a meeting in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., when the Rev. Dr. Smyth, of St. Chad's, Headingley, D.P.G. Mark Master, was installed as W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year, and the following officers were invested :—Bros. Myers, I.P.M. : Robert Craig, S.W. : Alfred Williamson, J.W. : the Rev. W. Dunn, Chaplain : William Flockton, M.O. : G. F. Carr, S.O. and Treasurer : Charles Middleton, J.O. : Bowman, Secretary : Tomlinson, S.D. : Atkinson, J.D. : Thorp, I.G. : Barrand, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. C. L. Mason, R.W.P.G.M.M., and Bro. Barker, P.M.M., of Mirfield. There was a good attendance, including brethren from St. Chad's Lodge and from Ripon, Barnsley, Bradford, and other parts of West Yorkshire. The installation banquet was afterwards held.

INDIA.

On Saturday, the 15th ult., a meeting of the Keystone Chapter, No. 757, was held at the Masonic Hall, Poona, for the purpose of installing His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught into the three principal chairs in due order. The ceremonies were conducted by Ex. Comp. James W. Smith (formerly of Ramsgate, Kent) whom H.R.H. Highness appointed Deputy Z. for the term of his office. Ex. Comp. Major Lloyd, Z. of Scottish R.A. Chapter St. Andrew, presented an illuminated address of congratulation, and Comp. Sukhia read a congratulatory telegram from Chapter Victoria in Burmah. A grand banquet followed the Chapter proceedings, at which, however, H.R.H., being in mourning, did not preside, his place at the table being occupied in his absence by his deputy, M.E. Comp. Smith. A very enjoyable entertainment, enlivened by excellent speeches and capital music, concluded the harmonious labour of the day, and was greatly appreciated by the Companions present.



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

Our readers will be good enough to notice that we have removed the Offices of THE MASONIC STAR to 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London, to which address ALL communications should be forwarded. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., London, on Friday, the 26th inst., at 12 noon. From a list of 75 applicants 21 boys will be elected, the ballot commencing after the usual business of the Court shall have terminated, and closing at 3 p.m. precisely.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 12 noon. From a list of 63 applicants nine girls will be elected. The election will commence at 1 p.m., or after the usual business is concluded, and will close at 3 p.m. precisely.

In reference to the foregoing announcements, we desire to call attention to the number of *last* applications in the respective lists of candidates. In the case of the Boys' School, there are as many as *nine* lads, whose final chance must be determined on the 26th inst.; and in that of the Girls' School, *four* children on the 27th. Governors and Life Subscribers of these Institutions are referred in the former case to Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 20, 32, 34, 40 and 49 in the proxy papers; and in the latter to Nos. 3, 4, 11 and 52. Setting aside for the moment considerations of the Masonic connections and services of the parents of these children, we ask our readers to reflect for awhile on the heart-sickness of hope deferred which has been for some period, more or less lengthy, endured by the parties interested in the several candidates; and to bear in mind that each and all of them have passed before the Committees of the respective Institutions, and have been deemed worthy of support. We would have those privileged to vote think somewhat on the feeling of utter disappointment which will attend a final rejection, and, remembering that chances will be still left to other applicants, use whatever interest they may have in favour of those unfortunates now standing, in fear and trembling, outside the portals of our Institutions, awaiting the verdict of acceptance or rejection for ever.

A question has lately been propounded as to the advisability or otherwise of admitting a limited number of paying pupils to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We do not hesitate to say that any attempt to pervert the original intention of the founders of our Benevolent Institutions should be resisted to the utmost. Our schools are for the children of Brethren deceased, or unable to provide education for them; our Benevolent Institutions for Aged Brethren and the widows of those with whom we have associated under more fortunate circumstances; and to depart in any way from the principles upon which any or either of these Institutions were founded, and have hitherto been conducted, would inflict a grievous wrong upon individuals and the Craft at large.

We should think that at the present time our several Institutions, and one in particular, have quite enough to do to meet the grievances already under discussion without affording opportunities for further questioning as to conduct and management. It would be a wise step for the respective governing Committees to at once determine that no departure from the hitherto all-sufficient rules of their Institutions would receive attention, and to publish that determination.

A departure has been made from what has of late years seemed a settled matter in respect of "gratuities" to officials connected with our charitable institutions, and we are pleased to note it. At the last monthly General Committee Meeting of the "Girls' School" a proposition was made for the grant of a gratuity and an increase of salary to the secretary "in consideration of his great exertions at the Centenary Festival, and of his general efficiency." The potency of the reasons for this proposition cannot be gainsaid, our worthy Bro. Hedges having merited, by the display of more than average ability, the utmost consideration from the Craft at large. But the acknowledgment thereof should not take the form of a monetary gift from funds subscribed for the support of those elected to the benefit of our institutions. It is wrong in principle. On the other hand, an increase of salary proportionate to increase of work and the anxiety of office is justifiable, and it may well be that the salary of the secretary to the Girls' School should be placed "on the level" of those holding a similar position in the other institutions. The proposition for a gratuity was very properly withdrawn, and the suggested increase of salary granted.

There appears to be a strong desire on the part of very many members of our Order and subscribers to our Institutions that the whole question of expenditure in respect of the several executives should have early and serious consideration. If the gross amount disbursed in these directions is as represented to us, all we can say is, in the words of Dominic Sampson, "Prodigious!"

Bro. W. A. Vining, of Mhow, India, is thanked for his postcard and P.O.O. for 17s. The amount should be, for two subscriptions, £1 1s. 8d. Will W. A. V. kindly remit the balance? In the meantime we will forward THE MASONIC STAR as ordered.

In reference to the letter in our last impression, under the head of "Charity Jewels," we believe that some explanation could be afforded which might put a different construction on our correspondent's assumption as to the meaning of the two entries he refers to. A communication has been made to us, but it is not sufficiently explanatory to set before our readers. Probably in our next issue we may have more to say on the subject.

