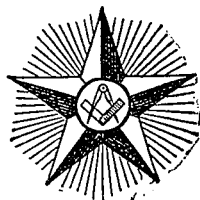


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United Grand Lodge of England.



HE Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 5th inst., the Rt. Hon.

The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., on the throne of K.S. The large hall was fully occupied by a brilliant assembly, amongst whom were Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., Hants and the Isle of Wight, who officiated during the first part of the meeting as Deputy Grand Master, and subsequently as M.W.G.M. in the chair; Lieut.-Col. The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W., as Grand Senior Warden in the absence of the Lord High Chancellor; The Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dep. G.M. for Suffolk as Grand Junior Warden, in the absence of Bro. Lord John Taylour; and a large number of Grand and Past Grand Officers. The usual preliminaries having been observed, a letter from His Majesty the King of Sweden acknowledging the presentation of the insignia of his rank as Past Grand Master of English Freemasons, and expressing the hope for the continuance of the friendly relations existing between the Grand Lodges of England and Sweden was read, received with much enthusiasm, and recorded. The Pro Grand Master, The Earl of Carnarvon, submitted, in most felicitous terms, a resolution on behalf of The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, for the recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England of the recently constituted United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, over which our greatly distinguished and popular brother, Lord Carrington, the Governor of the Colony, has been appointed, and was recently installed M.W.G.M. In the course of his most admirable speech the Pro Grand Master inadvertently stated that the ceremonial of the Installation of His Excellency Lord Carrington took place in the presence of between 400 and

500 Masons. His Lordship really meant thousands, the *Illustrated Sydney News*, of the 27th Sept., stating that the Exhibition Building, