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"Light."

WHAT a strange subject for an Editorial!" we hear many of our readers exclaim. Perhaps not quite so curious as it may at the first glance seem. Have we all thoughtfully considered the application of this, the greatest material blessing which the Almighty has vouchsafed us. At the very commencement of this world's history it was the primary consideration before any other creative act, for we are told "that darkness was upon the face of the deep." God said, "Let there be light!"

"Nothing in this great creation, impressed as it everywhere is with miracles of wisdom and excellence, is more beautiful and marvellous than light, the elder work of the Deity, the masterpiece of His material phenomena, and the original communication of Himself when he opened the treasures of His bounty. Light was the commencement of our world, and it continues to be the soul of every beauty which it contains." Thus writes BASELEY.

On the very threshold of our Masonic existence this is the blessing which we are taught to crave. Practically, material light by which to guide our steps; morally, light to guide our thoughts and actions.

Here is an analogy worthy our readers' most serious consideration. Without the material light there would never have been any life on this globe; without the moral light the state of humanity—poor as it is always called—would be something too awful to contemplate, and the condition of the primæval savage would be comparatively the acme of civilisation.

We, as members of the mystic tie, in virtue of the doctrines inculcated by Freemasonry, ought to show to the world that moral light obtains with us in a superlative degree. Beyond obedience to all laws, Divine or human, it is our

duty as good craftsmen to practise all the virtues, obey the dictates of conscience, and generally so to act ever on the square in our relations with all mankind as to cause the titular designation of Master Mason to be accepted throughout the universe as a synonym for all that is best and purest, loyal, brave and true. The symbolic meaning of our working tools ought ever to be present with us, and assist us in our daily life, and in our conduct towards all with whom we may be brought in contact.

Unless by practising in our lives the sublime truths taught us by our craft we have *not* the true light, but an *ignis fatuus*, an imitation bearing about as much resemblance to it as the glimmer of a rushlight does to the glorious effulgence of the God of day.

It behoves the brethren one and all to carefully consider whether they really have gained moral light in its most ample sense—not laying the flattering unction to their souls that "we are as good as our fellows," but asking rather "why are we not better?" The volume of the sacred law tells us that "God saw the light that it was good." No qualification but "good." Our moral light ought to bear being described as tersely.

Much as is done by our body to alleviate distress in its many and varied shapes, great as are the monetary aids we accord in the cause of charity, does there not remain much to be done in the way of assisting each other along the stony path of life? Is there not a wider sphere of action? The cheering, kindly word; the warning voice; the truthful assistance in time of need; the helping hand to drag from the mire before it becomes a slough of despond;—are not these important factors also? Yes; and we—

"Must still believe, for still we hope.
That in a world of larger scope.
What here is faithfully begun,
Will be completed, not undone."

These are some of the qualities we must possess and practise before we can lay claim to symbolic "light."

In the race for wealth, and the struggle for the good things of this world, it becomes more and more difficult to maintain even a low standard of commercial morality, still less to raise it. Each for himself seems to be growing more and more the rule. "Quite right too," we hear some one say. Reader, have you thoroughly grasped the light? "Each for himself" is quite right, but it is possible for every one to carry this axiom out in its integrity and yet be able to extend to others, without any detriment to himself, his family, or connections, services and assistance which may be of the utmost import to them. Thoughtlessness is often a prominent cause for the non-performance of a kindly action. How often do we hear around us,

when some story of distress is related, the expression—"Really! I do wish I had known about it before." We might, perhaps, "know about it before," if we went a little out of our way.

When Goethe lay on his death-bed, his last request was that the window curtains might be drawn aside, that he might have, he said,

"LIGHT, MORE LIGHT."

With these words we conclude. May our remarks commend themselves to our readers, and may they be appreciated in the spirit of fraternal regard in which they are written.

Lodge Officers.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

IT has been intimated to us that a reprint in book form of the articles which have appeared in this journal under the above heading, and which treat of the respective qualifications of the W.M., Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, Deacons and Guards of the Lodge, would be very acceptable to numerous brethren. Our friends are good enough to say that the gift of such a work by Worshipful Masters to their Officers on appointment, and the interest which would be taken in the articles by aspirants to office, could not fail to be of considerable advantage to the brethren, and of proportionate benefit to Freemasonry generally; and that if published at a moderate price the book, or pamphlet, would command a ready sale. We shall act upon this intimation, and prepare a limited edition, in appropriate cover, at the cost of sixpence per copy (post free, sevenpence). The supply will be in order of application, and orders should be sent to Messrs. ADAMS BROS., our publishers, forthwith to ensure early attention. Our readers will be good enough to refer to Advertisement in other columns.

Labour and Refreshment.

Our columns of Reports of Lodge Meetings last week contained an account of an installation meeting at Cannon Street Hotel, on the 13th inst., whereat the banquet was held "in open lodge." There is such a diversity of opinion as to the propriety of the continuance or discontinuance of an ancient Masonic practice, one we have ever maintained should not have been departed from, that we hesitate to express our own views in the language we should prefer to adopt, without in the first instance setting before our readers other, and probably much sounder as well as better expressed opinions, published very many years ago. To do this we must "re-produce;" which, to the minds of many, is what an essayist should avoid doing. But against any such objection we set the fact that, since what we are about to reproduce was written, another generation of men have become members of our Order, and there are as many thousands now who have never had the opportunity to peruse what greatly interested and instructed their predecessors, as there were readers in the days of the original production. We shall therefore not further excuse ourselves on this point; nay, we may frequently repeat the action in other instances whereby the younger portion of the fraternity may become acquainted with what is profitable in their interests for them to know.

This is what the late Bro. the Rev. Dr. Oliver says in his "Book of the Lodge," edition 1856, on the subject of "Labour and Refreshment"—

"Our Brethren of the last century, with a view to the more complete accommodation of the members, had their Lodges furnished with a long table extending from east to west down the centre of the room; and in cases where the Lodge was numerous, two, flanked by benches with backs—leaving a commodious passage at each end for uses which every Brother is acquainted with; and in the latter case, the Senior Warden occupied the north-west, and the Junior Warden the south-west end. On these tables were disposed a pair of 18-in. globes; the perfect ashlar suspended from a Lewis, and affixed to a winch; and sometimes an air pump, an armillary sphere, and a small philosophical apparatus, as well as the usual ornaments, furniture, and jewels. The effect was imposing; and I think we have gained nothing by its sacrifice. I confess I prefer this disposition of a Lodge for many reasons. It prevents that indiscriminate arrangement of the members, which occasionally creates much confusion, by placing the Brethren more completely under the Master's eye, and consequently under his command; for in the present arrangement of the Lodge-room, opportunities are afforded for private conventions and conversations, which are the bane of societies constituted on the plan of Masonry, and a violation of the ancient charges of the Order, which positively forbid them "to hold private committees or separate conversation, without leave from the Master; not to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master." Such conduct is sure to prove an obstacle to the good government of the Lodge, on which the stability and success of the institution in a great measure depend.

Besides, the table was a genuine floor-cloth, or great Tracing Board, not merely affording an opportunity for every Brother to reflect on the use and application of the various symbols which he has continually before his eyes, that point the way to a series of invaluable conclusions, each of which enforces some virtue, or inculcates some moral truth that may be brought into beneficial practice during his commerce with the world; but also giving an increased facility of reference to the Worshipful Master in the chair; and making a more permanent impression on the mind of a newly-initiated candidate, by a sight of the symbols brought visibly under his notice, than by merely naming them with the customary explanations. Nothing fixes an object so firmly in the recollection as to have it displayed before the eye; and therefore it was the laudable custom of some worthy Masters of that period to point out with a wand to the rough stone in the north-east angle of the Lodge the various emblems disposed before him on the table, which were then more appropriately illustrated, and more readily comprehended. The wisdom which was imparted by this simple process would be esteemed of greater value, because the candidate plainly saw that it was practical; and the explanations would have more weight, because they would be understood to be reasonable and just; and he would depart more perfectly satisfied that the institution into which he had just been admitted was worthy of commendation and approval.