We really should be glad to know who is the oldest Freemason on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. Can the following record be beaten?—Bro. G. J. Wilson, the present W.M. of Resolution Lodge, No. 111, occupied a similar position in that lodge as far back as 1835—53 years ago. The date of his initiation is unknown to us, but it must have been, in all likelihood, some years anterior to that date. We know that he was invested as Prov. G.J.D. for Durham in the year of his first Mastership, and was installed as M.E.Z. in Royal Arch Chapter in 1847. It would seem that our worthy brother, who resides at Darlington, must be, most probably, the oldest member of Grand Lodge and of the Prov. G. Lodge of Durham. Many of our readers doubtless interest themselves in such particulars, and we therefore publish these the more readily that we have assurance of the facts stated.

Notes and Observations.

Freemasonry is not usually regarded as an active Christian agency, but Mr. J. Ramsden Riley claims this for the "craft" in a published lecture lately delivered in the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction. The solid foundations on which Masonry rests, he says, is the practice of every social and moral virtue. "No man can actively take part in lodge duties without reflecting upon the wisdom, the omnipotence, and also on the mercy of the G. A. O. T. U." Mr. Riley has "personally known two former atheists, who both owe their conversion to a Masonic Lodge, and that, too, on the night of their initiation."—*Christian World*.

The usual monthly meeting of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1,239, Sheffield, was marked by proceedings of a specially interesting character. During the evening Bro. Dr. W. R. Thomas, who has lately removed from Sheffield to Bournemouth, was presented with a massive silver loving-cup, subscribed for by a large number of brethren whose names were inscribed on a beautifully illuminated address. The presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. Isaac Eyre, in eloquent terms, which were feelingly supplemented by Past Masters Garnett, Tyndall, Bennett, Holiday and Scargill, and Bros. Dodworth and Stokes. Bro. Dr. Thomas thanked the brethren for their expression of goodwill to him and the kindly appreciation of his Masonic, social and professional services.

MASONIC PRESENTATIONS AT TORQUAY.—On the 1st inst., a number of important presentations were made at the monthly meeting of the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 328, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay. Past Masters' jewels were presented to the following worshipful brethren:—C. J. Harland, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Wakeham, P.P.G.S.B.; D. J. Allams, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Taylor, P.M. Sec.; J. Grant, P.M.; J. Salter, P.M.; and E. Richards, I.P.M. The presentations were made by Bro. R. L. Mugford, W.M., and W. Bro. Richards having been made W.M. during the past year received a jubilee jewel, the other jewels having a gold bar bearing the inscription "Veteran" in recognition of their services to the lodge. Bros. the Rev. Elphinstone Rivers, Babbacombe, and Conway Couch were raised, and the brethren afterwards partook of a cold collation, which was served in the banquetting room of the hall by Bro. Harrison, of the Queen's Hotel.

Next year will witness the first centenary of a Masonic Lodge in Brighton—the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, No. 271, consecrated August 26th, 1789, at the White Horse Inn, East Street (now forming part of Brill's Baths), by Bro. Samuel Hulse, then Prov. Grand Master for the County of Sussex, the Lodge received its name from the Duke of Clarence (afterwards King William IV.). It subsequently met at the Old Ship, where on December 31st, 1800, "The festival of St. John the Evangelist" was duly celebrated. It is now held at the Royal Pavilion, and will meet on the 19th inst.

The Right Worshipful the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire, has appointed Bro. Alfred J. Henoehsberg, Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies for that province. Bro. A. J. Henoehsberg is a founder and a P.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, Liverpool; a P.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London; and Past Principal of the Israel and Joppa Chapters, London.

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.

BRIXTON LODGE—No. 1949.—On Saturday, the 6th inst., at Brixton Hall, S.W. Present: Bro. C. J. Axford, W.M.—Bros. A. E. Albert, S.W.; R. Evans, J.W.; W. Kirkland, Treasurer; H. Lovegrove, P.M.; Secretary: A. Jones, S.D.; J. Bott, I.G.; J. J. Newland, D.C.; J. Read, P.M.; Organist: J. Hicks, W.S.; R. Poore, P.M.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; W. Death, Chas. R. Cutler, E. Fanning Gye, and other members. Visitors: Bros. H. W. Packer, 2048; R. Ralli-Johnston, S.W., 1777; Chas. B. Cooper, W.M., 449; H. Hooper, W.M., 1986; C. H. Phillips, P.M., 1986; W. Burridge, 1922; Jas. Stevens, P.M., P.Z.; H. A. Wood; T. Poore, P.M.; Hon. Member: and T. C. Edmunds, W.M., 1507. Bro. Gye was passed to the degree of F.C., and Bro. Death was raised M.M., the work being thoroughly well performed by the W.M. and his officers, and made very effective by appropriate musical accompaniments by Bro. John Read. The W.M. stated his intention to officiate as Steward at the ensuing festival of the R.M.B.I., and has prospects of a creditable list of donations from the lodge and its members. After labour refreshment was served, and a very agreeable evening was passed in harmony and social converse.

DERWENT LODGE—No. 40—HASTINGS.—At the meeting on Monday, there were present Bros. Markwich, W.M.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G.C., S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M.; Sec.; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randell, J.D.; R. Walmsley, J.G.; also C. E. Botley, P.M. acting I.P.M.; F. Plowman, P.M.; Ald. Hennah, R.N., P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; Councillor W. H. Russell, P.G.A.D.C., P.M.; H. Boyce, E. J. McCormich, L. J. Jukes, C. J. Ticehurst, F. Duke, F. Johnson, G. F. Wood, H. C. Bennett. The Secretary announced that a wreath and letter of condolence had been sent to the widow of the late Bro. Bullman, and read an acknowledgement of same. Bro. Johnson, who had just returned from Australia, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being done by the W.M. with his usual ability. Mr. Hugh Chaffey Bennett was initiated, the charge being given by the J.W., Bro. Allen, in a most impressive manner. Bro. F. Plowman, P.M., proposed as a candidate Mr. J. Taylor, of the firm of Taylor Brothers, builders. It was mentioned by Bro. Mardell that the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, No. 40, had resumed work, and he hoped as many as possible would attend. The brethren adjourned to supper, which was served by Bro. Boyce in excellent style.

