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## The Ritual.



VIEWING lately the admirable work of Bro. Henry J. Whymper, P. Dep. D.G.M., Punjab, we expressed our intention to refer, when opportunity afforded, to two of its chapters in which we take more especial personal interest than in others, viz.: those entitled "The Lectures" and "The Ritual." In his "Religion of Freemasonry," Bro. Whymper places the "Lectures" first, but for the purpose we have in view we shall reverse his arrangement, and endeavour to interest our readers in the work of Masonic Ceremonial, Ritual, and "Sections" in the order in which they are respectively presented to our noviciates.

It is well-known that, of late years, there has been a movement in progress to secure, or more properly speaking to reinstate, that uniformity of procedure which, at the Union of the Lodges forming the United Grand Lodge of England was declared should be maintained throughout the lodges under its jurisdiction. In that movement we ourselves took part, convinced that means could readily be found for carrying the wishes of the Craft, as unanimously expressed in Grand Lodge itself on a most important occasion, into effect. At that time we spoke, and since then have spoken, on the subject from our own point of view. Now it behoves us to refrain from prominent activity, and to afford opportunity to others for expounding their views on the subject; and this we propose to do most fully. At the same time we shall not altogether cease to comment on the arguments which may be advanced *pro* and *con*, but, so far as journalistic power may extend, shall seek to guide and advise where we think guidance and advice may be necessary or advantageous.

As a means to an end, which appears to be almost universally desired by the English Craft, we purpose to utilize with the consent of its editor, the two chapters of

Bro. Whymper's work above named, and to reproduce them in the precise words of the author. We shall thereby, we hope, induce much reflection on our *peculiar* system of morality, and the manner in which innovations and divergencies have crept into the teachings of that system, perverting in many respects its original intention, and confusing much that, throughout the past should have been most readily understood,—is in the present made doubtful and disturbing for want of sufficient explanation by those who assume to teach, and who, in many cases we know have themselves much yet to learn,—and in the future may cause dissension and strife between parties, to the permanent injury of the order.

It must be understood by our readers that the author's views on the Religion or Universality of Freemasonry are not to be considered as endorsed by us because we find in his work just such expressions of opinion, and such excellent instruction, as will afford them satisfaction to peruse and study. Nor, on the other hand, must this caution be taken as any evidence of dissent from his premises and arguments. For him, or against him, we think that every Freemason would be the better for acquaintance with the entire work, for it could not fail to enlighten him on many points respecting which some of even the wisest and best amongst us yet walk in darkness. The author's object is apparent, throughout the whole of his work, and to an extent will be obvious even in the portions we select for our present purpose, and which are, in our opinion, the least pervaded by argumentation. Whether or not his object be attainable; whether or not this is just the proper time to discuss the subject; whether or not it would be wise to risk the religious controversy which might create a wide division between brethren of, as it were, "one tribe and family;" all these are beside our present intent, and are matters upon which we would express no opinion. Amongst our readers are men "of every country, sect, and opinion," whose true friendship, conciliated by the dictates of Freemasonry, has hitherto been exercised in brotherly love; and very much consideration must, of necessity, be given to any proposal to set aside the present order of things before individual or even collective opinions can be justly formed. But this fact need not hinder a consideration of the subject in all its bearings; and although we doubt not that many of Bro. Whymper's deductions may not be readily acceptable, we believe that the liberal minds before which we are about to place his remarks on our ritual, will, irrespective of creed or denomination, give their author credit for honesty of purpose and a sincere interest in the welfare of Freemasonry.

It only remains for us to add, before commencing the

promised reproduction, a reminder that the previous chapter is devoted to the consideration of the lectures, and that we are purposely reversing the order of their position in Bro. Whympers work.

## THE RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY.

### CHAP. V.—THE RITUAL.

**S**OME objection may be taken to our separating the Ritual from the Lectures, and placing these first, when considering Masonic principles as displayed in Lodge teaching. The division is of no serious importance, the Lectures are a species of commentary, more or less authoritative, on the Ritual—and their precise wording has never been considered so rigidly necessary as verbal exactitude in delivering the Ritual of the Degrees. Our former Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, himself gave expression to this view. We have a right then in dealing with the Ritual, which we have not when considering the Lectures, to attach the highest significance to the precise language employed. We should not hold ourselves justified in deeming of supreme importance a mere word in the Lectures, whereas we maintain that it is justifiable to weigh every word of the Ritual in the nicest balance attainable. We are aware of the doubts and questions which may be raised from the existence of several Rituals, and will accordingly attempt to confine our arguments to points regarding which dispute can hardly arise.

Holding the belief that there has been a wanton disregard of propriety, if not a criminal contempt for truth and honesty, in the publication of alleged Rituals by individual brethren, we are ourselves compelled to speak somewhat enigmatically in this chapter, as we are barred from stating, with anything approaching distinctness, what are the exact words of our Rituals. We trust, nevertheless, that our quotations will be intelligible to brethren without our resorting to such compromising precision. In passing, we may remark that we are of the number who believe, with all respect, that the Grand Lodge might, at the present time, well consider the advisability of issuing some form of ritual, or appoint somebody to carry out this duty. The want of such a guide has given an opening for misconduct on the part of unscrupulous brethren.

The Ritual of Freemasonry comprises the details of the ceremony of reception in the various degrees, together with the primary exoteric display and the primary esoteric explanation, of the symbolism of the Order. In these explanations sufficient information is supposed to be afforded the Brother to enable him to continue the esoteric teaching on the lines thus laid down. The definition of Freemasonry itself, as given in the ritual is, that it is a *peculiar system* of morality which is veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. The early manner in which working Masons emblemised the tools of their handicraft is preserved in the Ritual. There can be little doubt that it was this peculiar symbolism which first induced non-Operative Brethren to join the Society, and it is easily comprehensible that a body of artisans would be flattered by their quaint conceits being deemed worthy of attention, and be quite willing to throw open their doors, wherever it was possible to do so without violating any principle.

A similar symbolism is familiar to any person who has resided long in the East, and who has made himself acquainted with the habits of the people. We have no intention of raising fanciful theories regarding the Oriental origin of any of our ceremonies, but we cannot but express surprise that Eastern customs have not received more Masonic attention. We believe they explain to some extent the avidity with which natives of India grasp the symbolism based on the working tools of Freemasonry; they are perfectly unconscious why the symbology appeals to them—it is the counterpart of their daily life. An exceedingly common sight is to see a native groom touch the hoof of the horse in his charge before commencing his daily work. Similarly, a carpenter will, as a first duty, touch and salute his tools, or some one of them, with an evident respect (his salute is in the ordinary Eastern manner) before he begins his work. Western culture is perhaps unable to enter into the spirit of symbolism which induces the Eastern mind to thus deal with material things. Not far removed from this custom is that of the Mahomedan when undertaking any new enterprise. Even an ordinary tailor will say "Bismillah" before he puts a stitch into a garment. There are so many brethren in India who are more fitted to deal with this subject than ourselves, that we merely note it in passing; but that much of our emblemogy was usual amongst the Chinese at least as long ago as the time of Confucius, the following extract will show—

"What a man dislikes in his superiors, let him not display in the treatment of his inferiors; what he dislikes in inferiors, let him not display in the service of his superiors; what he dislikes in those who are before him, let him not therewith precede those who are behind him; what he dislikes in those who are behind him, let him not therewith follow those who are before him; what he dislikes to receive on the right let him not bestow on the left; what he dislikes to receive on the left, let him not bestow on the right. This is what is called the principle with which, *as with a measuring square*, to regulate one's conduct."\*

The tools, with which an ordinary mason would prepare stones for a material building, are in Freemasonry used to illustrate that high morality with should be exercised by the speculative Mason in preparing his mind as a temple fitted for the reception of divine truth. Whilst one tool is to be considered as denoting the incisive force of education, another represents conscience, and so on. There can be little doubt this symbolism is exceedingly ancient.

(To be continued).

\* The Great Learning, p. 34. Legge's Chinese Classics, Vol. I.

## The Qualifications of our Members.

COMMUNICATED.

**T**O be admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Free-Masonry it is (or should be), above all things necessary that candidates have "qualifications." These are so well known to our brethren that it is unnecessary, here, to recapitulate them. In this connection we would, however, draw attention to the following rule in our Book of Constitutions:—

"Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our ancient and honourable fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates without due notice being given or enquiry made into their characters and qualifications, and from passing and raising masons without due instruction in their respective degrees, it is declared to be specially incumbent on all members of Lodges to see that particular attention be paid to these several points."

From a long and intimate acquaintance with the inner working of many private lodges, we can only say that the latter clause of this salutary rule is practically a dead letter, and is much more honoured in the breach than in the observance.