The removal of the tables at the Union in 1813 was intended to supersede the custom of taking refreshment during Lodge hours, for which they afforded the requisite convenience; as if moderate refreshment were inconsistent with the solemn business of the Lodge. The Author of our being understood much better the nature of man. He assigned hours for labour and hours for refreshment; and he appointed certain physical appearances to determine beyond the possibility of mistake, the recurrence of those stated periods of time. The Sun rises in the East, and calls him to labour; it gains its meridian in the South, and summons him to refreshment; and it sets at length in the West, to remind him that repose is necessary to restore his exhausted strength for another day of toil. On this principle Freemasonry was originally founded; and no squeamish taste, or fastidious opinion, ought to induce us to abandon it. The practice has received the sanction of all antiquity, and forms one of the unchangeable landmarks of the Order.

Besides, its disuse precludes the duty of one of the three Pillars of the Lodge, the Pillar of Beauty, and virtually annuls his office; and how can a Lodge be supported if one of its main pillars be removed? This officer proclaims aloud at the opening of every Lodge, that his duty is "to call the men from labour to refreshment, and from refreshment to labour, that pleasure and profit may be the mutual result;"—but in practice he never discharges any such duty, and therefore becomes liable to the imputation of negligence, and his office of inutility. How does this agree with the ancient charge which directs the Wardens to be true to the Master and Fellows, taking care of all things both within and without the Lodge, that the Lord's work be not retarded? But the Junior Warden, by our present customs, has no option but to neglect his duty, by which, therefore, the Lord's work is retarded, and he becomes amenable to the penalty of disobedience.

I am not ashamed to acknowledge that I like the good old custom of moderate refreshment during Lodge hours, because, under proper restrictions, I am persuaded that it is consonant with ancient usage. The following are the routine ceremonies which were used on such occasions by our Brethren of the last century. At a certain hour of the evening, and by certain ceremonies, the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment; when the Brethren "enjoyed themselves with decent merriment," and the song and the toast prevailed for a brief period. The songs were usually on Masonic subjects, as printed in the old Books of Constitutions, and other works; and although the poetry is sometimes not of the choicest kind, yet several of them may class amongst the best compositions of the day. Each song had its appropriate toast;* and thus the Brethren were furnished with the materials for passing a social hour. And I can say from experience, that the time of refreshment in a Masonic Lodge, as it was conducted up to the Union in 1813, was a period of unalloyed and rational enjoyment. All was peace, harmony, and brotherly love. The song appeared to have more zest than in a private company; the toast thrilled more vividly upon the recollection; and the small modicum of punch with which it was honoured retained a higher flavour than the same potation if produced at a private board. With what a profound expression of pleasure have I often seen this characteristic toast received:—

To him that all things understood,
To him that found the stone and wood,
To him that hapless lost his blood,
In doing of his duty.
To that blest age, and that blest morn,
Whereon those three great men were born,
Our noble science to adorn
With wisdom, strength, and beauty.

Alas! most of the Brethren of the times I speak of have gone to their long home; and all but myself have bid adieu to Masonry for ever!

During these happy moments, the Brethren entered with much unction upon their refreshments; which were generally conducted with great decorum in obedience to the old Gothic Constitutions, which direct the brethren to 'enjoy themselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess; not forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his own inclination, according to the Regulation of King Ahashuerus; nor hindering him from going home when he pleases, lest the blame of

* The original toast which was used by the four old Lodges before the revival of Masonry was as follows: "Here's a health to our Society, and to every faithful Brother that keeps his oath of secrecy. As we are sworn to love each other, the world no Order knows like this our noble and ancient fraternity. Let them wonder at the mystery. Here, brother, I drink to thee?"

their excess be justly thrown upon the Fraternity. No private piques, no quarrels about nations, families, religions, or politics, must be brought within the door of the Lodge; for as Masons, we are of the oldest Catholic religion, and of all nations upon the square, level, and plumb; and like our predecessors in all ages, we are resolved against political disputes, as contrary to the peace and welfare of the Lodge. Occasionally, it is admitted, the Masons might and did transgress after the Lodge was closed; for, in the language of a writer in *Blackwood's Magazine*, "What says the poet, in one of those inspired strains by which the gifted sons of song, flinging the touch of genius around them, and therewith illuminating and revealing the sudden mysteries of nature, occasionally announce sublime truths to the world?—

"Punch cures the gout, the colic, and the phthisic,
And is of all things the very best of physic."

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE CHECKERED PAVEMENT.

[There is no emblem that teaches a more practical every-day lesson to a Freemason than the Mosaic pavement, denoting human life checkered with good and evil.]

I ON the White Square, you on the Black;
I at fortune's face, you at her back;
Friends to me many, friends to you few;
What, then, dear Brother, binds me to you?
This, the GREAT COVENANT, in which we abide—
HEARTS charged with sympathy—
HANDS opened wide—
LIPS filled with comfort,
And GOD to provide.

I in life's Valley, you on its crest;
I at its lowest, you at its best;
I sick and sorrowing, you hale and free;
What, then, dear Brother, binds you to me?
This, the GREAT COVENANT in which we abide—
HEARTS charged with sympathy—
HANDS opened wide—
LIPS filled with comfort,
And GOD to provide.

They in death's slumber, we yet alive;
They freed from labor, we yet to strive;
They paid and joyful, we tired and sad—
What, then, to us, Brother, bindeth the dead?
This, the GREAT COVENANT in which we abide—
HEARTS charged with sympathy—
HANDS opened wide—
LIPS filled with comfort,
And GOD to provide.

Let none be comfortless, let none despair;
Lo, round the Black grouped the White Ashlars are!
Stand by each other, black fortune defy,
All these vicissitudes end by-and-bye.
Keep the GREAT COVENANT wherein we abide—
HEARTS charged with sympathy—
HANDS opened wide—
LIPS filled with comfort,
And GOD will provide!

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

MINORS IN FREEMASONRY.

WE strongly commend the following remarks of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., at the meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge at Brighton, on the 11th inst., to the serious consideration of those brethren who are so exceedingly zealous for the entry of relatives into the Order before they are of "full age and sound judgment." "There is one question," said the R.W. Bro., "I feel compelled to touch upon particularly, namely, the initiation of minors into our brotherhood. It is a question upon which I have not myself the shadow of a doubt. I most unhesitatingly give my opinion against it. In this I am glad to find myself following in the footsteps of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, whose eldest son, his Highness Prince Albert Victor, was not initiated until he was twenty-one years of age. His Royal Highness's younger son has not yet entered the Craft. An exception is made at the universities for very special and well-considered reasons, but it should be at the universities alone. For my own part I do not think that the solemn obligations of our Craft should be lightly and thoughtlessly taken. A youth who has not reached the age of twenty-one has seen too little of life to realise or appreciate either the duties or the privileges of our Order. It is only after a young man has for a term felt his feet, as it were, in the path of life that he is able to understand what is meant by "the right hand of fellowship," and to grasp it with heartiness and lasting sincerity. It is after one or two disappointments among so-called friends that he begins to feel that it is well to build up friendship on a substratum of something less frothy than mere words. It must also be borne in mind that not only does a man on entering Masonry receive the cheering assurance of help in difficulty, sympathy in distress, and encouragement in labour, but he is also called upon to give this support to his

brethren. I need hardly remind you that Masonry is not all receiving; in fact, reciprocity is one of the chief features of our Order. It may be that I have old-fashioned notions about the sanctity of a promise and the obligations incumbent on every man to carry out his engagements not only in the letter but in the spirit. It may be, as I say, that I am old-fashioned in this, but my feeling on this point is very strong, and I do not think any mere minor should undertake such responsibilities, the meaning of which he cannot quite understand until his experience is more extended. I may add that it was with very deep regret I became aware of a case in which some very young Masons, instead of accepting their "solemn obligations" with those feelings of reverence which are becoming, and which, to an honourable man aware of the step he is taking, are instinctive, that they accepted them in a manner which could not but distress a good and sincere Mason. Noisy merriment and silly aimless laughter, brethren, are not a fitting reception to give to the secrets of our venerable order. I will not dwell longer on the subject, but Masonry means to me the embodiment of all manliness, honesty, purity and loyalty; and I cannot bear to think of its degradation, even momentarily, through the behaviour of such as have not learned to love it."