The installation meeting of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538, was held last evening at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., when Bro. M. J. Mumford was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. We shall report this meeting fully in our next.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W., of Middlesex, was duly installed W.M. of this lodge on the 9th inst., in the presence of a large and distinguished assemblage of the brethren. Bro. Edwin Storr, P.M. and Secretary, was the installing Master.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN LODGE—No. 1056.—On Friday, the 5th inst., at the Portugal Arms, Fleet Street, E.C., Bro. Snelling, W.M.—Bros. Shepherd, S.W.; Shaw, J.W.; Stacey, Preceptor; Snelling, Secretary; Morley, S.D.; Beaver, J.D.; Knight, J.G.; Jenkins, Skelton, Gush, Weincl, Norman, Hill, and several others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Shepherd acting as W.M. elect. Bro. Snelling was elected an honorary member of the lodge, and Bro. Shepherd W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

VICTORIA PARK LODGE—No. 1816.—The 15 Sections were worked by the members on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the George, Broadway, Stratford, E., in the presence of a large number of brethren. Bro. J. Bradford as W.M.; Bros. Calver, S.W.; W. G. Norman, J.W.; J. Boulton, I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Thompson worked the 1st Section, Rooks 2nd, Porter 3rd, Hawksworth 4th, Pringle 5th, Malony 6th, Steedman 7th. Second Lecture—Bros. Mansfield, sen., 1st Section, Calver 2nd, Bush 3rd, Pringle 4th, Thompson 5th, Third Lecture—Bros. Norman worked the 1st Section, Vickers 2nd, Poole 3rd. Thanks were accorded to Bro. Bradford for occupying the chair that evening, and also to the brethren who had assisted him. It was resolved that £5 5s. should be presented to a brother who had suffered a heavy loss through a calamitous fire which had occurred on his premises. Four brethren were elected joining members.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE—No. 1426.—On Thursday, 4th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, the first meeting of the season was well attended. Present:—Bros. Gwynn, Barrett, Tattersall, Hills, Whitehouse, Gaskin, Bromhead, Pitt, Munday, Ford, Owens, and Eisenmann. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Gwynn being W.M., and Bro. J. K. Pitt Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree and closed down. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The Lodge will meet at 6.30 p.m. regularly throughout the winter.

RAVENSBORNE—No. 1601.—On the 3rd inst., at the George Inn, Calford, S.E.—Bro. Anderson, W.M.—Bros. Lancaster, S.W.; Thomas, J.W.; H. Shaw, Preceptor; C. Atkins, Secretary; W. Smith, Treasurer; Noyes, S.D.; Hardy Smith, J.D.; J. T. Axford, I.G.; Pickering, Drew, Catt, Clark, Shelton, McCarthy, Sidney, White, West, Bolton, Edwards, Visger, Jas. Stevens, Peters, Jackson and others. First meeting of the new session. The ceremony of initiation was admirably rehearsed by the preceptor, Bro. H. Shaw. Two joining members were admitted. Business relating to the Annual Supper, the Charitable Association, and other matters, occupied the remainder of the evening. Bro. Anderson was thanked for his services in the chair, and Bro. Lancaster was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT—No. 1524.—On Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, at the Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, E.—Bro. Samuel Smither, W.M.—Bros. Baker, S.W.; Gray, J.W.; Catlin, S.D.; Forss, J.D.; Ames, I.G.; Dignam, Secretary; Richardson, Preceptor; also present, Bros. Shuter, Leigh, jun., Leigh, sen., and others. The ceremony of Initiation was ably worked by Bro. S. Smither, W.M., Bro. Leigh, jun., candidate. The first and second sections of the Lectures were ably worked by Bro. P. M. Forss. Bro. Forss will rehearse the ceremony of Installation in this Lodge on Wednesday, Nov. 7th.

MANCHESTER—No. 179.—On the 6th inst., at the Blue Post, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.—Bro. Greenway, W.M.—Bros. Von Joel, S.W.; Dickeson, J.W.; Mar, S.D.; Lichenfield, J.D.; Hughes, I.G.; Smith, 1744, Preceptor; Wood, S.W., 1681, Secretary and several brethren. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Whiting candidate. The 5th Section was worked by the W.M. Bro. Williams was elected a member, and Bro. Von Joel W.M. for ensuing meeting.

THE CAMDEN CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 704.—On Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C. Present: Comps. Vine, M.E.Z.; Phillips, H.; Carter, J.; Dean, S.E.; Ives, N.; Collinson, P.S.; Knight, Parkes and Hughes. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Shurmer candidate. Comp. Phillips was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and two companions were elected joining members.

THE STAR CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 5th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, at 8. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor; T. Grunnamant, M.E.Z.; W. Briant, H.; V. T. Murché, J.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; C. Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Davis, Addington, J. S. Latham, and R. B. Bryant, P.Z. 720, 1224, 1320, P.P.G.A.S., Suffolk. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Addington, H. 1275, personating candidate. Comp. R. B. Bryant, P.Z., was elected a joining member and Comp. W. Briant, H., was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, 12th inst.