As a general rule, brethren present at a ballot for new members vote, so to speak, blindly, accepting for some reason or another the fact of the candidate being well proposed and seconded as a guarantee that he is a fit and proper person to be allowed to enter the ranks of our order; thus ignoring entirely the incumbency which the rule tells us rests on *every* member to make due enquiry into "character and qualifications." To enable members to carry out this injunction, we are strongly of opinion that a strict observance to Rule 184 should be rigidly enforced, that is to say, a candidate should be proposed and seconded at one regular lodge, and ballotted for at the *next* regular lodge. As a general rule, we believe that the proposal, &c., ballot and initiation take place at one and the same meeting, which seems to us not only in direct opposition to said rule, but also to act more or less detrimentally as regards possible observance of the preceding one.

If our various private lodges were to carefully carry out in its integrity this Rule 184, it is our opinion that great good would accrue to the Craft in general, and each individual lodge in particular.

Passing on to the consideration of another section of our subject, we would draw attention to the peculiar system that obtains in appointing various lodge officers. It appears to be an accepted rule that preferment should always be the effect of seniority in a lodge. This is, of course, right, *per se*, always provided that the brother so preferred is *fully qualified* to carry out the duties of his office; if, however, such unfortunately be not the case, it is against rule so to prefer him, as we are distinctly enjoined "that preferment should rather come from merit or ability." Of course many would say, having been members of a particular lodge for a term of years, "It is very unfair to pass us by and put a younger (Masonically) brother over our heads." But really, if such should be the case, who is at fault? Lodges of Instruction exist all over the country, and if the older member of any lodge fails to avail himself of this means of gaining the necessary knowledge, he has no one but himself to blame and is not entitled to expect to go forward an ignoramus (which would and does bring ridicule upon a lodge) in face of a younger brother who has devoted time and brain power to the acquisition of the ritual and who would be a credit and ornament to it. This point is worth the consideration of our W.M.'s. Naturally they desire to appoint the best workers in their ranks to office, but in the majority of cases *dare* not do so for fear of the storm they would evoke from the brother passed by and his friends in the lodge, and which, in many instances, might cause the break up of the lodge itself. Thus, in order to promote peace and harmony, the W.M. very often stultifies himself by appointing as his officers brethren whose Masonic qualifications (we had almost written the prefix *dis*) so far as working is concerned, he despises. Can a greater farce be enacted than, say, the appointment to the office of Organist of a brother who is unable to read a line of music? Yet this is done under the plea "Seniores priores." And again, to place in the chair of K.S., as Master, simply because, by rotation, he should occupy it, a brother (estimable in every other respect though he may be) who is so deficient in knowledge of the ritual and working as to be obliged to vacate his seat in favour of a more able brother, whenever aught but the barest routine is required of him, is, we say, wrong; and in its very grotesqueness turns our beautiful ceremonial to little better than farcical comedy. False sentiment is allowed to oust, very detrimentally, strict observance of rules, and the body corporate suffers where it ought to gain. Slipshod, halting, vacuous working is bad for all. Perhaps the day will come when candidates (by rotation or otherwise) will be required, as obtains in some lodges, to pass an examination before a Committee of Skilled Past Masters, before they are allowed to occupy any chair or working office in the particular lodge with which they happen to be identified. This would operate in a salutary manner, and put an end to that which in many cases is a scandal to the craft; at the same time doing away with any diffidence the Master of a lodge might, to some extent naturally feel in departing from the beaten track which he has seen his predecessors tread, and (if that is necessary) completely exonerate him from any reflections which could be made upon his action in so far as appointment of officers is concerned.

It may be urged against this system that, were it in vogue in our lodges, some brethren would never hold office at all. Well, perhaps they would not; but why then should they be allowed to do so under present arrangements? The very statement itself appears to us to carry its own condemnation. No; the days of red tape routine should be past for ever. Depend upon it, the theory of "the survival of the fittest" is far more than a mere empty form of words; in like manner the principle of the "induction of the fittest" will have to be made an initial consideration in our masonic lodges if they wish to arrive at anything like the high standard of excellence we believe they one and all aspire to.

(To be continued).

## The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

### THE DOOR OF THE HEART.

Tyle the door carefully, Brothers of skill,  
Vigilant workers in valley and hill!  
Cowans and eavesdroppers ever alert,  
Tyle the door carefully, door of the heart.  
Carefully, carefully, tyle the door carefully,  
*Tyle the Door carefully, door of the heart.*

Guard it from envyings, let them not in;  
Malice and whisperings, creatures of sin;  
Bid all unrighteousness sternly depart,  
Brothers in holiness, tiling the heart.  
Holly, holly, tyle the door holly,  
*Tyle the Door holly, door of the heart.*

But should the Angels of Mercy draw nigh,  
Messengers sent from the Master on high—  
Should they come knocking with mystical art,  
Joyfully open the door of the heart!  
Joyfully, joyfully, ope the door joyfully,  
*Ope the Door joyfully, door of the heart.*

Are they not present, those angels to-night,  
Laden with riches and sparkling with light?  
Oh, to enjoy all the bliss they impart,  
Let us, in gratitude, open the heart!  
Gratefully, thankfully, ope the door thankfully,  
*Ope the Door thankfully, door of the heart.*

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

### We are requested to Notify that:—

—The British Union Lodge, No. 114, W. Bro. William Clarke, W.M., will meet at Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich, at five p.m. this day (December 6th) for the purpose of installing Bro. R. Tilbury as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony will be performed by his predecessor, Bro. W. Clarke. Banquet at seven p.m.

—The petition for a new lodge, to be called "The West Ham Abbey Lodge," to be held at the Town Hall, Stratford, has been granted to Bro. James Boulton, P.M. 28 and 1056, and other brethren. Bro. Boulton is the W.M. designate, and Bro. C. F. D. Fenn, P.M. 171, will be its first secretary; and to them and their colleagues in the formation of the lodge we wish success and great prosperity.

—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire will hold its annual meeting in the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Tuesday next, the 11th inst., at 2.30 p.m. A banquet will be served at 4.30. Tickets at 2s. 6d. each, including dinner and dessert, can be obtained not later than Saturday, the 8th inst.

—The installation meeting of the Priory Lodge, No. 1863, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, Northumberland, on Thursday, December 13th, when Bro. John Ogle Wallace, W.M., will instal his successor, Bro. John Coull, S.W., W.M. Elect, into the chair of K.S. A banquet will be held at the Grand Hotel at 6 p.m.

—The Lodge of Instruction at Newcastle-on-Tyne, No. 24, will meet on the 11th inst. (Tuesday, the 25th, being Christmas Day), at the Masonic Hall, Grainger Street, at 7.30, when Bro. A. T. Alichison, W.M. 24, will rehearse the ceremony of installation Bro. J. B. Gearland, P.M., as lecture master.

—The "Old Masonians" have arranged for a football match between past and present pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be played at the school grounds, on Saturday next, the 8th inst., at 3 p.m.

—The Sydney Lodge, No. 829, at Sidcup, Kent, on the 20th inst., W. Bro. T. Knight, W.M., initiated a son of Bro. Colonel North, of Eltham, into the order.

—The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623—Bro. T. G. Hodges, S.W. 1695, Preceptor—will in future be held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Monday evenings as usual, at seven o'clock, commencing on Monday, the 3rd December.

—The presiding officers on the occasion of the working of the Fifteen Sections in the Zetland Lodge of Instruction, No. 511, at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, London, on Monday next, the 10th inst., will be Bros. James Kew, P.M. 179, W.M.; George Wood, S.W. 1681, S.W.; and T. Caseley, W.M. 1693, J.W. Bro. E. O. Mulvey, W.M. 246, is the Preceptor, and Bro. Sheppard, P.M. 1366, the Secretary; and both will render their valuable assistance.

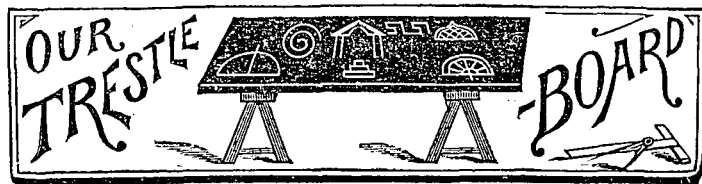
—The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will work the Fifteen Sections at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Monday next, the 10th inst., at 6.30 p.m. Bros. H. Jenkins, S.W. 860, W.M.; H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, S.W.; J. Tattersall, J.W. 1293, J.W.; T. G. Hodges, S.W. 1695, Preceptor, and H. Hill, P.M. 1305, Secretary.

—The next regular meeting of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, W. Bro. John Seex, W.M., will be held at Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday, the 8th inst., at 4 p.m.

—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Arnold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1981, at the Albion Tavern, West Moulsey, on Monday, 17th inst., at 7 p.m. Bros. Walter Martin, P.M. 879, W.M.; E. Talbot, 65, S.W.; J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13, J.W.; and F. C. Croaker, 1981, Hon. Sec. Good workers all!

—The installation meeting of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on the 14th January next, when Bro. Lord George Hamilton will be installed W.M. of the lodge.

—The Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, now meets every Saturday at seven o'clock, at the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E. Preceptor, Bro. Walter Martin, P.M.



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

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Encouraged by a letter which appears in our correspondence columns (page 222), we have arranged that our next number (17), to be published on the 20th inst., shall be forwarded to all the clubs, reading rooms, and principal hotels in India, China, Japan, Straits Settlements, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Cape Colony, West Africa, Canada, Newfoundland, South America, Fiji, St. Helena, West Indies, Gibraltar, Malta, and Constantinople. We notify our intention in the interests of the Craft generally; and of those who may be disposed to avail themselves of the circulation of this special number by advertisement.

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Secretaries of Lodges in London and largest provincial centres will greatly oblige us by checking our Lists of Lodge Meetings, in regard to their individual lodges; and in any case of error by forwarding a post card to the Editor, at 59, Moor Lane, London, E.C., thus:

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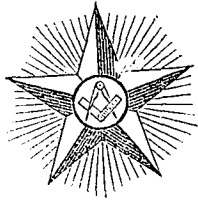
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An esteemed brother, P.M. No. 589, P.G.J.W. and Secy. 1544, writes to us on the subject of masonic mendicancy, and repeats the everlasting question, "Can anything be done to stop or abate the masonic tramp nuisance?" He cautions our lodges against a certain Thomas Fitzgerald, presenting a duplicate certificate from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and asking alms as a Mason. The secretary of the Lour Forfar Lodge, No. 309 (S.C.), from which T. F. hails, states that he is unworthy and undeserving, and "wishes the masonic community could be rid of such a pest." We really do not know how to answer the question other than by recommending the brethren to apply the customary "whip" as a test. Don't altogether refuse *relief*—it is not in accordance with our principles to do so. We might sometimes drive to desperation a worthy man and regret it when too late. Subscribe enough for food and lodging for a night, and in the morning offer the balance of a "whip round" for some sort of work suitable to the applicant's age, trade, and condition. Amongst the members of any lodge there can surely be found something to be done in the way of labour for a day or two. Apply the labour test in this fashion, and it will soon be ascertained what manner of man our brother is. In the case above referred to T. F. is a tailor. Set him to mend some clothes.

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As an example of the manner in which innovations are made in Masonic Ritual and Ceremonial, and which are in too many instances permitted to grow into custom and give some sort of warrant to the phrase, "I was taught so, and so I teach," we narrate the following. In a provincial lodge there is, according to a correspondent who will find his enquiry answered in another column, a P.M. who also on occasion takes duty as a Preceptor. In F.C., as our readers are aware, a certain "advance" has to be made under the instruction of S.D., and that officer in the lodge referred to has been accustomed to the performance of "the proper method" by facing S. and winding to the left. He is now required to reverse that method and to reach the desired position by N., winding to the right; and the P.M. in question declares that he is correct in his teaching and that it is the London working. As he is in a position to exact obedience from his pupils, unless indeed they altogether decline his assistance, it can easily be imagined how such an error might in course of time, and in some districts, be accepted as pure and genuine ritual. The attention of the R.W.G.M. of the province in which the lodge is situated ought to be called to this departure from our established custom.

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The New York correspondent of *The Daily Telegraph* informs us that "Mrs. E. Quinley does not feel the embarrassment of riches. She announces that she is about to deliver lectures and receive subscriptions for the purpose of buying the City of Jerusalem and rebuilding Solomon's Temple according to the original designs. To carry out this modest project, which, she says, will interest Israelites and Freemasons all over the world, she requires about £10,000,000, of which sum 7s. 6d. has already been subscribed by her enthusiastic friends." We wonder will "perseverance in a just cause ultimately overcome all difficulties" in this instance!

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## Original Correspondence.

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### FREEMASONRY AND IMPROVIDENCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have perused with considerable interest the admirable article in reference to improvidence which appeared in THE MASONIC STAR of the 29th ult., and, as a member of the craft specially interested in questions of thrift and unthrift, I venture to accept your invitation to set down a few thoughts upon these important matters.

(1.) Improvidence is one of the chief evils of this country, and Freemasons would be doing good service to the cause, as well as to the country, if they would endeavour to inculcate a spirit of prudence and providence amongst their brethren and amongst those who in due time will seek to be admitted into our order.

(2.) Thrift, and its opposite, improvidence, are, to a very great extent, matters of habit and, like other habits—

"Grow with our growth, and strengthen with our strength."

It is, therefore, most desirable that parents, guardians, instructors and others possessing influence and authority over the young should exercise their influence and authority in this direction, thus preventing the constant increase of the huge army of spendthrifts and wasters, preventing an incalculable amount of misery and poverty, and being the means of securing happiness and independence to multitudes who will otherwise miss it, as so many of their predecessors have missed it, by not knowing the importance of living within their means and setting aside something for the unforeseen and unexpected, for the days of ill-health and accident, misfortune, old age and death.

(3.) Freemasons—as a body and as individuals—should specially practise economy and prudence, and they will thus be the better able to carry out those grand principles of brotherly love and relief which they profess so heartily to believe in.

(4.) Our "peculiar system of morality" should certainly include self-help, forethought and foresight, and we who declare ourselves to be free men, of mature age and sound judgment, should set a noble example in such matters as being "free" from the burden of debt, providing for the welfare of those belonging to us, and making suitable provision for the future.

Various other points might, with advantage, be alluded to in connection with this important subject, but I forbear encroaching further upon your valuable space.

Yours fraternally,

J. Finsbury Circus, E.C.,

3rd Dec., 1888.

THOS. BOWDEN GREEN, 158,

Sec. National Thrift Society.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I must congratulate you upon the apparent success of your paper, for in answer to my appeal in your columns for specimens of summons, I beg to say that I have received most welcome and fraternal assistance, not only from all parts of England, but from brethren in Canada, the United States, New Zealand, India, Australia, and the Cape.

I have twelve large volumes ready for their reception, and, although far from being complete, I have no doubt but that many

brethren will yet kindly send me specimens of their lodge summons, which now promises to form a most interesting series.

Yours fraternally,

C. E. FERRY, P.M. & P.Z. 65; P.M. & Sec. 1743.

### THE CLOSING OF LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have been surprised to find from correspondence in your columns that some W.M.'s are in the habit of omitting the closing ceremonies in the M.M. lodge. It was also a surprise to me last year to hear two London Past Masters say that, until they visited our lodge where I was acting as Installing Master, they had never seen the opening and closing ceremonies in the installed Masters' degree; and that they believed that these ceremonies were not now performed in the metropolitan lodges. Are we in the provinces in advance of our London brethren; or are we wrong in continuing to act as our "ancient brethren" in this province teach us is right and proper? I should like to read your opinion on this matter.

May I also ask for your opinion as regards the little "blue book" of the Emulation Lodge, which in many points is at variance with what we have been taught? Is the teaching of this book to be followed to the letter with the loss, to my mind, of many little impressive parts in the various ceremonies? Who are right, the older brethren who have never hardly missed a lodge for a quarter of a century, or the younger brethren armed with the "authorised version"?

One word more—will any brother who is an 18 deg. or 30 deg. member kindly tell me to whom to apply, or what steps to take in order to take those degrees?

Fraternally yours,

P.P.G.J.W.

\* \* We will give our opinion and reasons therefor in our next.—  
Ed. M.S.

### NON-SUBSCRIBING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As a young mason I have found THE MASONIC STAR very helpful, and have been very interested with its contents, more especially the admirable leaders, and hope and believe that they will do good in helping to purify the masonic atmosphere. My object in writing to you is to obtain "light," and I shall be obliged if you will reply through the columns of our paper what status in the masonic world does a non-subscribing brother occupy? Of course, he or his children are not eligible for any of the masonic charities, but is he permitted to visit lodges, or accept an invitation to a brother's lodge? Is he allowed to join a Lodge of Instruction? Is he generally received with coolness? I am prompted to ask the last question, because I have quite recently heard a brother spoken of in a very uncharitable manner because he had seen fit to withdraw from his lodge owing to increased domestic responsibilities.

Wishing you every success,

I am, yours fraternally,

Nov. 30th, 1888.

JUNIOR MASON.

### A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND COMP.,

In your last issue I observe you have corrected the title "Chapter of Instruction," to "Chapter of Improvement." As in the Royal Arch Regulations, revised by Supreme Grand Chapter, 1886 (Rule No. 80) the style is "Chapters of Instruction" I shall be glad to know the reason of your alteration. Are you not a little "ancient" in your term?

London, 3rd Dec., 1888.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

SUBSCRIBER.

\* \* See next week's "Trestle Board."—Ed. M.S.

## Answers to Correspondents.

T. T., CAMBERWELL.—Your name and address required before we can insert your letter.

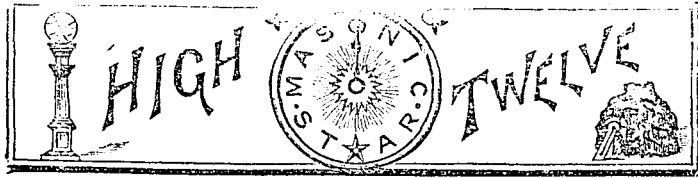
H. M. WILLIAMS, SYDNEY.—Many thanks for remembrance. We look for your support in the colony.

