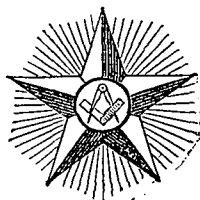


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## "Higher Education."



It is a pertinent question to ask at the present moment if there has not been, of late years, too great anxiety on the part of the managers of our Scholastic Institutions, and other Brethren, to raise the standard of education therein far beyond the intentions of the respective founders, the general wish of the Craft at large, and the requirements of the pupils themselves in connection with their prospects in after life. The greatest good of the greatest number demands that the contributions of the supporters of our Schools should rather be applied to the increase of recipients of Masonic care and liberality than to the exaltation of a few, more intellectually brilliant than others, to the status of Collegiate or University Scholars. We are as far from desiring that "our children" should leave their "Alma Mater" unqualified to fight the battle of life as the most earnest amongst us can be; but we differ altogether from those who would seek to impose upon our Lodges, or the individual members thereof, a necessity for further subscriptions or donations for the foundation of scholarships or the securing of other advantages beyond those already existing for providing a sound and practical education. The highest positions in life have, more frequently than not, been won by the plodding lad who, having been well grounded in the first five of the seven liberal arts and sciences (with the definition of which every craftsman is, or ought to be, acquainted), has applied that knowledge to mental self-improvement as opportunities were afforded him in connection with his experiences in commercial pursuits. And, on the other hand, they have often been lost by a too great reliance on attainments, without the application

which circumstances have prevented, however great the desire of their possessor may have been to make them fruitful.

In the majority of instances the presumed benefits of talents which, so called, advanced scholars leaving our Schools possess are lost to them because of the necessity for immediate entry into labour for the provision not only of the necessities of life for themselves, but, as we know in many cases, of help to the households of their parents; and it should never be forgotten that the primary reason for candidature for the benefits of the Institution arise from the more or less distressed circumstances of the relatives or connections of the applicants. If that primary cause has not existed, they have no business in the Schools.

Are there not many of our Brethren, at this moment subscribers to both Schools, probably out of limited means, who would be thankful if they could secure, without assistance from others, the advantages enjoyed by our pupils in respect of tuition, and consider a similar education all sufficient for their respective sons and daughters before deciding on their future station in life. Why, therefore, should it be sought to exceed the quality of tuition in our Benevolent Institutions beyond what is considered sufficient for the children of our brethren in the middle class of society outside these Institutions? Have we not had experience of the ill-result of Board School education as affecting those whose prospects in life could never be, except in very exceptional instances, more hopeful than continuance in manual labour without the necessity of using, nay, with even the certainty of losing, very much of the superficial knowledge with which they have been "crammed" during school time?

We have been led to these remarks by the perusal of a letter from a correspondent in one of our contemporaries, *The Freemason's Chronicle*, who writes: "IF (we think this IF worthy of caps.) each Lodge were to contribute a donation of £2, there would be immediately available a sum of £4,500, quite sufficient to endow two scholarships of £55 to £60 each in perpetuity," and proceeds to argue on the presumed advantages of a "higher education" for the pupils generally, in order that they may compete for the aforesaid Scholarships. It would, we opine, be waste of time to set forth the many arguments which could be adduced *per contra* to his reasoning, for we cannot but feel assured that the proposition he sets out with in respect of increased funds would never be entertained by a sufficient section of the Craft to render his scheme practicable. Why should it? It would be better, and more in accordance with practical benevolence, and the purposes for which they were formed and have hitherto been conducted, to extend the present operations of our Schools to others now seeking admission than to increase the advantages—if what is suggested be advantageous, which we dispute—of a very few of those now deriving benefits therefrom. Surely the education already provided should satisfy the reasonable requirements of the pupils and their friends. It ought to, at any rate, if the care and tuition afforded are proportionate to the cost of staff and assistants, as at present shown in balance sheets.

## Lodge Officers.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

### The Outer Guard.

"They also serve who only stand and wait."—MILTON.

**T**HE Outer Guard, or Tyler, is "an Officer in a symbolic Lodge, whose duty it is to guard the Lodge against the intrusion of the profane. As in operative masonry, the tyler, when the edifice is erected, finishes and covers it with the roof, so, in speculative masonry, when the Lodge is duly organized, the Tyler closes the door, and covers the sacred precincts from all intrusion." Thus, briefly, does Bro. Dr. Mackey define, in his Lexicon, the office and duty of one of the most important, because the most confidential, of the assistants of the Masters and Wardens of our private Lodges; and, to the foregoing remarks, he adds, "he should always be a worthy Mason, and skilful in the Craft."

A considerable experience in the working of Freemasonry, during the past thirty years, has convinced us that, generally speaking, a more estimable body of men connected with our Order than the Tylers of our several lodges we should not easily find, as a class, within our ranks; and though there may be, we had almost said there certainly are, a few brethren who fail to reach our standard of what an Outer Guard should be, these are but a small minority in the aggregate of the more than two thousand under whose charge English Freemasons place so much responsibility in regard to protection and necessary service. It has often pained us to notice that, notwithstanding the care and zeal with which most of the brethren in charge of the outer porch serve us, as well individually when in personal need of their assistance as collectively when at labour and refreshment, the oft-repeated assertion of Masonic equality amongst "members of the same tribe and family" is so frequently ignored. We honour those Lodges, and there are many, in our own knowledge, who do not make prominent the subtle distinction between the inner and the outer chamber of the Temple; and remember that those of our brethren who, besides being statutory officers in our Lodges, may have seen better days, are cheered and encouraged in their zealous labour by the genial smile and hearty grip of each and every member. To our great regret, and certainly to the disadvantage of the Craft as contradicting in practice the precepts of equality taught us by the "mosaic work" and the "level," we have witnessed many departures from masonic duty in this respect, and the amount of "side" put on by some brethren in the way of what they consider condescension—which is, however, but another name for pride and affectation—has often been the subject of depreciatory remarks from many of their associates. On the other hand, it is proper to state that very much as to the manner of his treatment rests with the Outer Guard himself. The want of a cheerful compliance to reasonable requirements; the need of ability to understand and appreciate the value of the necessary work of reception and preparation; the assumption of volunteering unasked-for instruction to other Officers of the Lodge; and a general disregard of ordinary courtesy;—all or any of these tend towards a disruption of those good feelings which should be, in loyalty to our Craftmanship, entertained by brethren towards one another, whatever may be their social status outside the portals of Freemasonry.

We are of opinion that it is not wise, at any rate it is not advisable, to select for the office of Outer Guard a brother who has not passed the Chair of a Lodge. That as a rule:—exceptions there may be, arising from local circumstances; but we fear, and at the same time regret for their sakes, that there are many Past Masters of Lodges who, "from circumstances of unforeseen calamity and misfortune," would gladly avail themselves of the, in many respects, pleasant position which a competent Outer Guard enjoys. When such can be obtained, the knowledge and experience of many years is applied with great advantage to a Lodge; and the individual himself ensures increased appreciation of valuable services. Such an one will know the necessity of attention to even the smallest details of the inner preparation and working of the Lodge; will see that all its emblems are properly cared for and placed, and not, as in many instances we can call to mind, treated as though no symbolic meaning were attached to them. We have had very many opportunities, in connection with visits to both Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges, for inspecting the Lodge-room or Temple prior to the commencement of work, and can, as also can any brother who cares to give thought to the matter, form an opinion at once as to the qualification of the Tyler for his office in relation to such preparation. The light-bearing columns of the Principal Officers misplaced in order of signification; the column of the J.W. in perpendicular instead of horizontal position:—are amongst the evidences to good working Masons that the Outer Guard is deficient in Masonic acquirements; and these are noted by visitors to his personal disadvantage, as well as to that of the Lodge rulers. In our article on the Inner Guard, we referred to the oft-times unnecessary disturbance of the Lodge work by applications for admission at unseasonable times. In this same respect the Outer Guard can prove his quality by a firm but courteous refusal to listen to any request for "report" until he knows it may be made without interference with the ceremonial or discussion in progress within the Lodge; and he should never allow himself to be tempted by personal considerations of masonic rank or social position of any applicant into a breach of that most excellent provision for maintaining privacy and order, which it is his duty to carry out in its strictest integrity.

There is one particular service which, although unwritten as forming part of the duty of the Outer Guard should, in our

opinion, be required of and be willingly performed by that Officer: we allude to keeping the W.M. and Secretary duly informed of all communications which may be forwarded in connection with the Lodge to which he is attached, during its vacation. In too many instances the official letters from Grand Lodge and the several Masonic Charitable Institutions; printed matter of Masonic interest; and other documents of more or less importance, are permitted to remain at the place of delivery for weeks and months together without the slightest attempt to place them in the hands of the proper recipients. Thereby, not infrequently, many inconveniences, and sometimes great disappointment, ensue, the avoidance of which, by a frequent call by the Tyler at the place of meeting of the Lodge would render a service to its officers and members, and considerably increase their sense of obligation for thoughtful consideration on his part.

We could enlarge to much further extent on the duties and responsibilities of the Outer Guard, more particularly if it were permissible to make reference to matters of Ritual and Ceremonial; but that, of course, cannot be done here. It may, therefore, be sufficient for our present purpose if we conclude this article by enforcing the ancient charge that the Tyler should be a man of good morals, steady habits, strict discipline, temperate, affable, and discreet; having a just regard for the honour and reputation of the Institution; faithfully performing the trust reposed in him; and courteous to all who may present themselves at the outer porch, whether as members of or visitors to the Lodge he guards.

There are many hundreds of our brethren who are bright exemplars of these qualities, and who discharge their trying duties in the most admirable manner; and wherever these are found, it is the duty of all good Craftsmen to show them as much honour and respect as they would to any other member of our Order, however dignified.

## FREEMASON VOLUNTEERS.

### INTER-MASONIC LODGE MATCH.

From the popular organ of the volunteer force, *The Volunteer Record* of the 6th inst., we extract the following particulars of the shooting match which we announced in our issue of the 13th ult. would take place at the Caterham range on the 27th Sept. The competing teams were selected from the members of the following Lodges, viz.:—The South Middlesex, No. 858; the Macdonald, No. 1216 (1st Surrey Rifles); the London Rifle Brigade, No. 1962; and the Queen's Westminster, No. 2021; ten men from each team to shoot, eight scores to count. Conditions as in first stage Queen's, 1888. Eight men only fired for each of the First Surrey and London Rifle Brigade teams. The light failed at 600 yards, rendering good shooting impossible. The following are the respective scores:—

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER.		LON. RIFLE BRIGADE.	
Bro. Sergt Mellings ..	84	Bro. Sergt Tayton ..	88
" Sergt Holton ..	83	" Pte N. Green ..	86
" Sergt Godfrey ..	82	" Pte Gregory ..	79
" Sergt Treadwell ..	81	" Pte McDougall ..	77
" Sergt Hollis ..	79	" Sergt Walker ..	76
" Sergt Coop ..	78	" Lient Brooks ..	75
" Sergt-Instr Philip ..	77	" Pte Elles ..	73
" Col-Sergt Currie ..	73	" Col-Sergt Rix ..	72
636		626	
MACDONALD LODGE, 1ST SURREY.		SOUTH MIDDLESEX.	
Bro. Pte Messenger ..	89	Bro. Lient R. Bird ..	92
" Sergt Marshall ..	87	" Bgl-Mjr Matthews ..	83
" Colonel Nevill ..	87	" Colonel Radcliffe ..	79
" Sergt Cranch ..	87	" Col-Sergt Hobbs ..	79
" Pte Turner ..	84	" Qmr Stevenson ..	70
" Hale, Hon. Mem. ..	61	" Cpl Graham ..	69
" Fitzer ..	59	" Mjr Reid Todd ..	62
" Sergt Keeley ..	46	" Sergt Burn ..	57
600		591	

The competing teams afterwards dined together, Major Lambert, of the Queen's, presiding, when it was resolved to make the match an annual one, and, if possible, to include teams from all regimental lodges of Metropolitan Volunteer Corps.

We shall be very pleased to assist this proposal by publishing a list of the several lodges, as well provincial as metropolitan, connected with the volunteer regiments throughout the kingdom.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.**—At the Masonic Chambers, Southport, above was held and presided over by Bro. the Earl of Lathom. The P.G.S.E. drew attention to the fact that some of the Chapters in the province had no bye-laws, and hoped this would be rectified. The Earl of Lathom quite agreed with these sentiments, which he fully endorsed, and stated that much good, he believed, would accrue to the various Chapters if carried into effect.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.**—A meeting of the above was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on the 27th Sept. last, when Bro. the Rev. C. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., was installed as Grand Supt. of R.A. Masons for Cheshire, succeeding Lord De Tabley in that office. Col. J. H. Clerke, in his usual able manner, performed the ceremony of installation. Many distinguished members of Grand Chapter were present.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.**—A happy gathering of brethren at above Provincial G.L. took place at Keighley on the 10th inst. Bro. Wm. Watson, the Honorary Librarian, brought forward a proposition, which was approved, that a copy of the warrant of every West Yorkshire Lodge should be obtained and placed amongst the records of Prov. G.L. This was agreed to. A procession to church followed, and after returning therefrom Prov. G.L. was closed in perfect peace and harmony.

## The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

### THE OLD TYLER.

GOD BLESS THE OLD TYLER! how long he has trudged  
Through sunshine and storm with his "summonses due!"  
No pain nor fatigue the Old Tyler has grudged  
To serve the great Order, Freemasons, and you.

God bless the Old Tyler! how oft he has led  
The funeral procession from lodge door to grave!  
How grandly his weapon has guarded the dead  
To their last quiet home, where asasia boughs wave.

God bless the Old Tyler! how oft he has knocked,  
When, vigilant, strangers craved welcome and rest!  
How widely your portals, though guarded and locked,  
Have swung to the signal, the Tyler knows best!

There's a Lodge where the door is *not* guarded nor tyled,  
There's a Land without graves, without murmurs or sin.  
There's a MASTER most gracious, paternal and mild,  
And he waits the Old Tyler, and bids him come in!

And there the Old Tyler, *no longer outside*,—  
No longer with weapon of war in his hand,—  
A glorified spirit, shall grandly abide  
And close by the MASTER, high honoured, shall stand.

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. ROB MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.]

### A STRANGE MASONIC INCIDENT.

THE first masonic funeral that was solemnised in California:—  
The body was washed up in the Bay of San Francisco in 1849, and upon the person of the deceased was found the silver mark of a Mason, on which were engraved the initials of his name. On further investigation the most singular exhibition of masonic emblems ever drawn upon the human skin were revealed. Beautifully dotted on the left arm, in red and blue ink, appeared all the emblems of an entered Apprentice. There was a Holy Bible, the Square and Compass, the twenty-four inch Gauge and common Gavel. There was also a masonic pavement representing the floor of King Solomon's Temple, the indented tassel which surrounds it, and blazing star in the centre. On his left arm, artistically executed in the same indelible liquid, were the emblems pertaining to the Fellow-craft degree, viz., the square, the level, and the plumb; there was also the five Orders of Architecture, the Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite. On removing the garment from the body, the trowel presented itself, with all the other tools of operative masonry. Over his heart was a pot of incense, on the other parts of his body were a beehive, the Book of Constitutions guarded by a tyler's sword, the sword pointing to a naked heart, the All-seeing Eye, the anchor and the ark, the hour-glass, the scythe, the Forty-second problem of Euclid, the sun, moon, stars and comet, and the three steps emblematical of youth, manhood and age. Admirably executed was a weeping virgin reclining on a broken column, upon which lay the Book of Constitutions; in her left hand she held a pot of incense, the masonic emblem of the immortality of the soul. Immediately beneath her stood winged Time, with his scythe by his side, which cuts the brittle thread of life, ever reminding us that our lives are withering away. The withered and attenuated fingers of the Destroyer were placed among the gracefully flowing ringlets of the disconsolate mourner. From this description we can well see the grandeur of the conception which blended the emblems of mortality in one picture, and that the execution was quite equal to the conception. Probably never before was such a picture ever beheld, and possibly never will again. We are told that the brother's name was never known.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.—There were

grand doings at Southport, on the 3rd inst., in connection with the annual meeting and festival of Provincial Grand Lodge for the Western Division of Lancashire. About 1,100 brethren were present in full regalia. The Prov. G.M., the Earl of Lathom presided, and was supported by Bro. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, D.G.M. of Scotland, and the past grand officers. In the course of his remarks the P.G.M. said that a committee had been nominated for the purpose of inquiring into the status and condition of the Boys' School, and he hoped that the result of the inquiry would result in its better conduct in future. Lord Stanley of Preston's letter, resigning his position of D.P.G.M., stated that he was compelled to do so owing to his being appointed Governor-General of Canada; but that he was gladdened by the thought that the bonds of friendliness, and his gratitude for same, between himself and the brethren, would never be lessened though some thousands of miles of ocean rolled between them. The P.G.M., in the course of his remarks, when proposing the toast of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the royal family, said that on an occasion of H.R.H. visiting the Girls' School, she made the gratifying remark to the three teachers—"I shall never again say a bad word about Freemasonry. I am glad to think that my husband and son are both masons." After a number of speeches by the various distinguished brethren present, and the usual toasts, the company separated, having passed a most enjoyable evening.

### We are requested to Notify that:—

—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Bedfordshire, the R.W. Bro. Col. William Smart, Prov. Grand Master, will assemble at the Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, on Thursday, the 25th inst., at 4 p.m., at which all Master Masons may attend. After the general business a banquet will be served at the Swan Hotel at 5.30 p.m. W. Bro. Charles E. Prior, of St. Peter's, Bedford, is the Grand Secretary for this province.

—The Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539, now meets on third Wednesdays, and not on first Thursdays, in the respective months named in official calendars.

—The following Lodges now meet at the Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn:—Unity, No. 69; Good Report, No. 136; Honor and Generosity, No. 165; Maybury, No. 969; Centurion, No. 1718; Montague Guest, 1900; and United Northern Counties, No. 2128. The Montague Guest R.A. Chapter, No. 1900, and the Mount Calvary Encampment also meet at this hotel. The respective dates of meetings will be regularly announced in our tabulated calendar.

—The Temperance-in-the-East Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 350, Bro. Charles Wyatt-Smith, P.M., Secretary, will meet this evening, October 18th, at the Assembly Rooms, Newby Place, Poplar, E., at 6 p.m.

—The Annual Festival and Installation Meeting of the Okeover Lodge, No. 1324, will be held in the Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, Derbyshire, on Thursday, Nov. 1st, at 2.30. Bro. J. H. Day is the present W.M., and will install Bro. F. C. Corfield as his successor. The banquet will take place at the White Lion Hotel, at 5 p.m.

—The first regular meeting of the new session of Lodge Temperance, No. 169, will be held at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, to-day, the 18th inst., at 5.30 p.m., Bro. J. G. Dale, W.M. Initiation will follow a successful ballot for a candidate. A recommendation from the committee of the Benevolent Fund will be submitted for the acceptance of the brethren. A banquet will be served at the conclusion of business.

—A convocation of the Windsor Castle Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 771, will be held at the Masonic Hall, St. Albans Street, Windsor, this (Thursday) evening, the 18th inst., at 5.30 p.m., when the installation of Comps. K. R. Montmorency, Prov. G. S.; F. J. Rushton, P. Prov. G.O., and H. D. Marshall, as M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively, will take place.

—The Alexandra Lodge, No. 985, will hold its installation meeting at the Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, Holbeach, Lincolnshire, on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 4.30 p.m. Bro. W. Porter, W.M.; Bro. Charles E. Ward, W.M. elect; Bro. Edward Sunderland, Sec. Banquet will be served at 6.30 p.m. The Lodge of Instruction attached to No. 985 meets at the Bull Hotel, Long Sutton, at 7 p.m., on the Wednesdays preceding each lodge meeting.

—The Bagshaw Lodge of Instruction, No. 1457, hold its meetings on Fridays, at 7.30, at the Public Hall, Loughdon. Not being a London Lodge, it is not included in our tabulated list on page 118, and at present we cannot find space for other Lodges of Instruction.

—The Warner Lodge, No. 2256, will meet at the Railway Forest Hotel, Chingford, Essex, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

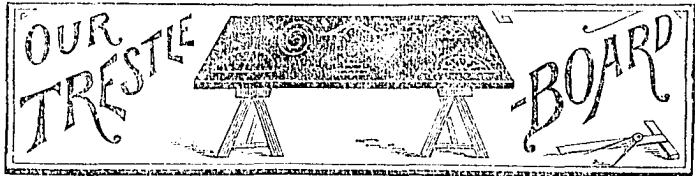
—At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Israel Lodge of Instruction, on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 7 o'clock, at the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate Road, N. Bro. L. A. De Costa, S.W. 1394, will preside; Bros. W. Musto, S.W.; B. De Costa, J.W.; and I. P. Cohen, I.P.M.

—The annual festival of the Lodge of Friendship and Unity, No. 1271, Bradford-on-Avon, will take place on Monday, Oct. 22nd, at half-past 2 o'clock precisely, at Avon House, Kingston Road, Bradford-on-Avon. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. C. W. B. Bryant, will be performed by V.W. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W. Eng.; D.P.G.M. Wilts. The banquet will be held at 4.30 p.m. at the Swan Hotel. The G.W.R. Co. will issue first and second class tickets at a fare and a-quarter for the double journey from the usual stations, on production of the summons for this meeting.

—The "Society of Promoters of Charity," whose laudable object it is to distribute bread, meat and coals to the poor during the winter, will have their annual ticket benefit at the Adelphi Theatre, from the 12th to the 24th November.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1426.—On Thursday, 11th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. Present:—Bros. D. Hills, W.M.; J. K. Pitt, S.W.; J. L. Barrett, J.W.; T. Owens, S.D.; B. Price, J.D.; F. Ford, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; H. J. Whitehouse, H. J. Gaskin, H. Bromhead, W. J. Ball Cothelstone, Darent Road, Stamford Hill, N. Hon. Sec. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Gaskin as candidate. At the close of the ceremony the S.W. answered the questions for passing for the benefit of the Bro. initiated. Bro. T. Owens acted as candidate during the rehearsal. The ceremony of "passing" was rehearsed and the S.W. answered the questions for raising for the benefit of the newly "passed" Bro. Bro. B. T. Price was elected a member; and Bro. J. K. Pitt, W.M., for the ensuing meeting. N.B.—The Lodge meets regularly on Thursdays, at 6.30 p.m. Brethren are invited to attend.

BURGOYNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 902.—On Friday, 12th inst., at the Essex Head, Essex Street, Strand, W.C., Bro. G. C. Stafford, W.M.,—Bros. R. N. Field, S.W.; Larter, I.W.; Butty, Preceptor, and several other brethren present. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and subsequently Bro. Cross, W.M., elect of the mother lodge, rehearsed the addresses on investiture of officers. Bro. Field was elected W.M. for the next meeting.



"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. From and after the issue of this Number, THE MASONIC STAR will be published on Thursday Mornings, at 123 to 125, Fleet Street, E.C., where the trade can now be supplied.

At the General Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on the 6th inst., it was resolved "that all necessary expenses of the staff, officials and inmates, consequent upon the requisitions of Bro. Philbrick's Committee, and the resolutions passed in pursuance thereof, be allowed and paid out of the funds of the Institution." Three additional vacancies were declared in consequence of the unexpected withdrawal of three boys from the establishment.

At the meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's report as to the purchase of land was received and adopted.

Last week we published a letter signed "Agere non loqui," the concluding portion of which relates to an item in the March, 1888, report of Grand Lodge in regard to payments to a law stationer for writing warrants, &c. We have made all enquiry on this subject which we consider incumbent upon us to make, short of immediately approaching the Grand Secretary, who we should have thought would have been so anxious to rebut a statement largely affecting the capabilities of his subordinates as to have enabled us to publish his official explanatory statement on the subject.

It has been intimated to us that the staff already consider that they have more on their hands than they can comfortably get through to keep the register entered up, make out certificates, enter minutes, summons Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, attend to receipts and payments of both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, &c.; and it may be so. But for the single operation of writing warrants and patents, a payment equivalent to £70 per annum does appear an extremely large and unnecessary item of expenditure.

We are authorised to state that Bro. Woodward's engagements now requiring all his time, he has resigned his office of Prov. Grand Sec. and Prov. G.S.E. of Middlesex. The Prov. Grand Master has appointed Bro. Howard H. Room, W.M. of the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, and J.W. of the Royal Hanover Lodge, 1777 in Middlesex, Prov. G. Sec., and Comp. W. H. Lee, Assist. G.S.E. Middlesex, to be Prov. G.S.E.

We should like to know what is meant by the expression in relation to election of the Grand Treasurer by the words in our correspondent, "Scrutator's" letter in another page:—"as it was the turn of London this time instead of the Provinces." That is to say, that the office being now held by a Provincial brother, it must follow as a rule that the dignity should at the next election be conferred upon a member of a Metropolitan Lodge. Now, this dictum does not originate either with the speaker at the Abbey Lodge meeting, or any other individual of whom we have knowledge; but, nevertheless, it is often reiterated in course of masonic converse, and it would be interesting to learn upon what grounds such an idea is based.

We cut the following from the *Echo* of the 13th inst.:—"A curious question has just been decided by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in England. When a dispute takes place between brethren at a 'mixed' dinner (that is to say, when Masons 'in clothing' and non-Masons are united), the incident cannot come officially within the cognisance of Grand Lodge." At the moment we do not know to what incident this paragraph refers to, but we shall look it up and comment upon it in our next.