For ourselves, we should like to know the "very special and well considered reasons" why exception should be made at the Universities to that which has ever been a constitutional landmark of the Order.

We are requested to Notify that:—

—On Saturday next, the 27th inst., at the Cook Tavern, Highbury, N., the Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, at 7 p.m. The officers will be Bros. T. G. Hodges, S.W., 1695 W.M.; H. Jenkins, S.W. 860, S.W.; and E. S. Lardner, P.M. 101, J.W.

—The Holmesdale Lodge, No. 129, will meet at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, this afternoon (25th inst.), at 3.30 p.m.

—The Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, meets this evening, 25th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., at 5 p.m. Two initiations, passing and raising. Supper at 7.30.

—North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, will resume its weekly meetings after vacation, at its usual place, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Highbury, N., to-night and subsequent Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

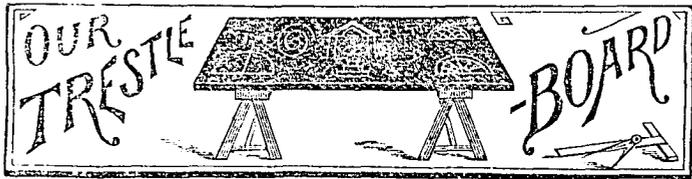
—Bro. John Wheatcroft Ray was installed W.M. for the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, at the Criterion, London, W.C., by Bro. William E. Moorman, the outgoing W.M., who was presented by the Lodge with a P.M.'s jewel for his services during his year of office.

—Bro. W. Campbell was installed W.M. of the Cope Lodge, No. 1357, Sale, on Friday, the 19th inst., on which date the festival of St. John was held in connection with that lodge.

At the regular meeting of the Friendship Mark Lodge, No. 16, held at the Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport, on the 11th inst., Bro. Henry Holman, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. W. Allsford, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Thomas Shears, Tyler. The annual meeting for the installation of W.M. will be held on Thursday, 13th December.

The first of a course of Masonic lectures was delivered by Bro. James Jack, R.W.M., St. Mirrin's, 129, in Lodge Glasgow St. John. The *Glasgow Evening News* of the 19th inst. says:—The subject was "Early Masonry," and the lecturer, while admitting that authentic lodge records did not exist prior to 1599, maintained that the present organization was at least three centuries earlier; that the "Steinmetzen," or mediæval architects and craftsmen, had a precisely similar organization, of which the present was the outcome; and that these Steinmetzen derived their art and its secrets from Constantinople, and it in its turn from Italy and Rome. The Roman collegia or craft-guilds were in all but name masons, and their prototypes were Greeks who, in turn, derived their Masonic secrets from Egypt—the land of masonry, mysteries, and hieroglyphics. Light and learning came from the East—Egypt gave the greater part, Palestine a good deal. The Essenes were a set of monkish Masons, and the light of Masonry was even found in China.

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH FREEMASONS.—A meeting of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, was held on the 16th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the presidency of Bro. Major George Lambert. Two interesting ceremonies were performed, illustrating the fraternal feelings which exist between the American and the English Freemasons. Bro. G. Reynolds, the secretary of the lodge, presented to the lodge, on behalf of the Grand Master of Maryland, a loving cup, inscribed with a resolution voted by the grand lodge of Maryland, held in Baltimore, Nov. 16, 1887, conveying to the Anglo-American Lodge, England, the grateful acknowledgments of the Maryland Grand Lodge to the officers and members of the Anglo-American Lodge for their cordial and fraternal courtesies extended to the Grand Master of Maryland, Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, during his visit to England. Bro. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, also presented to Bro. Brackstone Baker, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland at the Grand Lodge of England, a jewel on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.



“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.

At a drawing for Life Subscriberships in connection with the Charitable Association of the Lewises Lodge of Instruction, No. 1209, and which held its annual festival at Ramsgate, on the 11th inst., one of the members, Bro. S. Devison, was the fortunate drawer of both the subscriberships on the ballot. It appears to be a rule in this association that a brother holding two or more chances shall not be excluded from further drawing should he be successful in gaining the first. But the double success was certainly unexpected. In good masonic form, Bro. Devison acknowledged the favour shown to him by Dame Fortune, by immediately adding another five guineas to qualify himself for the honorable position of life subscriber to each of our institutions. May good fortune be with him always!

The well-known authors of “The Pirates of Penzance” have caused it to be generally understood that “a policeman’s lot is not a happy one,” and we begin to think we can apply the same phrase to an editor, or at least that we should do so if we had not quite determined the lines upon which our journal shall be conducted. An attempt to please all would, we know, be futile; and we must be content to meet the wishes of the majority of those who may be willing to support us. We have before us proposals, suggestions, criticisms, favourable opinions, and depreciatory remarks, together forming such a salmagundi as would puzzle the strongest literary stomach to digest, were we to prepare it. Some there be who would leave out the oil which others so much relish, some the pepper, which makes the hotchpotch “hot in the mouth,” and some would have the sharp vinegar of personal attack a prevailing condiment. Some look upon our Lodge Reports as onions, which are odious to them; some upon our “Poet’s Corner” as pickled herrings, which they abominate; and as for the chopped meat of correspondence, some wish for “none of it.”

We suppose there never was yet a perfect work any more than there has been a perfect man. We must therefore “gang our ain gait” and submit to be taken or set aside, according to the tastes of those before whom the present mixture may be put; for we are sure that if we endeavour to meet the wishes or caprice of one set, we shall have poured upon our heads the vials of wrath by others. So we must ask our readers generally to take us as we are, with the assurance that where and when we can make improvement, we will do so.

We sympathise most deeply with our Brother Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M. Northamptonshire, in the loss he has recently sustained through the death, at an early age, of his third daughter, Mrs. Meredydd Evans, whose remains were consigned to their last resting-place in the General Cemetery, Northampton, on the 17th inst., in the presence many sorrowing relatives and friends.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Walters, wife of Bro. Tristram Frederick E. Walters, son of Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., which event took place on the 16th inst.

At the Quarterly General Court of the governors and subscribers of the R.M.I. for boys, which will be held at Freemason’s Tavern, at noon, to-morrow, the 26th inst., for the election of 21 boys, out of a list of 75 approved candidates for the benefits of the Institution, W. Bro. James Stevens, L.G., will move to expunge Law 55, including second paragraph, and to enact in lieu thereof as follows:—“A boy shall not be eligible for election unless the father, if living, has been a subscribing member to a lodge, or lodges, for seven years. If the father be dead, he must have been a subscribing member to a lodge for three years. But should death or permanent incapacity, occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck, or other calamity, have occurred within three years of his initiation, this rule shall not apply; providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member.” W. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., patron, on behalf of the House Committee, will move:—“That three additional vacancies be declared—in consequence of withdrawals from the establishment—and that such vacancies be filled up by the election of the same number of candidates, in addition to the number announced in the voting Papers at the Quarterly Court on 26th October inst.”

At a Quarterly General Court of the governors and subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be held at Freemasons’ Tavern, at noon, on the 27th inst., for the election of nine Girls, out of a list of 63 approved candidates for the benefits of the Institution, W. Bro. C. J. Percival, vice-president, will move that “In

the event of the recent addition to Law 55 being confirmed, to add the following rider, viz.: “That this clause shall not apply in the case of a child whose father was a Life Governor of the Institution at the time of his death.”

A committee for securing the election of Bro. Edward Terry as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year is in course of formation, and “canvassing” appears to be the order of the day. We may be sure that those who support our worthy Brother in such canvass understand the necessity for remembering a recent discussion in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, and P.S.G.W. for the province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, is a candidate for the School Board in the Central Finsbury District of London.