W. H. W., P.M. 1360.—Thanks for kind offer, which we accept as cordially as it is made. See another column for one portion of your communication. As to the other portion, we cannot, at present, add to our lists of Provincial Lodge Meetings.

W.M. re D.C.—Refer to your diagram: If you have kept a copy:—At A. face J.W. and proceed to B. by way of C. We are surprised that any P.M. and Preceptor should attempt to teach you otherwise. Acknowledge that you have noticed this. Address, 59, Moor Lane.

MASONIC LECTURE.—There was a large gathering of members of several London lodges at the meeting of the Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, London Street, E.C., on Thursday last, the 29th ult., when W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., delivered his lecture "On the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry." Amongst the many present were Bros. W. Smith, W.M.; Larter, S.W.; Gaskell, P.M., J.W.; Wildbore, S.D.; Dorner, J.D.; Antunovich, I.G.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Lewis, P.M.; Hon. Treas.; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Ives, P.M.; Pitt, P.M.; Bruin, P.M.; Oxford, Young, Thompson, Cunningham, Eames, Arnott, Kirkman, Button, Lagne, Westfield, Penney, Penumell, C. J. Jones, G. H. Williams, Lowe, Leigh, R. D. Smith, Hampson, Barnes, Martin, Bourn and others. After the lodge had been opened up to M.M., Bro. Stevens occupied the chair and for above two hours kept the brethren fully interested by his lucid explanations of the most important points in ritual and ceremonial, and completed his work by closing down in accordance with ancient custom. The thanks of the lodge and the compliment of honorary membership were voted to the lecturer amid much enthusiasm, and wishes were expressed for a similar instructive meeting at an early date. Several brethren were elected members, and Bro. Larter having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed.





"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

## Evenings Abroad.

"BRANTINGHAME HALL," AT THE ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.

Mr. Gilbert's new drama was produced on Thursday evening last. In consequence of the plentiful "puff preliminary" which had been bestowed upon this play before its production, speculation ran high with regard to it, and playgoers expected something out of the ordinary category. Indeed, everything seemed in favour of the new venture, and a new actress, whose theatrical sponsor was no less a personage than Mr. Gilbert himself, was announced to sustain the leading part in the production. Truth to tell, a double disappointment awaited the public, for neither the piece nor the leading actress came up to expectation. Despite certain elements of comedy, about which more will be noted hereafter, the play is dull; and, despite a tolerably interesting story, there is not much sympathy with the heroine who debases herself without sufficient motive. Mr. Gilbert's own rules laid down for his own observance in the concoction of comic operas will not do for serious drama: it is all very well for him in these humorous compositions to make his puppets do and say unnatural things: so long as laughs are gained, all that is needed is there; but the same cannot apply to the means which Mr. Gilbert has employed to get a serious situation and a surprise in a drama at a juncture when it is desired to create an emotional impression. To destroy the sympathy of an audience with the hero or the heroine is well known to be a fatal act on the part of a dramatist. In the present instance the heroine, Ruth Redmayne, in whose case every spectator takes the most absorbing interest, suddenly, and with insufficient cause, proclaims herself publicly a mistress and not a wife, a forger and a fraud, and not a loving, generous and devoted woman. In her right senses no woman would thus act. There is one thing a girl would protect through all trials, her honour. That she would sacrifice this to dispel the financial necessities of any man—of one whom she loves even—is more than unlikely; that she would do so to oblige an old man, who has behaved to her with almost ungentlemanly neglect of the noble offer of a noble affectionate woman, is ridiculous. Here, then, the discordant note was struck and the play never recovered from it. Now, about the comedy introduced. It may be bright; but a gem of very second rate value will shine when contrasted with a heap of colourless stone. Before leaving the literary aspect of Mr. Gilbert's play, it may be asked why Ruth is given the Puritan style of diction? Surely a girl, the daughter of an ex-convict, who has lived a bush life all her days, would not speak in the almost biblical diction in which all her speeches are cast. On the other hand, the writing, generally, though not in the author's best vein, is distinctly good, and, at times, extremely effective.

Miss Julia Neilson, the young actress who was cast for the leading *role*, has, in her previous work, shown signs of real talent. At present, however, she shows signs of too much tuition. She speaks, she looks, she moves, she attitudinises, one can see, just as she has been told. There is no *ars celare artem* here, it is quite the reverse. In her passionate scenes she fails because she cannot—to use a technical term—let herself go. Her inability to lose herself causes her to fail to enlist the suffrages of her auditors. Thus, some of her biggest efforts were unreal and her best effects were gained in the less important, but certainly not the less moving, scenes. Those which struck me most were the scene with Lord Saxmundham in the second act and with Mabel in the last act. An actress, and it would not be difficult to name half a dozen in as many seconds, of greater experience and power is required for this character. In saying this I have no wish to detract from the promise displayed by Miss Neilson; but she has much yet to learn before she should be intrusted with so arduous a part. Mr. Lewis Waller as Ralph Crampton, the evil genius of the drama, acted admirably: he played with thorough discretion, and his passion, though subdued, was none the less indicative of strength. Mr. Rutland Barrington as Mr. Thursby contented himself with a small sketch which he rendered with freshness and talent; certainly the part lacked dignity, but it was humorous, consistent and natural withal. Mr. Nutecombe Gould deserves more than a passing mention for a very clever sketch of Lord Saxmundham. It was not the actor's fault but rather his misfortune that he was compelled to render the old gentleman in such an unsympathetic mould. He did his best with the materials and he scored well. In distinct contrast was the Lady Saxmundham of Mrs. Gaston Murray. This was delightfully motherly and sweetly affectionate. Mr. William Herbert was a manly hero: he just attained the right point of strength without overdoing it; and in the last act he played a difficult scene with a highly commendable result. Miss Norreys and Mr. Duncan Fleet played a pair of boy and girl lovers. These two might well have stepped straight out of one of Mr. Pinero's comedies. Here we have the greater part of Mr. Gilbert's comedy contribution in *Brantingham Hall*. It is doubtless laughable; but it is too unreal and too obviously dragged in. Miss Norreys was a sweet little creature as Mabel, and Mr. Fleet was intelligent without being great as Alaric. Mr. Norman Forbes as the Rev. Noel Ross was earnest and good; but his attitudes were by no means graceful. Mr. Charles Dodsworth and Mr. Gilbert Trent, amongst some others intrusted with small parts which were all excellently acted, stood out boldly with two clever character sketches. The piece has been well put on the stage and will draw for a time in all probability; but Mr. Gilbert has not scored a success, I regret to say.

LANCELOT GOBBO.

## Our City Article.

AS THE MASONIC STAR is written by Masons for Masons, who are mostly business men having more or less interest in the Stock and Share Markets, we include in our columns a weekly Money Article, written by one of our Craft actively engaged in the markets. It is written without prejudice, and with a view to give a general idea of what is going on from week to week. As the writer of the article has some twenty years' experience of the subject, and may fairly say that he knows the ways of doing business, *what is what* and *who is who*, he will be pleased to answer any inquiries addressed to the Editor, where advice is asked, upon whatever requires explanation, so that pleasure and profit may be the result. Any letter sent to us, and any reply given, will be treated "on the square."

CAPEL COURT, DECEMBER 5TH, 1888.

There is now more ease in the Money Market, but it is generally felt that this is only temporary, although a renewal of the extreme pressure noticed a few weeks ago is not feared. Business on the Stock Exchange is confined within very narrow limits, the public holding aloof from entering into fresh transactions at this time of the year, and this quietude may be expected to last for some weeks longer. More activity has been shown in the Mining Market where the mad gamble in South African shares is still continued, but even here, we imagine, there is more pretence than reality, the dealers having most of the trade amongst themselves. The greater number of these mines are untried and it is only here and there that there will be found to be anything like a paying property. However, it is only by pushing prices up that buyers can be brought in, so the dealers are no doubt right in making a move.

The prospectus of the New Russian Loan is out somewhat before it was expected, and although everybody is advising others not to subscribe to it, I have very little doubt but that it will be well covered. The price of issue is £85 8s. 6d., which compares not unfavourably with the other four per cent. loan. Looking at the foreign market there seems to be very little doing just now, and the changes in prices not worth noticing; and there is room for further depreciation before the end of the month. Paris houses are so largely interested in Panama Canal shares and bonds that the doubtful condition of that scheme is making the leading financiers there extremely careful as to their commitments in the immediate future, and were it not for this there is no doubt that a better rise in Rio Tinto shares would have been marked. As it is the price is looking up, and will, I think, improve much more before long.