SOUTHWARK LODGE—No. 879.—A very interesting and pleasant evening was spent last Thursday at this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road, when some forty members met to do honour to their esteemed Preceptor, Bro. W. Beavis, P.M. and Sec. 879 and W.M. 1310, who recently had the distinction of Provincial rank conferred upon him by the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. Bro. Walter Martin, P.M. 879, occupied the chair, and alluded to the indefatigable and willing manner in which Bro. Beavis had given instruction to the brethren attending the Lodge, and how delighted they all were when they heard of the well-deserved honour he had received; an honour which the brethren of the Southwark Lodge appreciated very highly, as it was the first time that either of its members had attained that distinction. In addressing Bro. Beavis, Bro. Martin explained how unanimous the brethren were in their desire to mark, in some slight manner, their high estimation of his invariable courtesy and kindness on all occasions, and they thought they could not do better than present him with the full dress clothing of Grand Pursuivant of Middlesex, and in investing him with it, on behalf of the subscribers, he assured him of their earnest desire for his long-continued health and happiness, and their hope that for many years to come he would wear the clothing with kindly thoughts of the esteem and regard in which he was held by all the brethren of the Southwark Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Beavis, who, on rising to respond, met with quite an ovation, thanked the brethren for their very valuable and appropriate gift, and assured them that he appreciated very highly the kind feelings which had been just expressed towards him. It was always a pleasure to him to be of service to any member of the Lodge, and the many happy hours he had spent in it, and the invariable kindness he had received at the hands of the brethren, would ever be in his recollection. The handsome gift they had been pleased to bestow upon him that evening he should consider a tie of affection to the Lodge he was so proud of, and for which he had worked with so much pleasure, and he should always wear it with pride and gratification. Bro. Beavis resumed his seat amidst hearty congratulations. The apron (which, together with the collar and gauntlets) was enclosed in a handsome leather case, bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. Beavis, P.M., and Sec. 879, and W.M. 1310, Provincial Grand Pursuivant, Middlesex, by the members of the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, as a token of their esteem and regard, and in recognition of his valuable services as Preceptor, 4th October, 1888."

The foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at Howden, Yorks. East Riding, on Monday, the 1st inst., by R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, P.G.W., Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Amongst the brethren present were: Bros. M. C. Peck, P.G.S.; Tesseyman, P.P.G.T.; Beevers, P.P.G. Supt. Works; G. H. Anderton, P.P.G., Standard Bearer; Rev. W. Hutchinson, M.A., P.P.G.C.; Rev. W. Booth, P.P.G.C.; Rev. G. L. M. Rees, P.G.C.; H. Green, P.P.G.R.; Lieut.-Col. Storry, P.P.G.S.D.; H. B. Anderson, P.P.S.W.; Rev. G. S. Dunbar, P.P.G.C., West Yorks; H. T. Gardiner, P.P.G.A.D.C.; the Worshipful Masters of several lodges at Hull, Goole, and other towns in North and East Yorkshire, and many others. They were met by Bro. Robert Briggs, W.M. of the Howden St. Cuthbert's Lodge. The ceremony was performed with full Masonic honours. Bro. Orde Powlett gave a short address, in which he referred to the very pleasing circumstances under which they were met, and expressed the hope that the blessing of the Great Architect of the universe would rest upon their work that day. A luncheon was subsequently held at the Barman's Hotel, Bro. Robert Briggs, W.M., presiding.

PRESS EXCHANGES.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of *Freemason's Chronicle*; *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, for Sept.; *Liberal Freemason*, Boston, Mass., for Sept.; *Masonic Advocate*, Indianapolis, for Sept.

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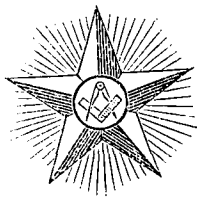
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To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I have read, with a great deal of painful interest, your article of last week on the subject of the Benevolent Fund. Assuming the figures you give to be correct, it appears that the shrinkage of what is practically the reserve fund does not arise from any sudden and unforeseen call upon it, but has been, and is, of a steady and regular nature. Since 1883 it would appear that, like the pertinacious ticking of an automatic clock, account after account has been presented by the Executive, each one showing deficit upon deficit; and this in face of the great accretion of new lodges and new brethren to the Order during the period alluded to. Now, it does not require the arithmetical genius of Cocker to calculate how long the £37,000 now in hand will last, should the experiences of the last five years be continued. It therefore behoves all those whom it may concern to face the difficulty forthwith, by devising, and at once carrying into effect, some drastic scheme of reform. There may be many who will think as I do in the matter—that two courses only exist, one of which *must* be adopted, *i.e.* either increase quarterage from lodges in the manner you say has been already suggested, but spurned; or, a reduction of payments to deserving applicants for the benefits of the fund to such figures as will at the end of every quarter leave something to the good in the account, and not trench on what is really its backbone. The first of these schemes seems to me preferable: the trifling increase of two shillings for London, and one shilling for country brethren, per annum, I cannot but think would be readily agreed to by all. You state that this proposal was defeated when made *some years ago* by provincial brethren. Perhaps, as things have gone from bad to worse since that time, a similar suggestion would now be supported.

In the case of reduction of grants, that is a detail which I think can only be dealt with by the Board itself, and I only mention it as an alternative, in case the sums on the credit side of the account are not increased, to make the figures balance—for balanced they must be, as every day brings us nearer to the inevitable.

I think, Sir, much praise is due to you for having placed before your readers this grave matter in so clear a light. It ought to have been done long ago.

May I, in conclusion, ask you to note the following items which I perceive in the report of the United Grand Lodge at a quarterly communication held on the 7th March this year, and which seem to me curious?

On page 357 I find the following:—"By Benjamin Young, for writing warrants and patents, one quarter, £16 3s." On page 359 I find scheduled to office staff with their salaries; these in the aggregate amount to £2,600 per annum. It appears to be a very negative compliment to these gentlemen, as well as wrong in essence, that the work of writing warrants, &c., has to be done by some-one outside the office, and in face of such heavy salaries cause this charge on the funds.

Surely there is some one amongst them whose caligraphy is good enough for such work! If not—all I can say is there ought to be.

I fear I have already trespassed too much on your space, and so will reserve for another occasion some other points to which I wish to draw your readers' attention, and beg to subscribe myself

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

AGERE NON LOQUI.

RULE 210.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I, last week, addressed to you a communication on above rule, which appears in your issue of Thursday last. I have since then had the privilege of perusing, in the *Freemason* of Saturday last, a letter, signed "Lex Scripta," on the subject.

I note with pleasure that the writer of such letter is practically at one with me, but some of his conclusions seem wide of the mark.