In the course of a Masonic sermon delivered in New Rothesay Established Church, the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, of Glasgow, said he rejoiced to bring Freemasonry prominently before the people of the country, seeing that the order was a great moral force, which largely helped on the redemption of the world from evil. In its lodges the peer was on a level with the peasant, and the peasant could take precedence of the peer if he were a better Mason. Masonry was subservient to no creed or colour, but was at work all over the world for the moral and spiritual welfare of mankind.

## LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT LEICESTER.

ON the 9th inst. the Memorial Stone of the Children's Hospital for Leicester was laid by the Mayor of Leicester, Bro. Alderman T. Wright, P.M. and P. Prov. G. Reg., under the most favourable auspices, the interest of the proceedings being enhanced by the attendance of a large number of the Masonic brethren of the province of Leicestershire and Rutland, and the performance of the ceremony with the accustomed ritual of the fraternity.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. S. S. Partridge (P.G.D.C., Eng.), in the absence of the R.W.P.G.M.

Amongst the brethren attending Provincial Grand Lodge were the following: Robert Brewin, P.P.G.J.W., Devon, Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master; S. Cleaver, Prov. G.S.W.; J. T. Thorp, P.P.J.G.W., Acting Prov. J.G.W.; the Revs. W. R. Hurd and Selwyn, C. Freer, Prov. G. Chaplains; R. Waite, Prov. G. Treasurer; the Rev. C. Henton-Wood, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; Miles J. Walker, P.P.J.G.W., Prov. G.D.C.; W. H. Lead, Prov. A.G.D.C.; G. Jessop, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; W. J. Freer, P.P.G. Sword Bearer; G. Newsome and J. E. Beazeley, Prov. G. Standard Bearers; E. Gurden, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., Prov. G. Org.; John Young, E. Holmes, and R. B. Starkey, Prov. G. Stewards; James Tanser, Prov. G. Tyler; Dr. W. Rhys-Williams, (P.A.G.D.C., England); the Rev. S. W. Wigg, P.P.G.C.; F. J. Baines and T. W. Clarke, P.P.S.G.W.'s; Joseph Young, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Marshall, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. S. Toller, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Hassall, W. A. Musson, R. Michie, J. H. Thompson, and J. O. Law, P.P.G.D.'s; F. B. Wilmer and T. Marson, P.P.G. Sup. W.; E. Simpkin, E. H. Butler, D. Challis, and I. Harrison, P.P.G. Standard Bearers; T. B. Laxton and W. T. Rowlatt, P.P.G.O.'s; R. L. Gibson, P.P.G.P.; T. Coltman, W.M. 1265; J. B. Fowler, W.M. 1560; J. G. Simpkin, W.M. 2028; T. Corcoran, W.M. 1007; T. G. Charlesworth, W.M. 523; J. L. West, W.M. 2081; J. Vaughan, P.M. 86; E. Dutton, P.M. 1432; F. G. Boden, P.M. 779; Col. C. Phillips, P.M. 13; W. H. Goodwin, P.M. 1265; S. Knight, P.M. 1391; W. Maurice Williams, S.W. 279; J. B. Waring, S.W. 523; G. C. Oliver, S.W. 1007; and W. H. Key, J. W. 2028.

An interesting letter was read from R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., expressing his great regret that he was prevented by indisposition from taking part in the proceedings. Preliminary business having been disposed of, the brethren proceeded in procession to the site of the new hospital, the handsome banners of the several lodges being borne by the respective officers.

The ceremony of laying the stone in Masonic form having been completed, Bro. the Mayor addressed the assembly and briefly explained the circumstances under which the movement had been started, remarking that he had the gratification to be able to announce that no less a sum than £5,400 had altogether been promised, with a further sum of £105 as annual subscriptions towards the working expenses in connection with the hospital. When in full work it is estimated the cost of carrying on the institution will be from £1,200 to £1,500 a year, but he thought there could be little doubt that the benevolent public will readily contribute whatever sum is found to be necessary for such a laudable and valuable undertaking.

The silver trowel used in the course of the ceremony was presented to the Mayor as a memento of the occasion, and was suitably acknowledged by his Worship.

The procession then re-formed and returned to the lodge room, where, after voting 10 guineas to the fund for the Children's Hospital, the P.G. Lodge was closed.

The whole of the arrangements for the Masonic ceremony were undertaken and most ably carried out by the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Miles J. Walker, P.P.J.G.W., to whose untiring exertions the success of the entire proceedings was in great measure due.

**GREAT NORTHERN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—No. 1237.—On Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W.—The W.M. of the Mother Lodge in the chair. The following Brethren were present: Bros. Lichtenfeld, S.W.; Hill, J.W.; W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287, Preceptor; Reed, S.D.; Flint, J.D.; Steer, J.G.; J. Paul, Sec.; C. Corby, Greenway, J. C. Smith, Thorne and Parker. The first Section of the first Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thorne candidate, the remaining Sections of the Lecture worked by Bros. Corby, J. C. Smith, Cleghorn, Preceptor, and Paul respectively. Bro. Thorne was elected a member, and Bro. Lichtenfeld W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

**SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—No. 1602.—On Thursday, the 11th inst., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road, N.—Bros. Gearing, W.M.; Welsford, S.W.; Scannell, J.W.; Kirk, Preceptor; Merryfield, S.D.; Garner, J.D.; Fenner, I.G.; Osborn, Tarrant, and Patience. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Osborn candidate. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Osborn also candidate. Bro. Welsford was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

**THE STAR CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.**—No. 1275.—On Friday, 12th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, at 8. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., 1275, Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., S.E.; 1329, Treasurer; Moore, H., 169, M.E.Z.; W. Briant, 1329, H.; G. Powell, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.N., 1275, S.E.; C. Woods, S.N.; J. Hill, P.S., 1329, P.S.; H. Martin, and R. B. Templeman, H., 1339. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Martin personating candidate. Comp. Templeman was unanimously elected a joining member. Comp. Briant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the way in which Comp. Powell had performed the work of 3rd Principal for the first time in this chapter. An expression of opinion that the MASONIC STAR should be preserved and bound at the end of the year was met by a member promising to have the first volume bound when it should be complete.



## 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.

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### INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon Street Hotel on Saturday last. Bro. Robert Greening, W.M. The business before the lodge comprised the raising of Bro. J. T. Hale; on the conclusion of which Bro. John Seex, a former W.M., and one of the founders of the lodge, was again installed into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year.

The installation was carried out in the usual effective manner for which this lodge is distinguished. The W.M., and Bro. W. Baber, P.M., with the assistance of Bro. James Stevens, P.M. as D.C., sharing the ceremonial work.

The following officers were appointed and invested, viz.:—Bros. Wm. Cook, P.M., S.W.; C. T. Smith, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M.; Treasurer; W. Baber, P.M., Secretary; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chaplain; L. B. Mozley, J.D.; D. T. Keene, I.G.; G. Jenkins, Organist; G. W. Robson, D.C.; J. K. Gwyn, 1st Steward; R. Brookman, 2nd Steward; and Robt. Potter, P.M., Tyler.

Propositions for initiation at the next meeting were made, and certain routine matters of business being disposed of, the W.M., prior to rising for the third time, "called off" and the brethren, under charge of the J.W., repaired to the Pillar Room, where an excellent banquet was served. The after proceedings were shared in with much satisfaction by the visitors, amongst whom were Masons of high provincial rank and standing, who expressed their gratification in dining, for the first time in their Masonic career, in "open Lodge." Some very excellent speeches were made in the course of the evening, which, we regret, lack of space prevents us from reporting.

It is sufficient to say that, shortly after ten o'clock, the J.W. called brethren to "labour," and, after the third demand had been put from the chair, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony and with solemn prayer.

Shortly afterwards, the brethren separately, delighted with the Masonic treat which they had enjoyed.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Geo. Jenkins, jun., Org. 2048.

The following is a complete list of the brethren present on the above occasion:—Bros. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z. &c.; Nathan Bryant Headon, Treasurer, P.M.; James Freeman, P.M.; John Seex, P.M., W.M.; Richard Stanway, P.M.; G. W. Blackie, P.M.; Robert Fendick, P.M.; J. R. Hartley; Owen Bowen; George Jenkins; William Baber, P.M., Secretary; W. F. Kibble, P.M.; John William Colmer; James Archer; Julian Hartley; Henry John Bertram, P.M.; Alfred Camner; Henry Edgar Maynard; Joseph R. Greening, I.P.M.; William Cook, P.M.; Charles Thomas Smith; Henry Frederick Frost; W. Falconer Bertram; Lionel Barnard Mozley; Daniel Thomas Keene; George William Robson; John Kebell Gwyn; R. Brookman; H. Dottridge; J. Cooper; F. E. Bailey; F. J. Biggs; G. M. Fraser; A. J. Coleman; B. C. W. Peterson; T. Owens; J. T. Jolliffe; F. Ricards; B. T. Price; J. H. Baldwin; T. J. Hale.