There is one property which I am doubtful about, and that is Mexican Rails. The great increases in traffics which have been so confidently prophesied do not come, and up to this time the total increase for the half-year is only £6,000 gross, while there is the cost of extra repairs to be allowed for, as well as extra haulage expenses. There is, it is true, an advance in the rate of exchange, but this will only affect the latter part of the period, so that the average will be about the same as last half-year. We may now almost venture to form some calculation as to what the result of the half-year's working will be, and although the first preference stock will not be affected, I do not expect to see a full dividend on the second preference.

American Rails do not seem inclined to settle upon their future course. We have a cable from Chicago to the effect that traffic rates are to be advanced on the 17th inst., and at the same time there is a further fall in prices in New York, as though either one or the other cable was for the special purpose of bewildering the London market. For a day or two we shall probably have a rising market, to be followed by greater depression than before, and lower prices.

The apparent immediate future of Grand Trunks is a slight rise, but this will not last for long.

English Rails are, after all, the best market for the speculator to deal in, and the last week has seen an appreciable advance in quotations. Last week I called attention to them, and again I do so. If the readers of THE MASONIC STAR will go back to past history, they will see, by referring to Little and Cherry's making-up prices on the London Stock Exchange, that the greatest move of the year in 1887 in Home railways took place between the end of November and the middle of December settlements, and, in most cases, the best prices of the year were touched during that period, that is to say, during this current month, and everything, in my opinion, points to a repetition. The one stock I would not touch is North British, as the best has already been anticipated.

CRAFTSMAN.

## ANSWERS.

EXCHANGE.—The Russian 1873 loan was issued at 93.

LANGLAATE.—The capital is £50,000, in shares of £1 each. Formed in 1886.

No. 40.—Please give the full name of the Bank, so that we may give you a reply.

TERRY'S THEATRE.

Sole Lessee, Mr. Edward Terry.

THIS EVENING at 8.30. SWEET LAVENDER. Messrs. Edward Terry, Alfred Bishop, Brandon Thomas, F. Kerr, H. Reeves Smith, S. Matthews, Prince Miller; Mesdames M. A. Victor, C. Addison, M. Millett, and Blanche Horlock.

## Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

### THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLE OF MAN.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on November 29th, in the Masonic Hall, Douglas. A large number of the most distinguished brethren in the province supported the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. J. S. Goldie-Taubman. The minutes of October 11th, 1887, having been read and confirmed, it was resolved to leave with the P.G.M. the selection of P.G. Treas. for the ensuing year, and he accordingly nominated Bro. Alex. Bruce to the post. The P.G.M. announced that, in recognition of Bro. Nesbitt's invaluable services, not only to that lodge in particular, but to the craft in the Island, he had conferred upon him the rank of P.P.S.G.W. Bro. Swinnerton moved, as recommendation from the Spencer Walpole Lodge, "That with a view to securing uniformity of working, the Prov. Grand Lodge be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to promote the holding of combined lodges of instruction." He pointed out that in some Insular lodges there were variations in working which did not affect any points of principle, but which would be better removed, and the whole province brought to work on one uniform system.—After some discussion, the matter was referred to a representative committee, to report to a later meeting.

At the Banquet, the usual loyal and masonic toasts having been honoured, the Prov. G.M. urged upon Masters of lodges that they should investigate very carefully the characters of persons they admitted into the craft, as one black sheep very often brought discredit on the whole lodge. Though they were glad to see joining members, they did not wish to increase in numbers at the expense of their character (hear, hear). Due care in this direction would add to the prestige of the craft, and would increase its power—for it was already a powerful body and could do a great deal more than they thought, if they only pulled together. The craft would also advance in the eyes of the world at large, if they managed to build up a large charity fund, so that Masons might at least keep their own poor, and not leave them to be a drag on the people outside. He did not say they ought not to subscribe to things outside, but they certainly should try to build up a large charity fund, so that if affliction came upon a brother, he or his family could be relieved.

### CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

On the 28th ult., a new lodge, the Thornham, was consecrated at Royton, East Lancashire, when a number of Prov. Gd. officers were present; amongst whom were Bros. Col. L. Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M.; A. Clegg, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. J. J. Bygoe Bagot, Prov. G.C.; J. H. Tillitoe, P.P.S.G.W.; Pemberton, Prov. G.D.C.; Hollingworth, P.P.G.T.; Bro. Greaves, P.P.G., Sdt. of Wks. Bro. Col. Starkie officiated as the consecrating officer. An impressive oration dealing with the duties devolving upon those who have entered the order was delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. J. B. Bagot, P.G.C. Bro. J. H. Tillitoe, P.P.S.G.W. then installed as first W.M. Bro. Haworth. Bro. H. L. Hollingworth invested the officers as follows: Bros. Young, S.W.; J. H. Harrison, J.W.; Riley, S.D.; C. Whittaker, Secretary; Meanock, Treasurer; J. H. Riley, I.G. By this addition, there are now 98 lodges in the province of East Lancashire.

STUART LODGE—No. 1632.—At the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 26th inst. In the absence of Bro. Henry E. Vickers, the W.M., through illness, Bro. Alfred Bannister, I.P.M., presided, Bro. H. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., acting as I.P.M. There were also present:—Bros. Charles Stuart Barker, P.M., acting as D.C.; C. Linsey, S.W.; Edward Pettit, J.W.; T. Poore, P.M., Secretary; G. H. G. Morgan, Organist, S.D.; Charles Friern, J.D.; R. Barham, P.M., A.D.C.; A. J. Croft, I.G.; James Bolding, W.S.; E. W. Westwood, W. H. Vickers, W. Cyril Beaumont, W. Bolding, and T. Bowler, Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. Chas. Everist, P.M. 720; Archbd. Walden, 2146; A. Jones, S.D. 1949; and Bro. Rushton Odell, Organist, 2077. A vote of sympathy with the W.M. in his illness consequent on a fall about a month ago, whereby he sustained concussion of the spine, was passed. Mr. William Cyril Beaumont, stockbroker, of Upper Norwood, was duly initiated into Freemasonry and Bro. Edward Westwood was raised, both ceremonies being rendered very impressively. After supper the usual masonic toasts were honoured and a very pleasant evening was spent. Bros. Pettit, Westwood, Baldwin, Poore, Odell and others rendering songs and recitations in capital style. A committee was formed for the purpose of starting a Lodge of Instruction in connection with this Lodge.

LEWIS CHAPTER—No. 1185.—On Saturday, the 24th ult., at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green. Comps. Geo. Powell, P.Z., M.E.Z.; J. H. Crowther, P.Z., H.; H. T. Thompson, P.Z., acting J.; Geo. J. Row, P.Z., Scribe E. and Treasurer; Hildreth, S.N.; Carr, P.S.; Cushing, 1st A.S.; Crunden, 2nd A.S.; Dr. Morris, Orme, Curry, &c., and Rowe, Janitor. The balance sheet was read and adopted. Bro. Henry Curry, late of the United Strength Lodge, No. 228, was exalted by the M.E.Z. Comp. Hildreth announced his intention of serving as steward for the R.M.B.I., representing the chapter, and five guineas were unanimously voted on his list. Two propositions for exaltation in February next were received. The chapter was closed, and the comps. adjourned to the banquet. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the exalte who had been initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I. Comp. Hildreth, a visitor from America, thanked the Chapter for its cordial welcome and gave an interesting account of Royal Arch Freemasonry in America.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER.—At St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on the 29th ult. Comp. W. C. Wigley, M.E.Z.; J. McLaren, H.; W. B. Kidder, J.; J. E. Sheffield, Scribe E.; N. Salmon, P.S.; and several other companions. The ceremony of exaltation was very ably rehearsed and a very instructive evening resulted. Meetings weekly, on Thursday, at eight p.m. sharp.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

STAR—No. 1275.—Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, Saturday 1st inst.; Bro. Walter Martin, Preceptor, W.M.; Bros. Judge, S.W.; Falkner, J.W.; Wilkinson, Secretary; Barrett, S.D.; Ashby, J.D.; Sykes, I.G.; Newell, Organist. The first meeting of this lodge of instruction, in its new home, brought together nearly 50 members of the craft, and for many reasons the brethren are to be congratulated on their removal. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thomas candidate; after which the ceremony of installation was very ably rendered by the W.M., Bro. Eagles acting as W.M. elect. Bros. Featherston, Morgan, Overton and Scott were elected members. Bro. Judge, S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and a sum of money was then voted towards a deserving charitable object in the neighbourhood of Deptford.