Bro. Augustus Harris, we note, is again to the fore with a happy inspiration. His suggestions regarding the Lord Mayor’s Show are excellent and, we believe, will be universally approved by all denizens of this great city. Instead of the ridiculous *quasi* circus show, of which our Brother Alderman Whitehead so reasonably disapproves, which on a number of occasions has been paraded through our streets, causing bronchial danger to lightly clad par-takers therein, and physical risk to the enormous crowd of onlookers, should any sudden stampede of wild beasts occur, we think everyone would gladly welcome a strong contingent of the various Metropolitan Volunteer Corps. The suggestion that the volunteers should be introduced into the civic show undoubtedly ought to be adopted. The old “train bands” centuries ago were the progenitors of the force now called “volunteers.” They, in their generation, were honoured and considered in a manner far different to that which obtains for our voluntary soldiers to-day. The time they give and the personal inconvenience they put up with is worthy of much recognition.

A new lodge, “The Eden,” No. 2285, is to be consecrated shortly at Worthington, in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland.

At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, held at Gateshead on 2nd October last, two objects of local and masonic interest attracted the attention of those present. The chair, which was occupied by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, who presided, belonged to the Lodge of Industry, 48, and is the identical chair that was used by the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons, when he laid the foundation stone of our Literary and Philosophical Institution in September, 1822. The other object of interest was a sword—that carried by the Grand Sword-Bearer—which had been used by one of the famous Bow Street runners, and the history of which, it was stated, could be traced back to the time of “Good Queen Bess.”

Our Exchanges.

THE MASONIC ALMS-CHEST.

Ours is a charitable institution. Like other benevolent societies, it has a treasury and a Treasurer, but its deeds of charity are by no means to be measured by the amount paid out of the treasury. Far from it. When it makes a man a Mason, it makes an alms-chest of his bosom, and it gives to every other brother throughout the world a key to it. When a brother dies he leaves this golden key to his widow and orphans.

Silently are these alms-chests unlocked. The world hears not the lid creaking upon its hinges. Here are found not gold and silver alone, but what is sometimes a great deal more valuable—a smile of sympathy, a note of timely warning and a word of cheering encouragement—the aid of a friend when such is needed and deserved.

There is no such other alms-chest of human construction, fastened with one lock, to which there are ten thousand keys in every part of the world. This is the grand distinguishing characteristic of this Fraternity, wherein it differs from all other charitable societies of origin.—*Masonic Advocate*.

COSTS MONEY.

Too many Masons are made without knowing or being informed of what their duties are to the rest of the Fraternity. Yet, however ignorant one may be as to his duties, he certainly does know that it costs money to keep and sustain our organization, and that he will be expected to contribute his proportion, if he becomes a member; not simply for his own aggrandisement, nor to increase his personal popularity, but for the benefit of the Craft in general. Should it be possible that one gains admission to the lodge or chapter who contemplates the basis of Masonry upon dollars and cents, he is a fraud and a liar, and the sooner he is disconnected from the fraternity, if not from all decent society, the better for him and all concerned.—THOMAS J. WILDER, in *The Voice of Masonry*.

A visiting brother has a right to know that the body he proposes to visit is a legal body, and he has the right to inspect the warrant at the proper time; but he has no right to put the Lodge or its officers to trouble or inconvenience while at work. The Master would be justified in refusing to allow the warrant to be taken out of the Lodge room while the Lodge is at work.—*Masonic Review*.

An editor who does not mind a joke at his own expense says he went into a drug store recently and asked for some morphine. The assistant objected to give it without a prescription. “Why,” asked the editor; “do I look like a man who would kill himself?” “I don’t know,” said the assistant; “if I looked like you I should be tempted.”—*Masonic Advocate*.

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.

CATOR LODGE—No. 2266.—On the 17th inst. at Beckenham.—Present: Bros. J. Hill, P.M., P.G.S. Surrey, W.M.; Fox, S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Carlton, Sec.; Griffier, S.D.; Osterstock, J.D.; Scriven, I.G.; Reinhardt, Tyler; Hornsby, Hewett, Ralli, Klyne, Bright, Thornton, Lovelock, Adams, Jones, Dr. Medcalf, P.M., Chalk, Cook, F. Hilton, P.M., P.Z., Ponsford, Frye, Carr; and visitors: Bros. W. Munday, P.M., 1201, and C. Woods, 1869. Bro. Hewett was invested as Assistant D.C.; Bros. Chalk, Thornton, Klyne, Ponsford, Cook, Bright and Cumberland were raised; Bros. Ralli and Brice were passed, and Messrs. Carr and Jones initiated. The work was well performed and interspersed with suitable music. For a new Lodge, with young officers, the proceedings generally reflected great credit on all concerned.

METROPOLITAN LODGE—No. 1507.—Installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, E.C., on 17th inst. Bro. W. M. Edmonds having raised, Bros. Timberlake and Jennings installed Bro. Frank William Dimsdale in very able manner. The newly installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Davey, S.W.; Bates, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; Perks, P.M., Sec.; Fraser, S.D.; McEwan, J.D.; Bryce, I.G.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., D.C.; Alaway, A.D.C.; Saunders, A.D.C.; Little, W.S.; Ashton, A.W.S.; Tubby, Asst. Sec.; Bate, Organist; Whiting, Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. T. C. Edmonds, I.P.M., who returned thanks. Bro. Dimsdale initiated Messrs. David Richards Parry and Charles Powell Rosser. After the Lodge was closed a well-served banquet followed, to which about 90 sat down, including a large number of visitors, among others being Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 177; Kauffman, I.P.M. 1732; Pierpoint, P.M. 813; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 167; Thorn, W.M. 2206; Jeffery, P.M. 452; Powell, P.M. 457; Bowman, P.M.; Walker, I.P.M. 65; Gregory, P.M. 2087; Fletcher, Sec. 1732. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and songs and recitations, were contributed by Bros. Glover, McEwan, Fraser, Barry, Ball, Tubby, Knight, Moggridge, and others.

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL LODGE—No. 1539.—LADIES' NIGHT. The members of this Lodge have every reason to be proud of their meeting on the 17th inst., and may look back upon the event as a red-letter day for the Lodge. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock for business, when Mr. Leach and Mr. Butler were duly initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by Bro. E. J. Williams, the W.M.; after which the W.M. for the ensuing year was elected, the choice of the brethren falling upon the S.W., Bro. J. Bromley Smith. Bro. M. S. Lareham, P.M., was re-elected as treasurer. The Lodge being closed, the members adjourned to receive the ladies invited to the banquet, which was served in the Pillar Hall. The usual toasts were given and responded to in a most hearty manner. The musical portion of the entertainment was rendered by Miss Crampton and Bros. A. Doig, J. Morgan, J. H. Cureton, Bruce Doig, Crampton, and W. Malham; and with the Tyler's toast, an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

BOURNEMOUTH.—THE HORSIA LODGE—No. 2208.—The first annual installation meeting took place on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bournemouth, and was well attended. Bro. E. W. Cross, J.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. D. Williams, P.M. 686, 1308, P.P.S.G.W. Bristol, assisted by W. Bro. H. J. Atkins, P.M. 1764, P.P.S.G.W. Norths. and Hunts. The officers were invested as follows:—W. Bro. H. N. Jenkins, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, I.P.M.; Bro. J. H. Moore, S.W.; Bro. Charles Waters, J.W.; W. Bro. D. Williams, P.M. 686, 1308, P.P.S.G.W. Bristol, Chaplain; W. Bro. E. Worth, P.M. 195, Treasurer; W. Bro. J. B. Atkinson, P.M. 195, P.P.G.D., Secretary; Bro. J. J. Brazier, S.D.; Bro. T. B. Scott, M.D., J.D.; W. Bro. F. Budden, 195, P.M. 622, P.P.G.D.C. Dorset, D.C.; Bro. W. Townsend, Organist; Bro. F. Cross, I.G.; Bros. Hervey and Bettsworth, Stewards, and Bro. H. F. Beamish, Tyler. W. Bro. Williams, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. H. N. Jenkins, I.P.M., as a token of their appreciation of the way in which he discharged the onerous duties of the first Master of the Lodge. The banquet was served at the Bijou Hall, which was tastefully decorated. Under the presidency of the W.M., 57 brethren sat down and did full justice to the viands, &c., provided by Bro. C. G. Dacre, of the Criterion Hotel. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY—No. 1271.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Kingston Road, on Monday, when the W.M. was installed into the chair by the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W. Eng.; Bro. J. Sparks, P.M., P.P.G.R.; G. J. Farrington, P.M., P.G.S.Wks.; and F. Barton, P.M., also assisting in the ceremony. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—S. C. Little, J.P.M.; A. F. Brereton, S.W.; A. Wallington, I.W.; Rev. D. N. C. Wheeler, P.M., Chaplain;