Visitors:—Bros. C. J. Coles; I. F. Grace, P.M., 73; W. A. Laker, P.M., 1362; H. Summer, P.M., 1362; Geo. Ralling, 51; T. E. Tallent, P.M., 186; Wm. Carey, W.M., 1571; H. Gross, W.M., 1314; G. Whittaker, jun., 1597; Rawson Kelly, P.M., 750, P.P.S.W., West Yorks; N. S. Mendelssohn, 481; James Garner, P.M., 975, 1622; C. W. Stockmer, P.M., 507; William Morgan, jun., late 1107; Chas. Nightingale, P.M., 1362; George Jenkins, jun., Org., 2048; Selwyn Davis, Org., 917; W. J. Hooker, 1707; Thomas Steer, 1287.

ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND—No. 1538.—On Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., the Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held—Bro. Fluck, W.M.—Bros. Mumford, S.W.; Hartnoll, S.D.; Maitland, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Stranger, Org.; Hatch, P.M., Treas.; Woodward, P.M., Sec.; Gregory, P.M.; Parkes, P.M.; Dr. Smith, P.M.; Ford, Bye, Finch, Cooper, Bonnè, Cantle (*Masonic Star*), and numerous other brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. Major Walker, P.M.; Captain Walker, P.M.; Page, P.M. (Savage Club Lodge); and Davis, Org. 1321.—Bro. Dixie, P.M., Installing Master. Bro. Watson having first been raised to the degree of a M.M., Bro. Dixie proceeded to install Bro. Mumford in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was admirably performed, and the new W.M., with suitable addresses, invested the following brethren as his officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. T. G. Fluck, I.P.M.; J. Hartnall, S.W.; P. C. Maitland, J.W.; T. H. Roberts, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; I. T. Stranger, J.G.; Johnson and James, Stewards; A. C. Woodward, P.M., Sec.; G. Hatch, P.M., Treas.; Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Fluck, I.P.M. was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the usual loyal toasts, as well as those of the W.M., Installing Master, and the Visitors, were very cordially received. Bros. Davies, Stranger, Roberts and Dixie contributed greatly to the evening's enjoyment by some excellent singing and recitations; Bro. Willie Wright presiding at the piano. To commemorate his year of office, Bro. Mumford presented his officers with new collars.

LEEDS.—LODGE PRUDENCE—No. 2069.—A largely attended meeting of this increasing and popular lodge was held on Saturday last, the W.M., Bro. Tudor Trevor, and all his officers being present. Bro. G. W. Pratt was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., the latter portion of the traditional history being given by the I.P.M., Bro. C. L. Mason, P. Prov. Grand Lodge. The S.W., Bro. Wm. Watson, P.M., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Robert Abbott was unanimously re-elected for the third time as Treasurer. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the W.M., Bro. Tudor Trevor, delivered a brief valedictory address, in which he sketched the proceedings of the past year and dwelt upon the goodwill and harmony which had so happily marked his year of office. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the supper-room where, under the influence of "the cup which cheers and not inebriates," and the kindly spirit which has marked their intercourse, a very enjoyable evening was spent. The toast, "Success to Lodge Prudence," proposed by the W.M., being especially and most heartily responded to. The installation of P.M. Bro. Wm. Watson as W.M. will take place on Saturday, Nov. 10.

WESTBURY (WILTS.)—The first annual installation meeting of the White Horse Lodge, No. 2227, was held on Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, and was well attended. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Reed, who then initiated the Rev. R. M. Kirwan into the degree of E.A., and afterwards opened in the superior degrees to receive the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Methuen, attended by his officers: this was done with full honours and his lordship, assuming the chair, proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, S.W. (High Sheriff for Wilts) into the chair of K.S. The following officers for the ensuing year were invested: Bros. W. H. Laverton, S.W.; H. Reeves, J.W.; H. W. Pinniger, Treasurer; S. Anderson, Secretary; J. J. Trask, S.D.; G. H. Knight, J.D.; A. P. Hall, I.G.; W. Sainsbury, Tyler. The working tools were explained by Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G.D. Eng., P.G. Treasurer, and the addresses given by Bro. H. Bevir, P.G. Secretary. The banquet was laid at the Laverton Institute. Among those present, in addition to the above-named, were Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.M. 1533, G. Chaplain Eng.; J. Chandler, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.D.C.; W. J. Mann, P.M. 632, P.G.J.W.; J. Sparks, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.R.; A. J. Beaven, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.D.; G. J. Farrington, P.M. 1271, P.G.S. of Works; T. S. Hill, P.M. 632, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Foley, P.M. 632; F. Barton, P.M. 1271; H. Price, P.M. 1478; G. L. Palmer, W.M. 632; Sir H. Pelly, 357; J. Pocock, S.W. 632; H. Millington, 632, P.P.G. Org.; Rev. G. H. S. Atwood, Chap. 1478; Lewis, J.D. 1478; E. H. Langston, Sec. 1478; W. Collins, P.S. 632; W. R. Brown, J.D. 632; J. Lansdown, W. H. Stanley, H. Mundy, W. A. Gouldsmith, A. J. G. Stancomb, all of 632. Also the following officers and members of the Westbury Lodge: W. H. Reed, W.M.; C. N. P. Phipps, S.W.; W. H. Laverton, J.W.; H. Reeves, Sec.; G. Walker, J.D.; J. J. Trask, S.D.; H. Mead, J.G.; A. P. Hall, H. W. Pinniger, S. Anderson, G. H. Knight, J. Reeves, J. Hillman, A. W. Tuffin, and H. Green. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bros. Millington, Foley and others, a most pleasant gathering being brought to a close at about 8 p.m.

BAGSHAW LODGE—No. 1457.—The Installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Loughton Public Hall. Bro. J. C. Hopwood was installed into the Master's chair by Bro. W. Holloway, P.M., in a most impressive manner. After the return of the brethren to the Lodge, Bro. Hopwood proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, after which the choice of a representative from the Lodge to the Charity Committee fell to the lot of the W.M. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Crown Hotel, served in Mr. Willis's usual first-class style. An enjoyable evening followed.

ROYAL MILITARY LODGE—No. 1449.—On 15th inst., at the Masonic Temple, 38, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury—Bro. Major H. Maclear, W.M.—Bros. T. Claydon, S.W.; T. Becket, I.W.; D. Laing, S.D.; W. Naylor, I.D.; G. Rupert, I.G.; A. I. Abbs, Sec.; W. Ring, W. Beckett, Develin, P.M.; Blake, Tyler, Rope, Letts, Merriman, Blamiers, P.M.; Cockerell, P.M., &c. The elections of Bro. Abbs as Secretary and Bro. Major Maclear as Preceptor for the ensuing year was unanimously resolved. It was also resolved to support THE MASONIC STAR by lodge and individual subscriptions. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lett as candidate. A very pleasant and instructive evening closed at 10 p.m.

TENNANT LODGE—No. 1992.—On the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Working Street, Cardiff, the installation of Bro. T. Evans as W.M. for the ensuing year took place. There was a large gathering of the brethren of the various lodges of the province, and also of the neighbouring province of Monmouthshire. The W.M., Bro. Varzopollo, opened the Lodge and received the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Marmaduke Tennant. The following brethren were present at the ceremony:—Bros. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M.; D. S. Varzopollo, W.M.; David Williams, I.P.M.; Robert Williams, J.W.; T. M. Hale, Treasurer; Walter Deacon, Secretary; Richard Monford, S.D.; Frank Williams, J.D.; J. E. Deacon, Organist; and T. Matthews, P.M.; W. E. Miles, J. R. Winn, Hugh Brown, W. Hellier, W. H. Jones, Charles Salisbury, W. Lawrence, T. Niven, F. Morgan, Charles Kyte, Aug. P. Fabian, John T. Hogg, and F. W. Harvey. The visitors were Bros. Samuel G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. for the Monmouthshire Division; John Dutton, W. H. Williams, E. Eastbrook, Thomas Rees, T. R. Williamson, J. R. Harris, P.M., Thomas James, A. M. Parsons, Arthur Vernon Dovey, W. C. Peace, P.M.; Jno. Munday, I.P.M.; J. O. Lewis, P.M.; Jas. Radley, W.M.; C. Carey Thomas; all of Bute Lodge. W. N. Davies, Independence; William R. Perrot, Merlin; J. David, Windsor; J. H. Taylor, Caradoc; Arthur Roberts, Glamorgan; Frederick G. Hodges, W.M. Windsor Lodge; William Jenkins, Windsor; S. D. Churchill, Windsor; W. B. Ferrier, S. Davies, and D. Pickford, P.M.'s of one of the Monmouthshire lodges.