ZETLAND—No. 511.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, N.W. Bros. Hill, W.M.; Casely, S.W.; Rex, J.W.; Mulvey, Preceptor; H. Lichtenfield, Secretary; Clarke, S.D.; Bartlett, J.D.; Marriott, I.G.; Gittens, Schieu, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Marriott candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Mulvey, Bro. Hill acting as W.M. elect. The second section of the first lecture was worked by the W.M. assisted by Bro. Schieu. Bro. Casely, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360.—At the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, on the 29th ult.—Bro. King, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor.—Bros. Wade, W.M.; Wing, S.W.; Bond, J.W.; Shell, S.D.; Salter, J.D.; Brasier, I.G.; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., Secretary; Magee, P.M.; Jolliffe, Roffey, Porter, Holmes, McMullen, Ackerman, Burges, Ewen and Johnson. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Ewen as candidate. The first section was worked by the Preceptor. Bro. Wing was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

BEACONSFIELD—1662.—At the Chequers' Hotel, Walthamstow, on the 26th ult., about thirty brethren participated in a social gathering and supper, under the presidency of Bro. J. Wildash, P.M. of the mother lodge. Bro. T. Franklin, P.M. 1662, occupied the vice-chair, and amongst the company we noticed Bros. F. Carr, P.M.; W. Hallows, P.M.; S. Jackson; H. Inman, W.M. 1662; C. Avison, C. Collins, Sir W. Macgregor, Bart., H. French Bromhead, Hon. Sec., &c. A most pleasant and successful entertainment was accompanied by songs and recitations, and was brought to a close in perfect harmony.

EBURY—1348.—At the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, on the 29th ult. Bros. Griggs, W.M.; Beavan, S.W.; Stevens, J.W.; Wimble, S.D.; Hobbs, J.D.; Ingram, I.G.; Warren, P.M., Actg. Preceptor; Thomson, Actg. Secretary; James, and others. The ceremonies of the two first degrees were rehearsed, Bro. Wimble candidate. The first and second sections were also worked. Bro. Thomson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and after a most instructive evening the meeting adjourned.

RAVENSBORNE—No. 1601.—At the George Inn, Catford, on the 28th ult., the ceremony of installation of W.M. was rehearsed by W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., in the presence of a gathering of brethren, Past Masters, and others, which would have been larger but for the inclemency of the weather. The addresses were delivered in a very efficient manner by Bro. J. T. Axford, S.W. of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, who thereby gave evidence of the masonic proficiency and qualification for the higher duties of his chair, to which it is likely he will be presently elected.

JOPPA LODGE—No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.—Bro. E. Ansell, W.M.—Bros. F. Jones, S.W.; Garrard, J.W.; Thom, Preceptor; Saqui, Secretary; Poynter, S.D.; Dodd, J.D.; Lockstone, I.G.; Poppmacher, Cohen, Goodinge, Marcus, and Marks. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Poppmacher candidate. Bro. Thom worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the first lecture. Bro. Jones, S.W., was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.; Bro. F. Jones, W.M.; Bros. Goodinge, S.W.; P.M. Chillingworth, J.W.; Thom, Preceptor; H. Saqui, Secretary; Liscombe, S.D.; Danziger, J.D.; J. Botibol, I.G.; also Bros. Marks, Nightingale, Poppmacher, Marcus, Lockstone, Dodd, Rosenberg, H. Lazarus, J. Davis, Pöge, Garrard; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Marks candidate. Bro. Danziger worked the 1st section of the first lecture, and Bro. Thom worked the 4th section of the first lecture.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—No. 1275.—On Friday, 30th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; G. L. Moore, H. 169, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z., H.; V. S. Murché, J.; Stone, S.E.; Jackson, S.N.; Meierhoff, P.S.; Oldfield, A.S.; Benedetti; Addington, M.E.Z. Elect, 1275; Fleck, Briant, Davis, and C. Woods. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Fleck personating candidate. Comp. Jackson, S.N., 169, was unanimously elected a joining member. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

PROSPERITY LODGE—No. 65.—The annual supper was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult. Bro. D. Moss, P.M. 1275, Preceptor, presided, Bro. Roberts, P.M. 65, occupying the vice-chair. There were present: Bros. Lashbrooke, Treasurer; Cary, S.D. 1625, Secretary; B. Da Costa, S.D. 1349; L. Da Costa, S.W. 1349; Stone, Fisher, Sarson, Hancock, 192; B. Valentine, A. Valentine, Simmons, Holmes, Rouse, Waterman, Jarrams, Corry, 392. The usual toasts were given and a pleasant evening enlivened by song was passed.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRIS, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

Masonic Exchange & Mart Column

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

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

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

Speculative Masonry, J. Yarker — History and Articles of Masonry, M. Cooke—Masonic Vocal Manual, W. Garforth, 1852— Lectures on Freemasonry, G. D. Goodyear, 1864—Lyre Maconnique,

J. A. Jacquelin, 1811—Code des Francemacons, 1830—Masonic Miscellanies, S. Jones, 1797—The Anti-Christian Character of Freemasonry, M. C. Trevilian, 1849 (supposed).—BELL.

WANTED.

The Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror, vols. xvii. to xxiv.—ASPIRANT.

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\* \* We await information as to results of negotiations opened, and are surprised that we are not, in many instances, informed when business is concluded.—ED. M.S.

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

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 (1st) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th.			(2nd) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th.		
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.	96	Burlington ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
27	Egyptian ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	180	St. James's Union... ..	F. M. H.
45	Strong Man ... ..	M. H. Tav., Basinghall St., E.C.	198	Perey ... ..	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
192	Lion and Lamb ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel	228	United Strength ... ..	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
227	Ionle... ..	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street	235	Nine Muses ... ..	Willis's Rooms, St. James's
231	St. Andrew's ... ..	F. M. H.	548	Wellington... ..	White Swan Tav., Deptford
538	La Tolerance ... ..	Ditto	834	Ranelagh ... ..	Criterion, Piccadilly
554	Yarborough ... ..	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.	1196	Urban ... ..	F. M. H.
822	Victoria Rifles ... ..	F. M. H.	1593	Royal Naval College ... ..	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ..	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge	1604	Wanderers ... ..	F. M. H.
1351	St. Clement Danes ... ..	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand, W.C.	1614	Covent Garden ... ..	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1361	United Service ... ..	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.	1969	Waldeck ... ..	F. M. H.
1425	Hyde Park... ..	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.	2256	The Warner ... ..	Chingford, Essex
1672	Mornington ... ..	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct	R.A.C.		
1772	Pimlico ... ..	Victoria Mans. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.	145	Prudent Brethren ... ..	F. M. H.
1790	Old England ... ..	M. H., New Thornton Heath, nr. Crydn.	185	Jerusalem ... ..	Ditto
2128	United Northern Counties ... ..	Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields	Mark.		
2	St. James's ... ..	F. M. H.	223	West Smithfield ... ..	Sa, Red Lion Square, W.C.
9	Mount Moriah ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	236	Clapton ... ..	191, Bishopsgate St., E.C.
174	Sincerity ... ..	London Tav., Fenchurch Street	R.C.		
1381	Kennington... ..	Horns Tav., Kennington	71	Bayard ... ..	33, Golden Square, W.
Mark.					
197	Studholme .. ..	33, Golden Square, W.			
(1st) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th.			(2nd) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th.		
92	Molra ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	3	Fidelity ... ..	F. M. H.
706	Florence Nightingale ... ..	M. H., William Street, Woolwich	11	Enoch ... ..	Ditto
890	Hornsey ... ..	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	13	Union Waterloo ... ..	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
1275	Star ... ..	Ship Hot., Greenwich	15	Kent... ..	F. M. H.
1489	Marquis of Ripon ... ..	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	147	Justice ... ..	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
1627	Royal Kensington ... ..	F. M. H.	781	Merchant Navy ... ..	Silver Tav., Burdett Rd., Limehouse
1815	Penge ... ..	Thicket Hotel, Anerley	1260	John Hervey ... ..	F. M. H.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ..	Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington	1306	St. John ... ..	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
R.A.C.			1349	Friars ... ..	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
8	British ... ..	F. M. H.	1538	St. Martin's-le-Grand ... ..	Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool Street
Mark.			1586	Upper Norwood ... ..	White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
8	Thistle ... ..	F. M. T.	1610	Northern Bar ... ..	33, Golden Square, W.
			1694	Imperial ... ..	Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
			1718	Centurion ... ..	Inns of Court Hotel
			1900	Montague Guest ... ..	Ditto
			2183	Royal Hampton Court ... ..	Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
			R.C.R.		
			1	Grand Metropolitan ... ..	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
(2nd) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th.			(2nd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th.		
108	London ... ..	Ship and Turtle, E.C.	19	Royal Athelstan ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
173	Phoenix ... ..	F. M. H.	206	Friendship ... ..	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1426	The Great City ... ..at 4...	Cannon Street Hotel	238	Pilgrim ... ..	F. M. H.
1671	Mizpah ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	263	Bank of England... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1928	Gallery ... ..	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton	534	Polish National ... ..	F. M. H.
1964	Clerkenwell ... ..	Holborn Viaduct Hot.	657	Canonbury ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
R.A.C.			860	Dalhousie ... ..	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1297	West Kent ... ..	Thicket Hot., Anerley	1076	Capper ... ..	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1397	Anerley ... ..	Ditto	1216	Macdonald ... ..	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey R., Camberwell
(2nd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th.			1558	Duke of Connaught ... ..	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
5	St. George's and Corner Stone... ..	F. M. H.	1598	Ley Spring... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
29	St. Alban's ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	1708	Plucknett ... ..	Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley
59	Royal Naval ... ..	F. M. H.	1791	Creation ... ..	F. M. H.
90	St. John's ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	1987	Strand ... ..	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
136	Good Report ... ..	Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn	2047	Beckenham ... ..	Public Hall, Beckenham
193	Confidence ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	R.A.C.		
957	Leigh ... ..	F. M. H.	72	Royal Jubilee ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1305	St. Marylebone ... ..	Criterion, Piccadilly	554	Yarborough ... ..	Green Dragon, Stepney
1571	Leopold ... ..	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge	907	Royal Albert ... ..	White Hart Tav., Abchurch Lane
1670	Adelphi ... ..	F. M. H.	1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... ..	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1805	Bromley St. Leonard ... ..	Vestry Hall, Bow Road	Mark.		
2030	The Abbey ... ..	Town Hall, Westminster	7	Carnarvon ... ..	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C.			86	Samson and Lion ... ..	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
22	Mount Sion ... ..	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street	K.T.		
58	Felicity ... ..	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street	117	New Temple ... ..	Inner Temple, Fleet Street, E.C.
1118	University ... ..	F. M. H.			
R.C.					
53	Holy Sanctuary ... ..	33, Golden Square, W.			