He commences by admitting that there is nothing in the Constitutions to compel a Brother either to vote or to leave the Lodge. Good! but why then import either Bro. Robertson's or Dr. Oliver's disquisitions and discussions into the matter? Such appears to me to be *ultra vires*.

Nothing, to my mind, could be more fair or proper than his statement that, of those who hear the question of exclusion discussed, and practically, by not voting, admit their non-conviction, should be counted as negatively voting in favour of the accused, and the figurative instances he adduces are cogent proofs of the wise forethought of those who framed Rule 210.

The next point in which I join issue with "Lex Scripta" is this. He says: "Refusal to vote in the affirmative is a plain proof either that they do not consider the complainant has proved his case, or else that they are unwilling to inflict such an extreme sentence as exclusion."

No; I do not conceive that such a factor as unwillingness to inflict just punishment exists in Craft Lodges.

The members are far too fair for this, and, being true to themselves, cannot necessarily be false to others; this they would be, were they to place their own personal feelings in front of what is due to their fellow-members.

It is, as I said last week, and as "Lex Scripta" repeats, simply the Scotch verdict, "Not proven," which non-voters give on this vital (personal) question; and no other feeling is, or ought to be, brought into the matter.

Pray pardon my troubling you with these remarks, but I feel that so many may be led to do an unwitting wrong through false notions on this subject to some brother who may incur the ill-will or displeasure of some other brother, that I ask you to present the foregoing views on the subject for their careful and friendly perusal.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

VERITAS.

JEWELS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Will Bro. Milledge kindly give his authority for his assertion in your last issue, that a P.M. Jewel if *purchased* by the wearer, should be of *silver*, but, if *presented* to him, of gold or silver gilt? This is quite new to me and other brethren to whose attention I have called the letter. If there is any such authority, I fear there are many hundreds of P.M.'s who are quite ignorantly infringing it, and many hundreds who will continue to do so in the future.

Yours fraternally,

8th Oct., 1888.

ASPIRANT.

RE MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

It is a well-known fact that large sums of money are subscribed to the three Masonic Charities by Benevolent Associations which otherwise would never be obtained. These Associations, as a rule, when being formed, choose one of their best members as Secretary, upon whom falls the heat and burden of the work: a great deal of the success which follows is due almost entirely to his influence and tact. Now, what I wish to call attention to, is the fact that he does not receive any recognition from head-quarters, and after all his work is done, he is not even thanked: at least I have not yet heard any letter read at any meeting at the close of an Association to that effect. I am strongly of opinion that the services rendered by these brethren should be recognised by the Charities, by making them either Life Governors or Life Subscribers, this being the least they are entitled to. Is it possible to bring the matter forward in such a way as it may be fairly discussed and decided?

We know that the Secretaries of the three Charities are well rewarded for what they do, but where would they be without the help of the said brethren: and surely, if they are rewarded, the Secretary of the Benevolent Association should also be in some degree. It would be doing a great service if you would open your columns to a free discussion of the case on its merits. Allow me to say that I am not a Secretary of an Association.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JUNIOR WARDEN.

Answers to Correspondents.

A. E. L., New Wandsworth.—Your favour of the 3rd received, and will be considered. We shall probably discuss the question you proposed in a special article at an early date. Meanwhile, we respectfully submit to you that you are quite mistaken in your views on the subject.

W. H. POPE, Secretary, No. 1785.—Thanks for your letter, which we do not publish. The subject is having our earnest attention, as you will observe in the next Number.

LIFE GOVERNOR.—We are cordially with you in regard to your observations relating to the Masonic Charities in so far as principle is concerned; but they unfortunately point unmistakably to an individual, and we will not at any time admit in our pages any attack on persons. Sorry to decline the letter of so good a friend; but we have laid down a rule for our guidance and must adhere to it.

A. H., Southsea.—We quite agree—but *que voulez vous?* We must set our sails to meet the prevailing wind. In a week or two probably you will see the effect of your letter. Meanwhile let us state that in reference to your enquiry as to the working of the Fifteen Sections lately at the Doric Lodge of Instruction, the questions were all put by the presiding W.M., and the answers given by the respective brethren named. We were under the impression that all Freemasons who knew anything of Masonic working knew that this is the order of tuition in a Lodge of Instruction.

Masonic Exchange & Mart Column

** In answer to several enquiries we desire to state that this column will be open to all subscribers to THE MASONIC STAR without charge, for the present at any rate. We wish to see whether or not it is of use for the purpose intended before we make any definite arrangement as to its continuance.—ED. M.S.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Calceill's Candid Disquisition of the Principles of Freemasonry, 1769 — Treiman's Principles of Freemasonry, 1777 — The Unparalleled 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.

Speculative Masonry, J. Yarker — History and Articles of Masonry, M. Cooke—Masonic Vocal Manual, W. Garforth, 1852—

Lectures on Freemasonry, G. D. Goodyear, 1864—Lyre Maconnique, J. A. Jacquelin, 1811—Code des Franc-macons, 1830—Masonic Miscellanies, S. Jones, 1797—The Anti-Christian Character of Freemasonry, M. C. Trevilian, 1849 (supposed)—R. A. Apron and Sash, 13s. 6d.; Mark Apron, 6s. 3d.; Ditto, 4s. 6d.—BELL.

FOR SALE (CHEAP).—Gould's History of Freemasonry, bound in red morocco—A Royal Arch-Principal's Apron—A Royal Arch Jewel.—TEMPLAR.

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 China—Amoy—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.

Ahiman Rezon, 1787, 1800, 1801, 1813—G. L. Constitutions, 1855, '61, '65, '66, '67, 8vo.—Royal Arch Regulations, 1864, 1879—Proceedings of Grand Lodge, December, 1871.—BELL.

In a summons for a lodge about to meet we find that part of the work is "to initiate Mr. — and — Esq." Is there so great a difference of social position between these gentlemen that they cannot be introduced into Freemasonry "on the level"?

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 Lodges 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 CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th.			(3rd) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16th.		
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, E.C.	BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, AT 4.		
238	Pilgrim (German)	F. M. H.	30	United Mariners	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., E.C.	73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.	95	Eastern Star	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street	255	Harmony	Greyhound, Richmond
1216	Macdonald at 6.15...	1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell	435	Salisbury	F. M. H.
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	1339	Stockwell	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	1420	Earl Spencer	Craven Hot., Lavender Hill, S.W.
1598	Leyspring	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.	1695	New Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1599	Skelmersdale	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.	2021	Queen's Westminster	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C. (?)
1708	Plucknett	Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley	2045	Wharton	Willesden, Middx. (?)
1791	Creaton	F. M. H.	2146	Surbiton	M. H., Surbiton, S.W.
1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Bow	2191	Anglo-American	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1987	Shand	Criterion, Piccadilly	R.A.C.		
2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith	11	Enoch	F. M. H.
R.A.C.			19	Mount Sinai	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.	186	Industry	F. M. H.
140	St. George	Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17th.		
452	Frederick of Unity	M. H., Croydon	140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
619	Beacon	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.	174	Sincerity	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street	619	Beacon	Greyhound Hot., Dulwich
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.	1044	Wandsworth	Town Hall, Wandsworth
1716	All Saints	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow	1150	Buckingham and Chandos	F. M. H.
Mark.			1382	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
86	Samson and Lion	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.	1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
(2nd) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12th.			1624	Eccleston	Criterion, Piccadilly
157	Bedford	F. M. H.	1677	Crusaders	Holborn Viaduct Hot.
177	Domatie	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.	1716	All Saints	Town Hall, Poplar
1201	Electric	F. M. H.	R.A.C.		
1559	New Cross	Ship Hot., Greenwich	141	Faith	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A.C.			192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hotel
33	Britannic	F. M. H.	(3rd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th.		
569	Fitzroy	Hon. Artillery Co. Hd. Qrs., City Road	HOUSE COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.30.		
Mark.			49	Gilbon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
144	Grosvenor	Café Royal, Regent Street	55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
(2nd) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13th.			169	Temperance	White Swan Hot., High St., Deptford
1426	The Great City	Cannon Street Hotel	179	Manchester	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1607	Loyalty	London Tavern, Fenchurch Street	181	Universal	F. M. H.
1637	Unity	Railway Hot., Harrow Station	733	Westbourne	Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood
1671	Mizpah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1685	Guelph	Town Hall, Leyton	1159	South Norwood	Public Hall, So. Norwood
1743	Perseverance	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.	1320	Blackheath	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1964	Clerkenwell	Holborn Viaduct Hotel	1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
R.A.C.			1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1297	West Kent	Thicket Hotel, Anerley	1681	Londesboro'	8, Air Street, Regent Street, W.
1397	Anerley	Ditto	1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
(3rd) MONDAY, OCTOBER 15th.			R.A.C.		
21	Emulation	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
185	Tranquillity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street	217	Stability	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
720	Panama	Balham Hot., Balham	Mark.		
862	Whittington	F. M. H.	Bon Accord	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.	
901	City of London	Guildhall Tavern			
907	Royal Albert	F. M. H.			
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	Criterion, Piccadilly			
1657	Aldersgate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.			
1728	Temple Bar	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street			
R.A.C.					
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.			
Mark.					
173	Temple	Green Dragon, Stepney			

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

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
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BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

43	St. Paul's	22nd Oct	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	7th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	16th Oct	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	13th Nov	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	12th Nov	Ditto
739	Temperance TO-DAY, ...	11th Oct	Ditto
887	Leigh	22nd Oct	Ditto
925	Bedford	15th Oct	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	17th Oct	Ditto
1016	Elkington	23rd Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	14th Nov	Ditto
1163	Emulation	25th Oct	Ditto
1180	Forward	5th Nov	Ditto
1474	Israel	12th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	16th Oct	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater	19th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	4th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope	12th Nov	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	14th Nov	Ditto
221	St. John	17th Oct	Ditto
348	St. John's	25th Oct	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	25th Oct	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	22nd Oct	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	18th Oct	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	6th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare	14th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales	2nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	22nd Oct	Ditto
600	Sincerity	6th Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence	19th Oct	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York	6th Nov	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick TO-DAY, ...	11th Oct	Ditto
811	Yarborough	20th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia	3rd Nov	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	30th Oct	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth	18th Oct	Ditto
1947	Stanford	14th Nov	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex	27th Oct	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion	16th Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex	22nd Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough TO-MOR., ...	12th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa	30th Nov	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence	12th Nov	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	6th Nov	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality ...	14th Nov	Ditto
326	Moir	18th Oct	Ditto
610	Colston	17th Oct	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	13th Nov	Ditto
1388	Canynges	3rd Nov	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	25th Oct	Ditto
2257	Powell	22nd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence	17th Nov	Ditto
103	Beaufort	23rd Oct	Ditto
187	Charity	1st Nov	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief	15th Nov	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin	17th Oct	Bridge Inn
191	St. John TO-DAY, ...	11th Oct	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales	1st Nov	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	25th Oct	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin	19th Nov	Bridge Inn

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	23rd Oct	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	14th Nov	Ditto
802	Repose	18th Oct	Ditto
1085	Hartington	7th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	13th Nov	Ditto
731	Faith	17th Oct	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Oct	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Oct	Ditto
1494	Felix	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	18th Oct	Greenham Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto

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HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—continued.