Col. Magrath, P.M., Treas.; H. Found, Sec.; A. Scammell, S.D.; W. F. Gaby, J.D.; F. Barton, D.C., P.M.; D. H. H. Wassell, Org.; J. Stansfield Brine, I.G.; W. J. Wilkins and J. Taylor, Stewards; T. Moore, Tyler; G. J. Farrington, P.M., Permanent Acting Sec. The Lodge was well attended by visiting brethren, and at the conclusion of the business all adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a banquet was served in first-class style by Mrs. Morris, and the usual masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured and an enjoyable evening spent.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1216.—On 18th inst., at Mason's Hall Tavern, Coleman Street, E.C., Bro. J. K. Pitt, W.M.—Bros. J. L. Burrell, S.W.; J. Eisenmann, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; D. Hills, S.D.; J. Lazarus, J.D.; A. Gomme, I.G.; W. J. Ball, Secretary; H. J. Whitehouse; F. T. Smith, B. Price. Opened in three degrees. Raising rehearsed, Bro. Price as candidate. Traditional history and explanations by Preceptor. Bro. J. L. Burrell elected W.M. for ensuing meeting (this evening), when a large attendance is anticipated on an interesting business. The lodge resolved to support THE MASONIC STAR by annual subscription, collectively and individually. A ballot for Life Subscriptions in connection with the Benevolent Association of this Lodge will take place on 1st November.

FIDELITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 3.—On Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, N. Present: Bros. Putland, P.M., W.M.; Dines, S.W.; Yates, J.W.; Silvester, Acting Preceptor; Gunton, S.D.; Deighton, J.D.; Soffe, I.G.; Bonne, Kroesly, Wilson, and several others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Soffe candidate. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Bonne candidate. Bro. Dines was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

JOPPA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.—Present: Bros. Chillingworth, P.M., W.M.; J. Botibol, S.W.; Liscombe, J.W.; A. Cohen, S.D.; Poynter, J.D.; Franz, I.G.; Garrard, Marcus, Pegé, Rosenburg, Goodinge, Roberts, Marks, and Saqui, Hon. Sec. Initiation and passing rehearsed in the W.M.'s usual excellent manner. Bro. J. Botibol was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275.—On Saturday, October 20th, at the Five Bells, New Cross, S.E., 7 p.m., Bro. Borrett, W.M.—Bros. Blanchard, S.W.; Vonberger, J.W.; Betts, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Sykes, I.G.; Walter Martin, Preceptor; James Stevens, P.M.; W. Beavis, P.M.; G. Waterman, P.M.; J. D. Wilkinson, Secretary; Newell, Organist; and many others. The 3rd ceremony was rehearsed in an admirable manner, Bro. Faulkner candidate. The lodge was resumed, called "off" and "on," and closed down with full ceremonial. One new member was elected. Bro. Blanchard was elected W.M. for first Saturday in November. Bro. Walter Martin, P.M., congratulated Bro. Stevens, P.M., upon the success of THE MASONIC STAR, and begged to express the best wishes of the brethren of the Star Lodge of Instruction for its continued prosperity and utility. Bro. Stevens thanked Bro. Martin and the brethren for their encouraging expressions of approbation and goodwill, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to make THE MASONIC STAR a thoroughly useful and interesting paper. One pound was voted to a distressed brother. Bro. Wilkinson was made an honorary member in consideration of his past services as acting secretary. The ceremony was musical throughout and perfect, beyond what we have usually found in metropolitan lodges.

HIGHGATE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1365.—On Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.—Present: Bros. Quarterly, W.M.; Wheeler, S.W.; Green, J.W.; Homan, S.D.; Starr, J.D.; Nash, I.G.; Hill, and several others. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Hill as candidate. Bro. Wheeler, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Notice of motion was given that, at the next meeting, it would be moved that a grant of £5 5s. be voted for the relief of a member dangerously ill and requiring assistance.

THE STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275.—On Friday, 19th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell.—Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; T. Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; C. Wilson, H.; Murché, J.; Stone, S.E.; Stone, S.N.; Wigham, P.S.; Briant and Addington. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comp. Wilson was elected M.E.Z., for Friday, 26th inst.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1,288.—On the 20th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.—Present: Bros. Oxley, W.M.; Wolter, S.W.; Tattersall, J.W.; Hill, Preceptor; Syckelmoore, S.D.; Millard, J.D.; Billings, I.G.; Snelling, Acting Sec.; Kool, Rumball, Reed and others. The ceremonies of Passing and Raising were rendered, Bro. Rumball candidate in each degree. The First Section of the Third Lecture was also worked. Bro. Wolter was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction, on the 27th inst., at 7 p.m.

ISLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1471.—On the 23rd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.—Bro. Wolter, W.M.—Bros. Carding, S.W.; Yates, J.W.; Hancock, Preceptor; Coxon, S.D.; Patch, J.D.; Dines, I.G.; Amy, Hillier and Duncan. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Amy candidate. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Hillier candidate. After the lodge was closed down, Bro. Harding, S.W., was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

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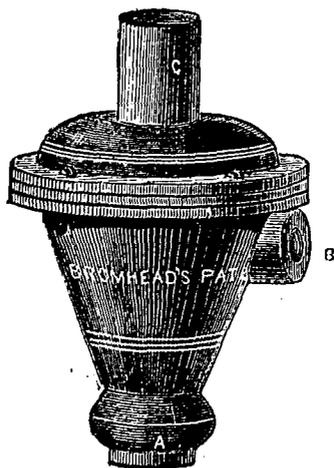


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JEWELS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I thank Bro. Milledge for his courteous letter in your issue of the 18th inst., but I would ask whether he is not confounding "Lodge" jewels with "P.M. Breast jewels." The former, I agree with him, *must* be in silver in blue or private Lodges, but I contend that the Breast jewels, whether purchased by or presented to a P.M., may, at his or his Lodge's option (as the case may be) be of gold, silver, or silver gilt. There is nothing in the Book of Constitutions, that I can find, on the subject of "Breast" jewels, but merely of "Lodge" jewels. I am referred by Bro. Milledge to "Spencer's" and "Kenning's" price lists. The former is now before me (the latter I have not the pleasure of possessing); and on page 50, edit. 3, I find under "Past Masters' jewels for the breast" the prices of gold jewels, but nothing to show that they are for presentation only. In fact, there is only one plate to which the price of a silver jewel is attached—all the others being gold or silver GILT. I know more than one brother, holding high office in the Craft, who wears a gold P.M. jewel purchased by himself with his own money. I must, therefore, still adhere to my contention that there is no such law, either scripta or non-scripta, as laid down by the worthy brother. Perhaps, sir, you will give your readers the benefit of your opinion, and other brethren will do the same, for it appears to me to be a point that ought not to be left in doubt, which it probably will be if left to the decision, so far as your columns are concerned, of your two correspondents.

Yours fraternally,
ASPIRANT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have lately, on several occasions, been more or less called to order in Lodges of Instruction for giving hearty good wishes to the presiding Master. I have been told that I am quite out of order in so doing, and arguments have been adduced to prove my fault. I believe, sir, that I am not singular in this respect, as many brethren I have mentioned it to have made similar experience.

Will you kindly give your readers the benefit of your extended knowledge of all matters of Craft ceremonial on the subject, and much oblige one who is only

A YOUNG BEGINNER.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Grand Lodge every quarter publishes a communication, with accounts appended, in the shape of a small pamphlet. When the brethren meet at Freemasons' Hall to formally receive that communication—it is always "taken as read."