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

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's ... .. 24th Dec	M. H., New Street
74	Athol ... .. 2nd Jan	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light ... .. 18th Dec	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful ... .. 11th Dec	M. H., New Street
587	Howe ... .. 10th Dec	Ditto
739	Temperance ... .. 13th Dec	Ditto
887	Leigh ... .. 23rd Jan	Ditto
925	Bedford ... .. 24th Dec	Ditto
938	Grosvenor ... .. 19th Dec	Ditto
1016	Elkington ... .. 25th Dec	Ditto
1031	Fletcher ... .. 12th Dec	Ditto
1163	Emulation ... .. 27th Dec	Ditto
1180	Forward ... .. 7th Jan	Ditto
1474	Israel ... .. 10th Dec	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity ... .. 18th Dec	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ... .. 18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
43	Fortitude ... .. 11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol ... .. 26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe ... .. 7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor ... .. 5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington ... .. 3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher ... .. 5th Mar	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
37	Anchor and Hope ... 10th Dec	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity ... .. 12th Dec	Ditto
221	St. John ... .. 19th Dec	Ditto
348	St. John's ... .. 27th Dec	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 ... .. 11th Dec	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
302	Hope ... .. 17th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony ... .. 20th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha ... .. 1st Jan	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ... .. 12th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales TO-MOR., 7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
302	Charity ... .. 17th Dec	Ditto
600	Sincerity ... .. 5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
271	Royal Clarence ... .. 21st Dec	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ... .. 1st Jan	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ... 13th Dec	Ditto
811	Yarborough ... .. 15th Dec	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ... .. 5th Jan	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia ... .. 11th Dec	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ... .. 20th Dec	Ditto
1947	Stanford ... .. 12th Dec	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.		
271	Lennox ... .. 1st Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ... .. 18th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ... .. 24th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ... .. 8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ... .. 1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
68	Royal Clarence ... .. 10th Dec	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort ... .. 1st Jan	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality ... 12th Dec	Ditto
326	Maira ... .. 20th Dec	Ditto
610	Colston ... .. 19th Dec	Ditto
686	Jerusalem ... .. 11th Dec	Ditto
1388	Canynges ... .. 5th Jan	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent ... .. 24th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell ... .. 24th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
68	Royal Clarence ... .. 19th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort ... .. 25th Dec	Ditto
187	Charity TO-DAY, 6th Dec	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
42	Relief ... .. 20th Dec (? 27th Dec)	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ... .. 19th Dec	Bridge Inn
191	St. John ... .. 13th Dec	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ... .. 3rd Jan	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton ... .. 27th Dec	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.		
42	Unanimity ... .. 28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ... .. 18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
88	Scientific ... .. 10th Dec	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles 7th Jan	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty. 21st Dec	Ditto
1422	Alma Mater ... .. 20th Dec	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.		
88	Pythagoras ... .. 19th Dec	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity ... .. 23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid ... .. ?	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
253	Tyrrian ... .. 25th Dec	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum ... .. 12th Dec	Ditto
802	Repose ... .. 20th Dec	Ditto
1085	Hartington ... .. 2nd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
253	Justice ... .. 8th Jan	Ditto
731	Truth ... .. 16th Jan	Ditto

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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 ... .. 26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell ... .. 13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix ... .. Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming ... .. 17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave ... .. 16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp 4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric ... .. 25th May	Ditto
2105	Canna ... .. 15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court 12th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ... 18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett ... .. 12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... .. 15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
57	Humber TO-DAY, 6th Dec	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva ... .. 12th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston ... .. 2nd Jan	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole ... .. 28th Dec	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce TO-MOR., 7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
57	Humber ... .. 31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva ... .. 20th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston ... .. 21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole ... .. 25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
1004	Athole ... .. 2nd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ... .. 11th Dec	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald ... .. 9th Jan	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ... .. 1st Jan	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ... .. 19th Dec	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ... .. 11th Dec	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ... 10th Dec	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C.		
1004	Athole ... 16th or 23rd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
289	Fidelity TO-DAY, 6th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ... 26th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR., 7th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior ... .. 20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich ... .. 7th Jan	Ditto
1221	Defence ... .. 10th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland ... .. 21st Dec	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence ... .. 8th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
289	Fidelity ... .. 11th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ... .. 9th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ... .. 14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior ... .. 20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
279	St. John's ... .. 9th Jan	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ... .. 20th Dec	Ditto
1391	Commercial ... .. 28th Dec	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ... .. 11th Dec	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ... .. 17th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
279	Fortitnde ... .. 27th Dec	Ditto
1560	St. George's ... .. 7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.		
32	St. George's ... .. 26th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ... .. 21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ... .. 20th Dec	Ditto
216	Harmonic ... .. 13th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants ... .. 11th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners TO-DAY, 6th Dec	Ditto
292	Sincerity ... .. 10th Dec	Ditto
594	Downshire ... .. 27th Dec	Ditto
667	Alliance ... .. 18th Dec	Ditto
673	St. John ... .. 1st Jan	Ditto
680	Sefton TO-MOR., 7th Dec	Ditto
724	Derby ... .. 26th Dec	Ditto
786	United Service ... 13th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton ... .. 19th Dec	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ... .. 2nd Jan	Ditto
1094	Temple ... .. 12th Dec	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh 13th Dec	Ditto
1264	Neptune ... .. 7th Jan	Ditto
1299	Pembroke ... .. 20th Dec	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley ... .. 24th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fernor Hesketh ... .. 10th Dec	Ditto
1356	Toxteth ... .. 12th Dec	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer ... .. 20th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel ... .. 17th Dec	Ditto
1505	Emulation ... .. 27th Dec	Ditto
1547	Liverpool ... .. 12th Dec	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ... .. 18th Dec	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic 25th Dec	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ... .. 2nd Jan	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ... 25th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo ... .. 2nd Jan	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence 17th Dec	Ditto
2215	Anfield ... .. 27th Dec	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Anthom ... .. Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.		
32	Jerusalem ... .. 17th Dec	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem 1st Jan	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ... .. 20th Dec	Ditto
241	Friendship ... .. 24th Dec	Ditto
249	Mariners ... .. 17th Jan	Ditto
292	Liverpool ... .. 24th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire ... .. 9th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John's ... .. 12th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton ... .. 24th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton ... .. 25th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple ... .. 22nd Jan	Ditto
1350	Fernor Hesketh ... 16th Jan	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon 6th Feb	Ditto
1393	Hamer ... .. 3rd Jan	Ditto
1502	Israel ... .. 11th Dec	Ditto

NOTE.—Fourth Tuesday in December is CHRISTMAS DAY, and ? meetings on that date.



Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(continued).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship TO-MOR., 7th Dec	Albion Hotel
62	Social ... 31st Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude ... 25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue ... 21st Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity ... 26th Dec	Ditto
204	Caledonian ... 12th Dec	Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY, 6th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's ... 19th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ... 19th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham 6th Feb	Ditto
815	Blair ... 14th Dec	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland ... 12th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony ... 27th Dec	Ditto
992	St. Thomas ... 2nd Jan	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra ... 11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ... 24th Dec	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspeare ... 7th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond ... 20th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender ... 18th Dec	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby ... 13th Dec	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton ... 7th Jan	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ... 26th Dec	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall ... 1st Jan	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David ... 13th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon 1st Jan	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George ... 17th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ... 26th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers ... 14th Dec	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth ... 5th Jan	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord ... 20th Dec	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon ... 26th Dec	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ... 21st Dec	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion ... 7th Jan	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley ... 1st Jan	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ... 12th Dec	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ... 12th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick ... 10th Dec	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 ... 17th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability ... 20th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's ... 3rd Jan	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude TO-DAY, 6th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham 5th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair ... 22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie ... 10th Jan	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra ... 21st Dec	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby ... 15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

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

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne TO-DAY, 6th Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties ... 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's ... 10th Dec	Ditto
541	De Loraine ... 21st Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ... 5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker ... 12th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy ... 18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur ... 27th Dec	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ... 14th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's ... 28th Dec	Ditto
1863	Priory ... 13th Dec	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley ... 18th Dec	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 ... 20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ... 18th Dec	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory ... (?)	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian ... 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca ... 19th Dec	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ... 13th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
471	Silurian ... 28th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos ... 9th Jan	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union ... 1st Jan	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social ... 11th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ... 18th Dec	Ditto
807	Cabbell ... 27th Dec	Ditto
943	Sincerity ... 225th Dec	Ditto
1500	Walpole TO-DAY, 6th Dec	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 ... 18th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ... 18th Dec	George Hotel
411	Commercial ... 18th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell TO-MOR., 7th Dec	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ... 7th Jan	Ditto
1435	Annesley ... 28th Dec	Ditto
1794	De Vere ... 21st Dec	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon ... 17th Dec	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ... 27th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
47	Abbey ... 29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ... 11th Dec	Ditto
411	Commercial ... 26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley ... ?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon ... 28th Jan	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred ... 1st Jan	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University ... 26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill ... 4th Feb	Ditto
1515	Bertie ... 11th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
340	Alfred ... 20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University ... 27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—

16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's ... 27th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude ... 10th Dec	Ditto
156	Harmony ... 7th Jan	Ditto
159	Brunswick ... 2nd Jan	M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity ... 10th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship ... 27th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity ... 18th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY, 6th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn ... 11th Dec	Ditto
1205	Metham ... 17th Dec	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's ... 13th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas ... 17th Dec	Ditto
1550	Prudence ... 5th Jan	Ditto
1847	Ebrington ... 11th Dec	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George ... 25th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District (United Service) ?	?
R.A.C.		
70	St. John's ... 25th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude ... 19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony ... 6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick ... 23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity ... 28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship ... 14th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord ... 28th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity ... 22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn ... 21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott ... 28th Jan	Metham M. H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas ... 19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George ... 21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—

11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phoenix ... 26th Dec	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ... 19th Dec	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ... 13th Dec	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ... 10th Dec	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ... 14th Dec	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ... 20th Dec	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught 25th Dec	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar 18th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation 9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance 24th Dec	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair ... 17th Dec	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C.		
257	Friendship ... 12th Dec	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ... 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ... 11th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ... 15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ... 28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance (?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia ... 13th Dec	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ... 10th Dec	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ... 7th Jan	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe ... 25th Dec	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July) (?)	(?)
R.A.C.		
139	Paradise ... 21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty ... 17th Dec	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Gloucester ... 13th Dec	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony ... 17th Dec	Ditto
394	Southampton ... 20th Dec	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ... 28th Dec	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ... 1st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
130	Royal Gloucester TO-DAY, 6th Dec	Ditto
359	Peace TO-MOR., 7th Dec	Ditto
394	Concord ... 27th Dec	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John ... 11th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phoenix ... 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine ... 13th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
1339	Fenwick ... 21st Dec	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ... 28th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.		
80	St. John's ... 18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ... 29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence 21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

NOTE.—Fourth Tuesday in December is CHRISTMAS DAY, and ? meetings on that date.

## Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th.		
13	Union Waterloo ... at 8	Earl of Chatham, Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ... .. 7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's ... .. 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... .. 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales ... .. 7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
435	Salisbury ... .. 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross ... .. 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak ... .. 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark ... .. 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... .. 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... .. 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star ... .. 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... .. 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... .. 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John ... .. 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... .. 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... .. 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... .. 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... .. 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... .. 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy ... .. 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... .. 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... .. 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... .. 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.]
1622	Rose ... .. 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... .. 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton ... .. 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph ... .. 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy ... .. 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creton ... .. 8	Whitshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... .. 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.	Joppa ... .. 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. ... .. 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... .. 8	Northampton Ho., St. Paul's Rd., Canon-
1624	Eccleston ... .. 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.

## (1st) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th.

9	Albion ... .. at —	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... .. 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... .. 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... .. 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... .. 8	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula, L. of I.) ... .. 6	F. M. H.
507	United Pilgrims ... .. 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ... .. 8	(?)
749	Belgrave ... .. 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's ... .. 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... .. 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... .. 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... .. 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne ... .. 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) ... .. 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... .. 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1223	Beacontree ... .. 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ... .. 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ... .. 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canon-
1365	Clapton ... .. 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... .. 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley ... .. 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty ... .. 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... .. 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... .. 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ... .. 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's ... .. 8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bromley
2030	Abbey ... .. 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.	Hornsey... .. 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ... .. 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ... .. 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star ... .. 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrowl, S.E.

## (2nd) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th.

179	Manchester ... .. at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... .. 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... .. 7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park ... .. 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... .. 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... .. 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ... .. 7	(?)
2012	Chiswick ... .. 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.	Mount Sinai ... .. 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry... .. 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.

## (2nd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th.

22	Loughborough ... .. at 8	Garden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... .. 7	Bull and Bell, Rope-maker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity ... .. 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union ... .. 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... .. 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... .. 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... .. 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... .. 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton ... .. 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... .. 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ... .. 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(2nd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th—continued.		
1507	Metropolitan ... .. at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... .. 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... .. 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration ... .. 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood ... .. 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn ... .. 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... .. 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield ... .. 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor ... .. 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique ... .. 7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn ... .. 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... .. 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... .. 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. ... .. 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... .. 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.	Hope ... .. —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.

## (2nd) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th.

55	Constitutional ... .. at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmptn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity ... .. 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George ... .. 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... .. 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domestic ... .. 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... .. 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in Ger-	
	man 1st & 3rd Tue.) ... .. 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Coned. ... .. 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... .. 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... .. 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... .. 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William ... .. —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... .. 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... .. 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Waltham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... .. 8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Dlstn.
861	Finsbury... .. —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... .. 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... .. 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... .. 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... .. 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars ... .. 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... .. 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... .. 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington ... .. 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chancer ... .. 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... .. 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... .. 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex ... .. 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... .. 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... .. 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ... .. 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside.
1949	Brixton ... .. 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... .. 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator ... .. 8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.	Robert Burns ... .. 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
25	Camden ... .. 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan ... .. 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... .. 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.

## (2nd) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th.

3	Fidelity ... .. at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ... .. 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... .. 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ... .. 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ... .. 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry... .. 8.30	(?)
193	Confidence ... .. 7	(?)
228	United Strength ... .. 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ... .. 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Pannure... .. 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ... .. 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ... .. 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ... .. 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
898	Temperance in East ... .. 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell ... .. 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham ... .. 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ... .. 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration ... .. 8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne ... .. 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ... .. 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough... .. 8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett ... .. 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom ... .. 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ... .. 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon ... .. 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.	Domestic ... .. 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
177	St. James's Union ... .. 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
180	Doric ... .. 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
933	Stockwell ... .. 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
*1339	Southgate ... .. 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
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\* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

## (2nd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 1st Thursday in December (see ante).

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

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The College was founded upwards of 40 years ago, and has ever since been doing good work in the education of sons of gentlemen.

It is now, and has for some years past, been conducted under the Head Mastership of the REV. JAMES PAYNE, D.C.L., assisted by a Wrangler, and other Graduates in honours of Oxford and Cambridge, and in the last Report on the condition of the College, dated July, 1888, the REV. R. K. VINTER, M.A. (late Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, Examiner for the Cambridge Local Syndicate) says: "It is evident that the course of education adopted at Craufurd College is well defined and thorough. The youngest is able to move upward step by step until he is ready to present himself for the most searching competitive examinations. Such a plan avoids high-pressure and must recommend itself to parents as the proper and surest way of educating youth."

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(II.) Special exhibitions, tenable at the College, will be offered for competition to sons of Freemasons.

(III.) Scholarships will be given (as funds permit) to those who wish to proceed from the College to the Universities.

(IV.) Exhibitions will be offered to a few of the cleverest and most deserving boys of the Royal Masonic Institution, to enable them to continue their education at Craufurd College after leaving the former.

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	" over 14, but under 16, nominated	"	..	..	60	"
	" " un-nominated	"	..	..	70	"
	" over 16, at Special Terms					
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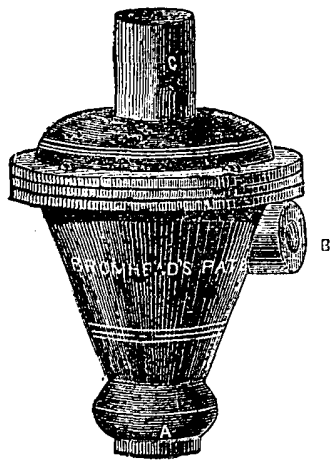


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