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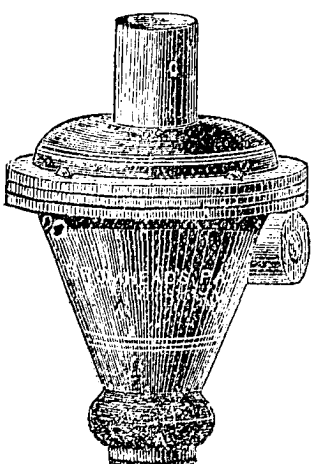


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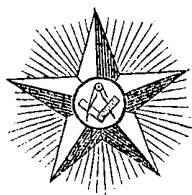
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## CHARITY JEWELS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

On the 29th Sept. ult. I addressed you a letter on the above subject, which appears in your impression of the 4th inst. The crux of my letter was to draw attention to, and ask information about, the items on the Dr. and Cr. sides of the Fund of General Purposes Account relating to Charity Jewels.

In your last issue you, in the column headed "Our Trestle Board," say, "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."

Now, Sir, by publishing my letter, I certainly thought you would have been able to give myself and your subscribers, in a clear and concise manner, the answer to the riddle I propounded—for riddle it seems to be, judging by the eloquence your silence displays. The vaguest of vague generalities is all you accord in a shame-faced manner. We believe—some explanation—surely you ought to know rather than believe—that a good, not some, explanation—will, not could, be afforded, which must, not might, put a different construction on our correspondent's assumption, &c.

Why don't you publish the communication you say has been made to you? Is the subject so hard to understand that you say "it is not sufficiently explanatory to set before our readers"? Where can any difficulty be in giving a plain answer to so simple a question? Give us, at any rate, whatever it may be, the benefit of the "communication" made to you. Is the communicator, our old algebric friend, an unknown quantity! that his light (?) is hidden under a bushel?

Sir, your paper is doing good for the Craft—do not let matters which interest us all dream away their existence on the shore of that land where "it was always afternoon."

Fraternally and very truly,

STEWART.

\* \* Brother "Stewart," you are somewhat hard on us! On first reading your communication we felt disposed to reject it, on the score of personality to ourselves, but as our doing so might have been misconstrued why—here's your letter—and now let us see how far we can answer it. We have ascertained that, in the first place, "the Grand Lodge pays the Medallist 10s. 6d. each, which the Jeweller has to pay; so Grand Lodge makes NO PROFIT." Secondly, that "the Jeweller mounts the medal and charges 50s., so he gets 39s. 6d. for his work over what he pays for the medal." Thirdly, "If 100 Jewels are sold in one year and only 50 paid, it is because 50 were on hand at the commencement of the year as stock in hand." Now, further than that we cannot at present get, and can only repeat that what has been communicated is not sufficiently explanatory to set before our readers.—Ed. M.S.

## JEWELS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

If "Aspirant" will read the new Constitution as applying to regalia with paragraph 296, he will find that the P.M. jewel is to be in silver, as also all the other lodge jewels, except in the case of

Lodges Nos. 2 and 8; and then, if he will look at a price list of presentation jewels as issued by Spencer or Kenning, he will find that presentation P.M. jewels may be in gold or gilt. In the Lodge I have the honour to belong to we do not give P.M.'s jewels, and some of our old silver P.M. jewels are often much admired. Royal Arch jewels are all gold or gilt. Blue and silver, purple or crimson and gold are proper masonic colours.

Yours truly and fraternally,

ZILLWOOD MILLEDGE,  
P.M., P.P.G.D.C. (Dorset), W.M., 170.

The Fernery, Weymouth,  
Oct. 12, 1888.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have before me a newspaper reporting a meeting on the 8th. of the Abbey Lodge of Westminster, No. 2030, at the Town Hall, Westminster. In the course of the proceedings Bro. the Rev. — Simpson appears to have made the following remarks:—

"He (Bro. Simpson) trusted that when the time came to elect a Grand Treasurer of England, as it was the turn of London this time instead of the Provinces, the Abbey Lodge, through its officers who had the power to vote, would return a good and upright Mason who would be an ornament to the Craft, so that not only might the deserving be promoted by the Prince their Master, but that the great body of Masons might be represented by a Grand Treasurer—which was the only officer they could elect—by one who was a worthy man and true."

Now, Sir, I cannot conceive that the foregoing can be the correct version of what Bro. Simpson said. If it is, it appears to me that the words "would return a good and upright Mason," and "one who was a worthy man and true," can only have been used in a moment of thoughtlessness.

Surely our Reverend Bro. does not intend to convey in any sort or shape that the office of Grand Treasurer has been, or ever will be, filled by any one not qualified in such a manner! It seems to me that Bro. Simpson, doubtless unwittingly, casts a most unpleasant reflection on some one or more of the brothers who have hitherto held the office. I do not think it is generally known if any reason exists to justify these remarks—perhaps Bro. Simpson will tell us. If, as I imagine, the words used were those thoughtless ones, Bro. Simpson would be doing a graceful act in at once either in your, or some other, journal by correcting them.

Fraternally yours,

SCRUTATOR.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In the *Freemason* of Oct. 13th there is an extract from *The Keystone* (of Freemasonry) as to the eligibility of the lame and infirm for admission into the Craft. May I ask who are the authors and publishers of this work! and on what occasion this doubt could have arisen! Further, why may not a lame brother be able to fulfil his obligation! And who are the judges as to the second suggested disqualification?

I understood each lodge was the only judge as to the fitness of proposed candidates, and at my initiation was not referred to any other tribunal. Why and wherefore is the question now raised?

I am, dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

W.M.

16th Oct., 1888.

## Answers to Correspondents.

SENIOR WARDEN. The important question you raise as to the voting power at Quarterly Communications shall have attention next week.

TEMPLAR.—We sent you two applications for exchanges; you do not acknowledge them; kindly do so.

PRECEPTOR.—To be candid, we are now inserting many such communications in the desire to meet the wishes of a number of worthy brethren; but we doubt whether our space will be sufficient to allow us to continue reports of meetings which can have but a very limited general interest.

## PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

We have received from author or publisher a copy of "Masonic Songs, &c., J. Blair," which shall have our attention for review next week. Meanwhile, we should like to receive permission to reproduce in our columns the poem on pages 30, 31.

## Our Exchanges.

GOOD OF MASONRY.—All Masonic labour, and all Masonic effort and action, should be for the good of Masonry. Is a candidate for the mysteries of the Institution to be proposed, then the questions should be, Will his introduction among the workmen promote their peace and harmony, aid their welfare, and adorn their work? Will his making an advancement strengthen and beautify the Temple, and honour God, and thus be for the good of Masonry? If yea, then his ballot should be clear. Is a new hall, or any other matter, to be proposed, then the same test should be applied, and whatever fails to meet it should be rejected. Especially should this principle apply in the selection of officers of constituent and Grand Bodies, and none should be chosen whose preferment will not be for the good of Masonry. Ambition for office should not be gratified if there is any doubt of the beneficent effect upon the Institution, the honour and glory of the same being vastly more important than the preferment of any Craftsman. Legislation also should be adopted or rejected by the test, "For the good of Masonry." To fall below this standard is to imperil the Fraternity.—*Voice of Masonry, Chicago.*

SOUTHWARK LODGE—No. 879.—On Thursday, the 11th inst., a gathering of the Craft occurred at the Bridge House Hotel, at the installation meeting of above Lodge. Bro. Ch. H. Freyer was most ably inducted to the chair of K.S. by Bro. E. Leigh, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. W. Beavis, P.M., and Prov. G. Pursuivant, Middlesex. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Eaton, S.W.; Wilkinson, J.W.; Kent, Treas.; Beavis, Sec.; Lazarus, S.D.G.; Bird, J.D.; Briley, I.G.; Chatterton, Org.; Percival, D.C.; Pemberton, A.D.C.; Davis, W.S.; Harper, Ass. Sec.; Barrett, A.W.S.; Rowe, Tyler. An interesting item in the proceedings was the presentation of a clock with ornaments to match to Mrs. Beavis, which Bro. Beavis was asked to accept on her behalf. The following inscription was engraved upon the clock:—"Presented to Mrs. William Beavis by the members of the Southwark Lodge, No. 897, with their best wishes for the health and happiness of herself and her esteemed husband. 11th Oct., 1888." Bro. Beavis, in thanking the brethren for their kind gift, said that they could not have thought of anything which would have given him more gratification than the privilege they accorded him of making this personal present to his wife. In the course of the evening replying to the toast of his health, the W.M. was singularly happy in his remarks relating to the country of his adoption, which were well-timed and in good taste. Bro. Professor Hahn and Bro. Chatterton supervised the harmony. An enjoyable evening was passed, and the brethren, one and all highly delighted, separated. Amongst those present we noted the following: Bros. Lee, P.M. 1897; Prov. A.G. Secretary Middlesex Etherington, P.M. 1300; P.P.G.D. Middlesex; Skudder, P.M. 169; Williams, W.M. 147; Bartlett, P.M. 1871; Melbourn, P.M. 13; Smith, P.M. 1288; Clemow, P.M. 1589; Porter, P.M. 1178; Kennett, P.M. 1436; Wells, W.M. 1158; Packer S.W. 1571; Hahn, Organist 2150; Hockison, 1475, and others.