Now, sir, the officers of Lodges entitled to take part in these proceedings are the W.M., S.W., and J.W. of every Lodge on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, as also all P.M.'s. The

report is sent free to the W.M. alone: the others, if they want, must pay for it. Now, is it right to take as read a document which the bulk of those present have never seen? Why should the S.W. and J.W. have to spend their money to obtain information on which they are called upon to pass an opinion. I think, sir, that Grand Lodge ought to send to all those whose duty and privilege it is to attend these quarterly communications a copy of their report free. To take as read subject matter one knows nothing at all about is a perfect farce, only equalled by asking any one to pay for the privilege of doing his duty.

Yours fraternally,
J.W.

CHARITY JEWELS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Many thanks for inserting my communication on above subject in your last issue. Certainly I had no wish to be hard on you as your foot note to my letter suggests. Perhaps my phraseology may appear so, but believe me, no personalities were intended, and my only desire was to obtain information, through your offices, as to certain items relating to the sale of Charity Jewels, which figure in an account of the fund for general purposes.

You are kind enough to inform myself and your other readers that you have ascertained that "Grand Lodge pays the Medallist 10s. 6d. each, which the Jeweller has to pay, so Grand Lodge makes no profit." If I understand this aright, Grand Lodge hands over at cost price the articles to some jeweller to finish, who then retails them, making any profit he pleases. Now sir, I would ask, if this be so, whether this is a monopoly in the hands of any one jeweller? whether any competition is ever allowed by asking other jewellers to submit a price; and whether any jeweller is at liberty to go to Grand Lodge and purchase the Medals at 10s. 6d. each, for the purpose of setting up and sale? 39s. 6d. seems to me to be a large sum for a jeweller to "get for his work" over and above what he pays for the medal, and might as well be in the coffers of Grand Lodge as in the pocket of a tradesman; continuing, you say—*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, if this is the case, all I can say is that whoever makes up the accounts presented by the fund of general purposes has got the most extraordinary ideas of book-keeping. If you sell part of stock in trade which has been carried forward from some preceding account you have diminished your real estate to that extent, and to take credit for such an amount, without a corresponding entry on the contra of the account is bad in every way. Such book-keeping would not pass muster at even a grammar school examination. Are there any more jewels in stock? If so, the value should be stated, so as to enable brethren to know exactly how things stand. Cordially thanking you for the space you have afforded me for ventilating this subject in your columns,

I remain,
Fraternally and very truly,
STEWART

MASONIC VOLUNTEERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Your notice, in No. 9, of the Inter-Masonic Lodge Match must be of very great interest to all masonic volunteers, past and present, and it occurs to me that it might be possible to get up a friendly match between one or more of the teams mentioned and a similar number of us old (!) retired masonic volunteers, just to show our late comrades in arms, and the country at large, that there is still some life and, I hope, shooting skill in the old dogs yet. In a military point of view it would be interesting to see if the training and practice of years had been forgotten and lost by those who had from various causes been obliged to give up volunteering, to share the busy cares of this world.

If this suggestion is worth anything, I should be glad to hear from one or more of the captains of the teams mentioned, and from any retired shooting masonic volunteers, on the subject, through your paper.

Yours fraternally,
18th October, 1888. CAPTAIN, P.M.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Having been connected for the last ten years (the first four as secretary) with benevolent associations, I am pleased to see that the question of recognising the services of the secretaries, by means of complimentary votes, has been brought forward by "Junior Warden," in your issue of the 11th inst. None but those who have undertaken the duty know the time, trouble and personal expense which are entailed on those officers if they wish to make their association a success. Some few years since I sent a letter to each of the committees of our institutions, pointing this out, and asking that some recognition should be given; but in one case only did I get even a reply, and that was not a favourable one. Surely, when we pay the collector of one of our institutions such large sums every year for his services, it is not asking too much that the collectors (secretaries) of the charitable associations, who give their services gratuitously, and who are the means of bringing large sums annually to the charities, should have some slight recognition in the manner suggested by your correspondent, and I hope, therefore, that steps will soon be taken to carry out "Junior Warden's" ideas.—Yours truly and fraternally,

W. BEAVIS, P.M. 879, W.M. 1310,
Treas. Southwark Lodge of Instruction Charitable Association.

Answers to Correspondents.

S. STRETCH.—Thanks for your information re Industry, 186, and Westbourne, 733, Lodges of Instruction. We have taken the misleading addresses out of our list of meetings, and await official information before removing names and numbers altogether. We cannot afford to occasion other brethren the trouble and expense you have been put to through reference to our pages.

S.W., 1449.—We cannot insert reports of meetings held more than a fortnight before the respective dates on which we publish. Your favour should have been forwarded certainly not later than 15th inst., and it would then have been inserted, much condensed, in our last week's issue. Kindly help us on a future occasion, but more speedily.

JOSIAH W., 139, SHEFFIELD.—We will see what we can do next week. Meanwhile, send address after leaving Birmingham.

R. B. G. SILURIAN, No. 471.—We are obliged for the information re Newport Lodges, and will utilize same in our next issue.

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.

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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.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	
THIS DAY (4th and Last) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25th.			(Last) MONDAY, OCTOBER 29th.			
22	Neptune	Guildhall Tav., E.C.	79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich	
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.	1615	Bayard	33, Golden Square, W.	
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street	(Last) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30th.			
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.	141	Faith	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge	(Last) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31st.			
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort Hot., Fulham	898	Temperance-in-the-East	6, Newby Place, Poplar	
861	Finsbury	St. Botolph Chmbrs., Bishopsgate	R.A.C.	13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford	435	Mount Lebanon	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street	
1421	Langthorne	Angle Hot., Ilford	820	Lily of Richmond	Greyhound, Richmond	
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	Mark.	176	Era	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
1816	Victoria Park	London Tavern, Fenchurch Street	(1st) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st.			
1974	St. Mary Abbots	Town Hall, Kensington	27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.	
R.A.C.			45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.	
29	St. Albans	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	192	Lion and Lamb	Canon Street Hotel, E.C.	
177	Domestic	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street	227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, E.C.	
534	Polish National	F. M. H.	231	St. Andrew's	F. M. H.	
766	William Preston	Canon Street Hotel, E.C.	538	La Tolerance	F. H. H.	
Mark.			554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney	
181	Sir Francis Biddett	Albany Hot., Twickenham	822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H.	
332	Boro' of Greenwich	William the Fourth, Trafalgar Road	913	Patterson	Assembly Rooms, Brook Hill, Plumstead	
363	Ruspini	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.	1288	Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	
(4th) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26th.			1351	St. Clement Danes	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand	
QUAR. GEN. COURT R. M. I. BOYS AND ELECTION.			1425	Hyde Park	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.	
60	Peace and Harmony	F. M. H.	1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate	
569	Fitzroy	Hon. Artillery Co. Hd. Qrs., City Road	1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct	
1591	Stadholme	33, Golden Square, W.	1724	Kaiser-i-Hind	Café Royal, Regent Street	
R.A.C.			1765	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.	
749	Belgrave	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street	1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H'ch, Nr. Croydon	
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	R.A.C.			
K.T.			181	Universal	F. M. H.	
74	Harcourt	Greyhound Hot., Richmond	1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	
(4th) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th.			Mark.	244	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
QUAR. GEN. COURT R. M. I. GIRLS AND ELECTION.			N.B.—We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.—ED. M.S.			
1293	Burdett	Mitre Hot., Hampton Court				
1297	West Kent	Crystal Palace, Sydenham				
1541	Alexandra Palace... ..	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.				
1706	Orpheus	Holborn Rest., W.C.				
1777	Royal Hanover	Town Hall, Twickenham				
R.A.C.						
1329	Sphinx	Surrey M. H., Camberwell				