1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp ... 4th Apl		Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court ...	14th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon ... My & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex	20th Oct	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Oct	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber	18th Oct	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	24th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	7th Nov	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	26th Oct	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce	2nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	25th Oct	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	18th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—5 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold	16th Oct	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	31st Oct	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin	6th Nov	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians	1st Nov	Ditto
2164	St. Germans	13th Nov	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole	12th Nov	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C.			
1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

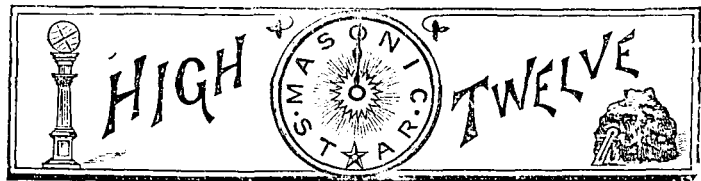
283	Fidelity	1st Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic	31st Oct	M. H., Great George Street
305	Alfred	2nd Nov	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	18th Oct	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	5th Nov	Ditto
1221	Defence	12th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	19th Oct	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	13th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
283	Fidelity	13th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic	7th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
305	Alfred TO-MOR., ...	12th Oct	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	18th Oct	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	7th Nov	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gannet	19th Oct	Ditto
1391	Commercial	26th Oct	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward	13th Nov	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece	15th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's	24th Oct	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance	19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union	18th Oct	Ditto
216	Harmonie TO-DAY, ...	11th Oct	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	13th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	1st Nov	Ditto
292	Sincerity	12th Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	25th Oct	Ditto
667	Alliance	16th Oct	Ditto
673	St. John	6th Nov	Ditto
680	Sefton	2nd Nov	Ditto
724	Derby	24th Oct	Ditto
786	United Service TO-DAY, ...	11th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	17th Oct	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria	7th Nov	Ditto
1094	Temple	14th Nov	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	11th Oct	Ditto
1264	Neptune	5th Nov	Ditto
1292	Pembroke	18th Oct	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	22nd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fernor Hesketh	28th Oct	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	14th Nov	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hammer	18th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	15th Oct	Ditto
1505	Emulation	25th Oct	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	14th Nov	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur	16th Oct	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	24th Oct	Ditto
1620	Marlborough	7th Nov	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton	23rd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	7th Nov	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	15th Oct	Ditto
2215	Anfield	25th Oct	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Oct	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem ...	6th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta	18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship	22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners	15th Nov	Ditto
292	Liverpool	22nd Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	14th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John's	12th Dec	Ditto
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823	Everton	23rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	27th Nov	Ditto
1350	Fernor Hesketh	21st Nov	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon ...	5th Dec	Ditto
1393	Hammer	1st Nov	Ditto
1502	Israel	15th Nov	Ditto



"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, Bro. Augustus Harris.

THE ARMADA at 7.30.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

Lessee and Manager, Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree.

CAPTAIN SWIFT at 8.30. THAT DREADFUL DOCTOR at 7.50.

ADELPHI THEATRE.

Sole Proprietors and Managers, Bros. A. & S. Gatti.

THE UNION JACK at 8. THE LOTTERY TICKET at 7.15.

THE GLOBE.

Lessee and Manager, Mr. John Lart.

THE MONK'S ROOM at 8.15.

SAVOY THEATRE.

Manager, Mr. D'Oly 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.

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, Bro. Edward Terry.

SWEET LAVENDER at 8.30.

OPERA COMIQUE.

Lessee and Manager, Mr. F. J. Harris.

CARINA at 8.30.

BRIGHTON—

THEATRE ROYAL.

Sole Proprietress, Mrs. Nye Chart.

THE PAPER CHASE at 7.30.

LIVERPOOL—

ROYAL COURT THEATRE.

Proprietors, The Carl Rosa Opera Company.

THE QUEEN'S SHILLING, &c.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.

Manageress, Miss Fanny Josephs.

KLEPTOMANIA.

MANCHESTER—

THEATRE ROYAL.

Lessee, Captain Bainbridge.

PRIVATE SECRETARY.

PRINCE'S THEATRE.

Manager, Mr. Ramsay.

DOROTHY.

LEEDS—

GRAND THEATRE.

Lessee, Mr. Wilson Barrett.

MISS ESMERALDA.

THEATRE ROYAL.

VIRGINICS, &c.

Dramatic Notes and Observations.

(Communicated).

MR. BEERBOHM TREE will commence a series of matinées at the Haymarket shortly.

FRENCH PLAYS at the Royalty will be again to the fore on the 15th inst., when M. Mayer produces "L'Abbé Constantin." There is some talk of this play being rendered in English at another house later on.

SATURDAY, the 20th inst., is the day fixed for opening the new Shaftesbury Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue. Mr. J. C. Smith, who has an excellent provincial reputation, will, it is said, stage manage.

It is reported that Bro. Irving intends, when he returns to the Lyceum, to produce "Macbeth," and that the mounting of the play will be of the most elaborate description.

BRO. F. J. POTTER (Emblematic, 1321) has returned from America after arranging the Antipodean Gaiety Company's winter season there. He again returns to America on the 24th for seven months. The company come from Sydney to San Francisco per s.s. "Alameda."

ON Saturday Mr. Rutland Barrington re-opens the St. James' Theatre with a new drama, called "The Dean's Daughter," the joint production of Mr. Sydney Grundy and Mr. F. C. Phillips.

MISS OLGA NETHERSOLE leaves the Adelphi Theatre to play at the St. James'. Her part in "The Union Jack" will be entrusted to Miss Dorothy Dene.

MR. G. P. HAWTREY's long talked-of new play, entitled "Atalanta," will shortly be produced.

SIGNORINA BESSONE, who has been unable to appear at the Alhambra during the last three weeks, owing to indisposition, resumed her part in the ballet of "Antiope" last Monday.

MR. W. BAILEY has undertaken the management of the New Alhambra, Brighton, in addition to his duties as manager of the Metropolitan Music Hall. It will open on or about the 29th inst.

BRITANNIA's favourite tragedian, Mr. J. B. Howe, has just published an interesting book, entitled "A Cosmopolitan Actor," being his life and adventures all over the world.

THE Dundee Theatre was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday morning. It had been built seventy years.

"PAUL JONES" is the name of the new play which Mr. Horace Sedger produces at the Prince of Wales' Theatre in January next.