PERCY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., on Saturday, 13th October, 1888. Present:—Bros. Simmons, W.M.; Robinson, S.W.; Ansell, J.W.; Baker, S.D.; Platt, J.D.; McNamara, I.G.; I. P. Cohen, Preceptor, and Galer, Sec., and many other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Witte candidate. Bro. L. A. Da Costa worked the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 sections of the 2nd Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the W.M.

MARK MASONRY.—On the 12th inst., Bro. Ephraim Sutherst was installed as W.M. of the Dunelm Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 365, for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. Jos. Lawson.

GOING TO PRESS.

The pressure on our space this week has been so considerable that we have felt ourselves bound to temporarily withdraw the Exchange and Mart column, and also several items of interest connected with "Ritualistic Nuts to Crack." Just as our machine is commencing its revolutions we receive about a column of report of a meeting of Lodge No. 1790, held on the 4th inst. We need hardly say that the distance of date suffices to prohibit its insertion; even had space allowed. At the same time we receive a report of similar length of a Lodge of Instruction held in Kent on the 11th inst. In this case date would not have so much mattered, and if we had received it twenty-four hours earlier we should have given the report the attention it so admirably merits, and have avoided the possibility of offending an esteemed correspondent, from whom we hope again to hear.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings  
FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

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.

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THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th.			(4th) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd.		
49	Gilbon ... ..	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street	14	Tuscan ... ..	F. M. H.
55	Constitutional ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.	92	Moirs ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
169	Temperance ... ..	White Swan Hot., High St., Deptford	145	Prudent Brethren ... ..	F. M. H.
179	Manchester ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	186	Industry ... ..	F. M. H.
181	Universal ... ..	F. M. H.	205	Israel ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel
733	Westbourne ... ..	Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood	1158	Southern Star ... ..	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
813	New Concord ... ..	Guildhall Tav., E.C.	1348	Ebury ... ..	Café Royal, Regent Street
1139	South Norwood ... ..	Public Hall, So. Norwood	1744	Royal Savoy ... ..	F. M. H.
1287	Great Northern ... ..	F. M. H.	R.A.C.	Royal York Lodge of Perseus ... ..	F. M. H.
1320	Blackheath ... ..	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich	1269	Stanhope ... ..	M. H., Camberwell
1475	Peckham ... ..	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	1275	Star ... ..	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1613	Cripplegate ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	1339	Stockwell ... ..	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1681	Londeshoro' ... ..	8, Air Street, Regent Street, W.	Mark.	Keystone ... ..	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
1901	Selwyn ... ..	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich	(4th) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24th.		
R.A.C.	Pythagorean ... ..	Ship Hot., Greenwich	BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, AT 6.		
79	Stability ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.	212	Euphrates ... ..	Holborn Rest., W.C.
217	Bon Accord ... ..	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.	754	High Cross ... ..	Seven Sister's Tav., Tottenham
(3rd) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19th.			1017	Montefiore ... ..	Café Royal, Regent Street
975	Rose of Denmark ... ..	Greyhound Hot., Richmond	1056	Victoria ... ..	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1704	Anchor ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel	1540	Chaucer ... ..	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1962	London Rifle Brigade ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	1589	St. Dunstan's ... ..	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
Mark.	Excelsior ... ..	M. H., Woolwich	1718	Centurion ... ..	Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn
R.C.	Invicta ... ..	33, Golden Square, W.	1719	Evening Star ... ..	F. M. H.
(3rd) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th.			1768	Progress ... ..	F. M. H.
1185	Lewis ... ..	King's Arms, Wood Green, N.	1820	Sir Thomas White ... ..	Holborn Viaduct Hot.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... ..	Guildhall Tav., E.C.	R.A.C.	Prince Frederick William ... ..	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
1641	Crichton ... ..	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	753		
1732	King's Cross ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	(4th) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25th.		
1897	Citadel ... ..	Railway Hot., Harrow Station	22	Neptune ... ..	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
R.A.C.			34	Mount Moriah ... ..	F. M. H.
142	St. Thomas' ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel	65	Prosperity ... ..	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1185	Lewis ... ..	King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.	66	Grenadiers ... ..	F. M. H.
1194	Royal Middlesex ... ..	Mitre Hot., Hampton Court	507	United Pilgrims ... ..	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
Mark.	Tenterden ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.	858	South Middlesex ... ..	Beaufort Hot., Fulham
(4th) MONDAY, OCTOBER 22nd.			861	Flinsbury ... ..	St. Botolph Chmbrs., Bishopsgate
28	Old King's Arms ... ..	F. M. H.	871	Royal Oak ... ..	White Swan Tav., Deptford
183	Unity ... ..	Ship and Turtle, E.C.	1421	Langthorne ... ..	Angle Hot., Ilford
902	Burgoyne (Installation) ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	1658	Skelmersdale ... ..	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
905	De Grey and Ripon ... ..	F. M. H.	1816	Victoria Park ... ..	London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1698	Kilburn ... ..	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate	1974	St. Mary Abbots ... ..	Town Hall, Kensington
1632	Stuart ... ..	Bridge House Hot., S.E.	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.			29	St. Albans ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
25	Robert Burns ... ..	F. M. H.	177	Domestic ... ..	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1537	St. Peter, Westminster ... ..	F. H. H.	534	Polish National ... ..	F. M. H.
4	Prince of Wales ... ..	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.	766	William Preston ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
			Mark.		
181	Sir Francis Burdett ... ..	Albany Hot., Twickenham	332	Boro' of Greenwich ... ..	William the Fourth, Trafalgar Road
363	Ruspini ... ..	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.			

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



Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

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BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

43	St. Paul's ...	22nd Oct	M. H., New Street
74	Athol ...	7th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light ...	29th Nov	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful ...	13th Nov	M. H., New Street
587	Howe ...	12th Nov	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	8th Nov	Ditto
887	Leigh ...	22nd Oct	Ditto
925	Bedford ...	19th Nov	Ditto
938	Grosvenor ...	21st Nov	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 ...	20th Nov	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater TO-MOR.,	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 ...	21st Nov	Ditto
348	St. John's ...	25th Oct	Ditto
1723	St. George ...	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord ...	15th Apr	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 TO-DAY,	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 TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	Royal Pavillion
315	Royal York ...	6th Nov	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	8th Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	3rd Nov	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia ...	30th Oct	Royal Pavillion
1821	Atlingworth TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
1947	Stanford ...	14th Nov	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	27th Oct	Royal Pavillion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox ...	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavillion ...	18th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	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	Moira TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
610	Colston ...	21st Nov	Ditto
686	Jerusalem ...	13th Nov	Ditto
1388	Canynge ...	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 ...	21st Nov	Bridge Inn
191	St. John ...	8th Nov	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 TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ..	7th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice ...	13th Nov	Ditto
731	Truth ...	16th Jan	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 Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ..	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Greyhound 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	Gama ...	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 Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber TO-DAY,	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 TO-DAY,	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 ...	12th Nov	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.