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

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BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—continued.		
43	St. Paul's 26th Nov	M. H., New Street	1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
74	Athol 7th Nov	M. H., Severn Street	2024	Raymond Thrupp 4th Apl	Ditto
468	Light 20th Nov	Great Western Hotel	2087	Electric 25th May	Ditto
473	Faithful 13th Nov	M. H., New Street	2105	Caena 15th Dec	Ditto
587	Howe 12th Nov	Ditto	2183	Royal Hamp. Court 14th Nov	Ditto
739	Temperance 8th Nov	Ditto	R.A.C.		
887	Leigh 28th Nov	Ditto	778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
925	Bedford 19th Nov	Ditto	1194	Royal Middlesex ... 18th May	Ditto
938	Grosvenor 21st Nov	Ditto	1293	Burdett 12th Jan	Ditto
1016	Elkington 27th Nov	Ditto	1691	Quadratic 15th Apr	Ditto
1031	Fletcher 14th Nov	Ditto			
1163	Emulation TO-DAY, 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 ... 18th Jan	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.			HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
37	Anchor and Hope ... 12th Nov	F. M. H., Institute Street	57	Humber 1st Nov	F. M. H., Osborne Street
146	Antiquity 14th Nov	Ditto	250	Minerva 14th Nov	M. H., Dagg Lane
221	St. John 21st Nov	Ditto	1010	Kingston 7th Nov	M. H., Worship Street
348	St. John's TO-DAY, 25th Oct	Ditto	1605	De la Pole TO-MOR., 26th Oct	58, Charlotte Street
1723	St. George 26th Dec	Ditto	2134	Wilberforce 2nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
37	Concord 15th Apr	Ditto	57	Humber TO-DAY, 25th Oct	F. M. H., Osborne Street
221	St. John 6th Mar	Ditto	250	Minerva 15th Nov	M. H., Dagg Lane
348	St. John's TO-DAY, 25th Oct	Ditto	1010	Kingston 21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
			1605	De la Pole 28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			ISLE OF MAN—5 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
302	Hope 19th Nov	M. H., Darley Street	1004	Athole 22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
600	Harmony 22nd Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street	1075	S. Manghold 12th Nov	M. H., Ramsey
974	Pentalpha 6th Nov	M. H., Darley Street	1242	Tynwald 31st Oct	M. H., Douglas
1018	Shakespeare ... 14th Nov	M. H., Darley Street	2049	Ellan Vamin 6th Nov	Ditto
1648	Prince of Wales ... 2nd Nov	Ditto	2050	St. Trinians 1st Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			2164	St. Germans 13th Nov	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
302	Charity 19th Nov	Ditto	2197	Spencer Walpole ... 12th Nov	M. H., Douglas
600	Sincerity 6th Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street	R.A.C.		
			1004	Athole 22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
271	Royal Clarence ... 16th Nov	Royal Pavillon	289	Fidelity 1st Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
315	Royal York 6th Nov	Ditto	304	Philanthropic ... 31st Oct	M. H., Great George Street
732	Royal Brunswick ... 8th Nov	Ditto	306	Alfred 2nd Nov	M. H., Kelsall Street
811	Yarborough 17th Nov	Ditto	1042	Excelsior 15th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
1466	Hova Ecclesia ... 3rd Nov	Old Ship Hotel	1211	Goderich 5th Nov	Ditto
1636	St. Cecilia 30th Oct	Royal Pavillon	1221	Dufence 12th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
1821	Atlingworth 15th Nov	Ditto	1311	Zetland 14th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
1947	Stanford 14th Nov	Town Hall, Hove	2069	Prudence 10th Nov	Ditto
2201	Earl of Sussex ... 27th Oct	Royal Pavillon	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.			289	Fidelity 13th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
271	Lennox 2nd Nov	Ditto	304	Philanthropic ... 7th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
315	Royal Pavillon ... 18th Dec	Ditto	306	Alfred 14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
732	Royal Sussex 22nd Nov	Ditto	1042	Excelsior 15th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
811	Yarborough 8th Feb	Ditto			
1466	Hova Villa 30th Nov	Old Ship Hotel			
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
68	Royal Clarence ... 12th Nov	F. M. H., Park Street	279	St. John's 7th Nov	F. M. H., Halford Street
103	Beaufort 6th Nov	Ditto	523	John of Gaunt ... 15th Nov	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality } 14th Nov	Ditto	1391	Commercial TO-MOR., 26th Oct	Ditto
326	Moirs 15th Nov	Ditto	1560	Albert Edward ... 13th Nov	Ditto
610	Colston 21st Nov	Ditto	2081	Golden Fleece ... 19th Nov	Ditto
686	Jerusalem 13th Nov	Ditto	R.A.C.		
1388	Canynges 3rd Nov	Ditto	279	Fortitude TO-DAY, 25th Oct	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent TO-DAY, 25th Oct	Ditto	1560	St. George's 7th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell 26th Nov	Ditto			
R.A.C.					
68	Royal Clarence ... 17th Nov	Ditto			
103	Beaufort 27th Nov	Ditto			
187	Charity 1st Nov	Ditto			
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.		
42	Relief 15th Nov	Grey Mare Hotel	32	St. George's 28th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ... 21st Nov	Bridge Inn	155	Perseverance ... 21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
191	St. John 8th Nov	Knowsley Hotel	203	Ancient Union ... 15th Nov	Ditto
1012	Prince of Wales ... 1st Nov	Derby Hotel	216	Harmonic 8th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
1392	Egerton TO-DAY, 25th Oct	Stanley Arms	241	Merchants 13th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.			249	Mariners 1st Nov	Ditto
42	Unanimity 22nd Nov	Derby Hotel	292	Sincerity 12th Nov	Ditto
128	Prince Edwin ... 19th Nov	Bridge Inn	594	Downshire TO-DAY, 25th Oct	Ditto
			667	Alliance 20th Nov	Ditto
			673	St. John 6th Nov	Ditto
			680	Sefton 2nd Nov	Ditto
			724	Derby 28th Nov	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 15th Nov	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
			1325	Stanley 26th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
			1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 28th Oct	Ditto
			1356	Toxteth 14th Nov	80, North Hill Street
			1393	Hamer 15th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
			1502	Israel 19th Nov	Ditto
			1505	Emulation TO-DAY, 25th Oct	Ditto
			1547	Liverpool 14th Nov	Ditto
			1570	Prince Arthur ... 20th Nov	Ditto
			1609	Liverpool Dramatic 27th Nov	Ditto
			1620	Marborough 7th Nov	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
			1675	Ancient Briton ... 27th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
			2042	Apollo 7th Nov	Ditto
			2114	Lodge of Prudence 19th Nov	Ditto
			2215	Anfield TO-DAY, 25th Oct	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
			2229	Lathom 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 20th Nov	Ditto
			241	Friendship 26th Nov	Ditto
			249	Mariners 15th Nov	Ditto
			292	Liverpool 22nd Nov	Ditto
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			1356	De Grey and Ripon 5th Dec	Ditto
			1393	Hamer 1st Nov	Ditto
			1502	Israel 13th Nov	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 15th Nov	Greyhound Hotel			
1597	Musgrave 16th Mar	Ditto			



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Manager, Mr. Ramsay.

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Mr. J. Hobson.

FORWARD TO THE FRONT.

NOTTINGHAM—

THEATRE ROYAL.

Managing Director, Mr. T. W. Charles.

JANE SHORE.

Dramatic Notes and Observations.

(Communicated).

THE Shaftesbury Theatre opened last Saturday, under the management of Mr. Lancaster. "As You Like It" is the title of the piece. It was received with much favour from a crowded house. The theatre is beautifully decorated and very comfortable.

WE are given to understand that another new theatre will be built shortly, and more than likely that it will be called "The Temple."

ELLEN TERRY and Bro HENRY IRVING will, according to *Dunlop's Stage News*, make another American tour next year, when they will be seen in "Macbeth."

"THE BLACKSMITH'S DAUGHTER," by Arnold Golsworthy and E. B. Norman, was produced in front of "Carina" at the Opera Comique last Tuesday with great success.

A TICKET Benefit will be held at the Princess' all next week in aid of "The Household Fire Rescue Society." Tickets only will benefit.

ON November 1st, in the afternoon, a new farcical comedy will be played, entitled "The Policeman," at Bro. Terry's Theatre.

AT the Prince's Theatre, Manchester, the Mary Anderson Company has attracted large audiences with "Pygmalion and Galatea." "The Winter's Tale," and "Romeo and Juliet."

MADAME MARIE ROZE MAPLESON left London for Paris yesterday. After making a tour of the principal towns in France, she will proceed to Brussels and the Hague, then return to Great Britain for six weeks before proceeding to Australia.

I HEAR that Bro. Wilson Barrett has sold all provincial rights in his new four-act drama, "Now-a-days," to Mr. Alfred Cuthbert, lessee and manager of the Hull Theatre Royal, where it will be produced towards the end of February next.

Mr. C. H. HAWTREY opens the Strand during November with a burlesque called "Atalanta," by Mr. G. P. Hawtrey. Miss Alma Stanley and Miss Lottie Venne, we believe, are in the cast, as also Miss Marie Glover.

MISS RITA D'ANGELI now plays the Captain of the Guard in "Pepita" at Toole's. She has a good appearance and excellent voice.

ON the 5th November, Henry Pettit's new drama, "Hands Across the Sea," will be put on the boards at the Princess'. Judging by its success in Manchester, this piece ought to draw well.

ON the 8th November, the Opera Comique Carina Company will give a matinée at Mrs. Nye Chart's Brighton Theatre.

UNCLES AND AUNTS," at the Comedy, promises to be a great success, and excellent houses continue to be convulsed with laughter over the droll doings of Mr. Penley in the part of Zedekiah Aspen.

THE directors of the Prince's Theatre, Manchester, have made special arrangements with Mr. T. W. Charles, the manager of the Theatre Royal, Nottingham, to produce their next pantomime, which will be entitled "Sinbad the Sailor," and will be written by Mr. George Dance, of Nottingham.

MISS AGNES HUNTINGDON, contralto, will have a leading part in the opera of "Paul Jones," at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, in which she will attempt *baritone*.

BRO. F. POTTER, the acting manager of the Gaiety Theatre, who arranged the tour of the Antipodean Gaiety Company will remain in London to manage the coming season.

THE Lyric Theatre will be finished by the end of the year, when Mr. Leslie will, no doubt, revive "Dorothy."

MR. LEONARD BOYNE being again indisposed, his place in "The Armada," at Drury Lane, on four evenings, has been taken by Mr. Percy Lyndal, who on Thursday, gave way to Mr. H. Hamilton, part author of the piece.

MISS MARY ANDERSON takes her departure for America on the 27th inst., per s.s. Umbria, her tour commencing at Wallack's on November 12th.

AT the Prince of Wales' Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland" will not, after all, be revived this Christmas, although most of the Company had already been engaged, and agreements made with Mr. Horace Sedger for the production.

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 29th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude 25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue 16th Nov	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 TO-DAY, 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 15th Nov	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 15th Nov	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon 28th Nov	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor 16th Nov	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 20th Dec	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 16th Nov	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby 20th Nov	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

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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 Loraine 16th Nov	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland 6th Nov	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker 14th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy 20th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur TO-DAY, 25th Oct	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas 9th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's TO-MOR., 26th Oct	Ditto
2260	Ridley 6th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
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

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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 TO-DAY, 25th Oct	Ditto
943	Sincerity 27th Nov	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

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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 16th Nov	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon 19th Nov	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland TO-DAY, 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



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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 TO-DAY, 25th Oct	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity 20th Nov	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity 8th Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn 13th Nov	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 27th Nov	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 23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity 28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship 8th Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord TO-MOR., 26th Oct	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity 23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn 21st Jan	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

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PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
257	Phoenix 28th Nov	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 15th Nov	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught 27th Nov	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe } Weimar }	20th Nov M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of } Emulation }	10th Nov F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Tem- } perance }	26th Nov 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 Fem- } perance }	(?) Soldier's Institute, High Street

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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
2283	St. Leonards (con- } secrated 21 July) }	(?) (?)
R.A.C.		
139	Paradise 19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty 17th Dec	Ditto

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SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
130	Royal Gloucester 8th Nov	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony 19th Nov	Ditto
394	Southampton 15th Nov	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers TO-MOR., 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 TO-DAY, 25th Oct	Ditto

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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 16th Nov	Ditto
2030	Londonderry TO-MOR., 25th 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

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THIS DAY (4th and Last) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25th.

Table listing lodges for Thursday, October 25th, including Union Waterloo, Egyptian, St. Luke's, Justice, Salisbury, High Cross, Royal Oak, Southwark, City of London, Royal Albert, Southern Star, Duke of Edinburgh, Burdett Coutts, St. John, Stockwell, Ebury, Royal Arthur, Highgate, The Great City, Ivy, Leopold, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Covent Garden, Rose, Tredegar, Langton, Lonsborough, Guelph, Royal Savoy, Creation, Victoria Park, R.A.C., Joppa, Prince Frederick Wm., North London, and Eccleston.

(4th) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26th.

Table listing lodges for Friday, October 26th, including Albion, Robert Burns, St. John's, Temperance, Stability, Unions (Emula. L. of I.), Kintore, United Pilgrims, Westbourne, Belgrave, St. James's, William Preston, Royal Alfred, Ranelagh, Burgoyne, Doric, Victoria (Metro. L. of I.), Lewis, Beacontree, Great Northern, Royal Standard, Clapton, Kennington, Loyalty, Henry Mugeridge, Earl of Carnarvon, All Saints, Abbey, R.A.C., Hornsey, Strawberry Hill, Royal Savoy, and Star.

(4th) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th.

Table listing lodges for Saturday, October 27th, including Manchester, Percy, Star, Finsbury Park, Earl of Zetland, Alexandra Palace, Eccleston, Chiswick, R.A.C., Mount Sinai, and Industry.

(Last) MONDAY, OCTOBER 29th.

Table listing lodges for Monday, October 29th, including Loughborough, Strong Man, Sincerity, St. James's Union, Zetland, Wellington, Doric, Perfect Ashlar, Upton, Hyde Park, and Marquess of Ripon.

(Last) MONDAY, OCTOBER 29th—continued.

Table listing lodges for Monday, October 29th (continued), including Metropolitan, United Military, Carnarvon, Royal Commemoration, Upper Norwood, Kilburn, West Smithfield, Tredegar, Beaconsfield, Eleanor, 1707, 1804, St. Ambrose, Selwyn, Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn., Hammersmith, R.A.C., and Hope.

(Last) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30th.

Table listing lodges for Tuesday, October 30th, including Constitutional, Prosperity, St. George, Faith, Domatic, Joppa, Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.), E. Surrey Lo. of Concl., Yarborough, Camden, Florence Nightingale, Prince Fredk. William, Lily, South Middlesex, Dalhousie, Finsbury, Wandsworth, Capper, Excelsior, Emblematic, Friars, Corinthian, Mount Edgecumbe, Islington, Henley, Chaucer, Duke of Connaught, Upper Norwood, Leyspring, West Middlesex, New Finsbury Park, Kensington, Duke of Cornwall, Brixton, Southgate, R.A.C., Robert Burns, Camden, Metropolitan, and Earl of Carnarvon.

(Last) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31st.

Table listing lodges for Wednesday, October 31st, including Fidelity, United Mariners, Mount Lebanon, Pythagorean, Vitruvian, Industry, Confidence, United Strength, La Tolerance, Panmure, Merchant Navy, New Concord, Whittington, Temperance in East, Stockwell, Langthorne, Peckham, Duke of Connaught, Ravensbourne, Wanderers, Plucknett, Earl of Lathom, Duke of Albany, The Hendon, R.A.C., Domatic, St. James's Union, Doric, Stockwell, and Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(1st) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st.

Lodges and Chapters, as 4th Thursday in October (see ante).

** The Editor will be greatly obliged for any information the Secretaries of the various Lodges may be pleased to send to him.