LOOK out for the 18th inst., on which date Mr. Sydney Alport takes his annual benefit at the Vaudeville Theatre. "Joseph's Sweetheart" will be played by the whole strength of the company, and there will also be songs and recitations.

MISS ANNIE ROSE (Mrs. Horace Nevill) has been engaged by Miss Wallis to play Celia, in "As You Like It," at the New Shaftesbury Theatre.

A NEW opera, the joint production of Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan, was "staged" at the Savoy on the 3rd inst. As was anticipated, it was received by a critical audience with much favour. Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan wielded the bâton on this occasion.

HARRY HUNTER, of the Mohawks, will take his annual benefit to-day (Thursday, the 11th inst.)

MR. T. C. VALENTINE, stage manager at Bro. Terry's Theatre, who goes to New York to produce "Sweet Lavender," had a farewell supper given to him at the Adelaide Gallery last Wednesday.

BRO. WILSON BARRETT has nearly finished another new play, entitled "Nowadays." "The Good Old Times" (the piece he has just completed) will be produced shortly.

THERE will be great doings next Monday at the Promenade Concerts. Freeman Thomas takes his benefit, and it is the last night of the season.

A GRAND CIRCUS at Covent Garden will be opened at Christmas by Freeman Thomas.

THE provincial rights of "Bachelors," by Robert Buchanan and Herman Vezin, have been secured by Mr. Frank Green.

THOSE of our readers who have not already seen "The Armada" at Drury Lane ought to do so forthwith. The piece is mounted in Bro. Harris' best manner, and Miss Winifred Emery as the heroine plays well, as also does Mr. Leonard Boyne in the character of Vyvyan Foster. The scene in the 1st act between these two is in itself alone well worth witnessing.

LAST week we referred to Bro. John Maclean's farewell dinner as given by the Savage Club. It was in connection with the Logic Club, of which Bro. Maclean is the Preceptor, that the incident occurred.

"CAPTAIN SWIFT" is still doing good business at the Haymarket Theatre. The house was crammed last Saturday.

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Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(continued).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship	2nd Nov Albion Hotel
62	Social	29th Oct Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude TO-MOR.,	12th Oct Ditto
152	Virtue	19th Oct F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	31st Oct Ditto
204	Caledonian	14th Nov Ditto
317	Affability	1st Nov Ditto
325	St. John's	17th Oct F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough	17th Oct F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	7th Nov Ditto
815	Blair TO-MOR.,	12th Oct Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	14th Nov F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	25th Oct Ditto
992	St. Thomas	7th Nov Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	9th Nov Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns	29th Oct Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	5th Nov F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	18th Oct Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	16th Oct Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby TO-DAY,	11th Oct Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	5th Nov Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	31st Oct Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	6th Nov F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David TO-DAY,	11th Oct F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon ...	6th Nov F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	15th Oct F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways	31st Oct Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers TO-MOR.,	12th Oct Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	3rd Nov Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	18th Oct Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	24th Oct Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor	19th Oct Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	5th Nov 74a, King Street
1993	Wolsley	6th Nov 74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward	14th Nov Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	14th Nov Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	12th Nov Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.		
62	Social	12th Dec Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	15th Nov Ditto
317	Affability	18th Oct Ditto
325	St. John's	1st Nov M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	6th Dec Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	4th Dec F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair	27th Nov Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	8th Nov M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	19th Oct Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby TO-DAY,	11th Oct M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	1st Nov	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	7th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	12th Nov	Ditto
541	De Loralne	19th Oct	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	6th Nov	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	14th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	16th Oct	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	25th Oct	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	26th Oct	Ditto
2260	Ridley	6th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	16th Oct	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	6th Nov	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	13th Nov	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance	16th Oct	Ditto
807	Cabbell	25th Oct	Ditto
943	Sincerity	23rd Oct	Ditto
1500	Walpole	1st Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell TO-DAY,	11th Oct	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	6th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex	16th Oct	George Hotel
411	Commercial	12th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	2nd Nov	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	30th Nov	Ditto
1794	De Vere	19th Oct	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	15th Oct	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex	11th Dec	Ditto
411	Commercial	26th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—		
16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 70	St. John's	6th Nov Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	12th Nov Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Nov Ditto
159	Brunswick	7th Nov M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	12th Nov St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	25th Oct M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	16th Oct 193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	18th Oct M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	23rd Oct Ditto
1205	Metham	15th Oct 1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's TO-MOR.,	12th Oct Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	15th Oct Ditto
1550	Prudence	3rd Nov Ditto
1847	Ebrington	13th Nov 8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	23rd Oct St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258 {	Western District {	?
	United Service }	?
R.A.C.		
70	St. John's	22nd Nov Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec Ditto
159	Brunswick	24th Oct Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Oct St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	8th Nov M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	26th Oct 193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Oct Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Oct Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—

11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phoenix	24th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex	17th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth TO-DAY,	11th Oct	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	12th Nov	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	18th Oct	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	23rd Oct	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe {	16th Oct	M. H., Portsmouth
	Weimar }		
1990	Hampshire Lo. of {	13th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
	Emulation }		
2068	Portsmouth Tem- {	22nd Oct	Soldier's Institute, High Street
	perance }		
2074	St. Clair	15th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C.			
257	Friendship	14th Nov	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth	13th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Tem- {	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street
	perance }		

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia TO-DAY,	11th Oct	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	12th Nov	Ditto
1239	Wentworth	5th Nov	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	30th Oct	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (con- {	(?)	(?)
	secrated 21 July) }		
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	15th Oct	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

130	Royal Gloucester TO-DAY,	11th Oct	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony ...	15th Oct	Ditto
394	Southampton	18th Oct	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward	6th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
130	Royal Gloucester ...	1st Nov	Ditto
359	Peace	2nd Nov	Ditto
394	Concord	25th Oct	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	13th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phoenix	7th Nov	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine TO-DAY,	11th Oct	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	19th Oct	Ditto
2039	Londonderry	26th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton	30th Oct	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace