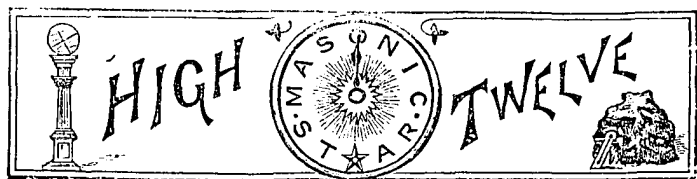
289	Fidelity ...	1st Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	31st Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ...	2nd Nov	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	18th Oct	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1221	Defence ...	12th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence ...	10th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity ...	13th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	7th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ...	14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	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 Gaunt TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	13th Nov	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	19th Nov	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 TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
216	Harmonie ...	8th Nov	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 ...	20th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John ...	6th Nov	Ditto
680	Sefton ...	2nd Nov	Ditto
724	Derby ...	24th Oct	Ditto
786	United Service ...	8th Nov	Ditto
823	Everton ...	21st Nov	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	7th Nov	Ditto
1094	Temple ...	14th Nov	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	8th Nov	Ditto
1264	Neptune ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1299	Pembroke TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley ...	22nd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fernor Hesketh ...	28th Oct	Ditto
1356	Texteth ...	14th Nov	89, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer TO-DAY,	18th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel ...	19th Nov	Ditto
1505	Emulation ...	25th Oct	Ditto
1547	Liverpool ...	14th Nov	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	20th Nov	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	19th Nov	Ditto
2215	Anfield ...	25th Oct	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Latham ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem ...	19th Nov	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	6th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship ...	22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners ...	15th Nov	Ditto
292	Liverpool ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire ...	14th Nov	Ditto
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680	Sefton TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	Ditto
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	Hamer ...	1st Nov	Ditto
1502	Israel ...	13th Nov	Ditto



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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'Oily 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. Hawtrev.

UNCLES AND AUNTS at 9. THE SPY at 8.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

Sole Lessee, Mr. Henry Irving.

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE at 9.

A PARISIAN ROMANCE at 8.45. LESBIA at 7.45.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.

Lessee and Manageress, Agnes Hewitt.

THE TWO ORPHANS 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.

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THEATRE ROYAL.

Sole Proprietress, Mrs. Nye Chart.

THE STILL ALARM at 7.30.

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FAUST.

PRINCE'S THEATRE.

Manager, Mr. Ramsay.

DOROTHY.

#### LEEDS—

GRAND THEATRE.

Lessee, Mr. Wilson Barrett.

FALKA AND PEPITA.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Mr. J. Hobson.

CURRENT CASH.

#### NOTTINGHAM—

THEATRE ROYAL.

Managing Director, Mr. T. W. Charles.

SAVED FROM THE STREETS.

## Dramatic Notes and Observations.

(Communicated).

TO-DAY (Thursday) Mr. Sydney Alport takes his annual benefit at the Vaudeville, when "Joseph's Sweetheart" will be performed, after which a miscellaneous entertainment will be given, many eminent London artistes appearing.

ON Friday, the 19th, at the Lyceum, Mr. Richard Mansfield will give a special performance in aid of the funds for the creation of night refuges for homeless poor in the East End. A four-act comedy by C. Gunter, entitled "Prince Karl," will be produced, for the first time in London, with Mr. Mansfield in the title rôle.

THE Strand Theatre has been leased to a West End manager not wholly unconnected with farcical comedy. A new work will be produced there as soon as Mr. W. Edouin's term expires.

A MATINEE will be given next Saturday at the Strand, when "Kleptomania" will be played; this is the first and last morning performance, as "Kleptomania" and "Aladdin" will be withdrawn on that day.

"SOPHIE EYRE" finishes her tenancy at the Gaiety next Friday night; she will take her first benefit on the Saturday. In addition to appearing as "She," she will represent "Lady Macbeth," in the sleep-walking scene.

THE new burlesque by G. K. Sims and Henry Pettit, called "Faust, up to Date," will be produced at the Gaiety on the 27th.

MR. HENRY BRACY will have a farewell matinée benefit on the 24th, prior to his departure to Australia. A good programme is promised. Mr. Ben Davies is honorary secretary to the benefit committee.

MISS FANNY LESLIE is booked to play the principal boy at the Comedy Theatre, Manchester, in the Christmas pantomime of "Aladdin."

NOVEMBER 3rd is the appointed day for the production of Chassaigne's new comic opera at the Avenue. It is named "Nadgy."

AT the expiration of the run of "The Still Alarm" at the Princess's, I understand Miss Grace Hawthorne has arranged with Mr. Henry Pettitt to produce "Homes Across the Sea." This will be early in November.

MR. ALFRED CALMOUR produces a new three-act comedy, called "The Widow Winsome," at the Criterion matinée on the 15th November next.

ON the withdrawal of "Dorothy" from the Prince of Wales's next December, Mr. Planquette's new opera, "Paul Jones," will take its place. This should be produced about the 12th January, 1889.

A GREAT Harvest Festival takes place this day (Thursday) at the Alexandra Palace. The building is to be decorated with flowers, fruit, corn, &c.

I HEAR from very reliable information that the Royal Aquarium is not to be demolished.

FOURTEEN years have passed away since "The Two Orphans" was first produced at the Olympic, yet in Miss Agnes Hewitt's revival of the play, Henry Neville is the same vigorous, care-taking actor, playing Pierre, the badly-used, lame knife grinder, with all the manliness as of old, while Mrs. Huntley, the hag La Frochard, even surpasses herself. Miss Agnes Hewitt's performance is the best she has yet accomplished, it being a thoroughly artistic performance.

POOR old W. H. Stephens, an actor of the past generation, died suddenly, at the age of 70, while in the act of kneeling at his devotions at Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green, Hammersmith. The play has ended; the curtain's down.

"HENRY DUNBAR," I am given to understand, will be played at a matinée at the Olympic shortly.

SEVERAL alterations have been made in "Carina" at the Opera Comique. It is still drawing big houses, and is likely to for some time.

MADAME SARAH BERNHARDT's manager has arrived at Vienna to arrange details of her fortnight's performances in that city, which are to commence on October 30th.

OWING to the illness of Mr. A. Maltby on Thursday evening, his part of the private tutor in "Betsy" was played at short notice by Mr. George B. Phillips.

"VANITY FAIR," a new drama in seven tableaux, by Mr. Walter Reynolds, was produced for copyright purposes only at the Theatre Royal, Bristol, on Wednesday last.

BRO. ROBERT BUCHANAN has been commissioned by Mr. Thomas Thorne to write another comedy of old English life for the Vaudeville, to be ready when "Joseph's Sweetheart" ceases to draw.

TO-NIGHT, Thursday, at the Victoria Hall, Mr. Sims Reeves will appear and delight his hearers with some of his songs.

MISS GRACIE MURIELLE will shortly make her re-appearance in town in a new piece called "Fool's Mate," specially written for her by F. W. Broughton.

DURING his recent visit to Dalmeny Park, Bro. Henry Irving was presented by Lord Rosebery with a ring formerly the property, and upon which is an enamel portrait, of David Garrick.

STELLA.

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 ... ..	25th Oct Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude ... ..	25th Jan Ditto
152	Virtue TO-MOR., ...	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 ... ..	21st Nov F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ... ..	21st Nov F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	7th Nov Ditto
815	Blair ... ..	9th Nov 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	Shakspeare ... ..	5th Nov F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond TO-DAY, ...	18th Oct Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender ... ..	20th Nov Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby ... ..	8th Nov 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 ... ..	8th Nov F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon ...	6th Nov F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George ... ..	19th Nov F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ... ..	31st Oct Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers ... ..	9th Nov Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth ... ..	3rd Nov Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord TO-DAY, ...	18th Oct Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon ... ..	24th Oct Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor TO-MOR.,	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 TO-DAY, ...	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 TO-MOR., ...	19th Oct Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby ... ..	20th Nov 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 Lorraine TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ... ..	6th Nov	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker ... ..	14th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Perey ... ..	20th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur ... ..	25th Oct	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ... ..	9th Nov	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 ... ..	14th Dec	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's ... ..	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ... ..	20th Nov	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 ... ..	20th Nov	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 ... ..	10th Jan	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead ... ..	6th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ... ..	18th Dec	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 TO-MOR., ...	19th Oct	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon ... ..	19th Nov	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 ... ..	20th Nov 193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY, ...	18th Oct M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn ... ..	23rd Oct Ditto
1205	Metham ... ..	19th Nov 1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's ... ..	15th Nov Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas ... ..	19th Nov 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 ... ..	21st Jan Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Blillot ... ..	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 ... ..	21st Nov	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ... ..	8th Nov	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ... ..	12th Nov	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ... ..	9th Nov	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport TO-DAY, ...	18th Oct	Ditto
1834	Duke of Cornwall ... ..	23rd Oct	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe-Weimar	20th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	10th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
2038	Portsmouth Temperance	22nd Oct	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair ... ..	19th Nov	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 Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia ... ..	8th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ... ..	12th Nov	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ... ..	5th Nov	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe ... ..	30th Oct	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise ... ..	19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty ... ..	17th Dec	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

130	Royal Gloucester ... ..	8th Nov	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony ... ..	19th Nov	Ditto
394	Southampton TO-DAY, ...	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 ... ..	8th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick TO-MOR., ...	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

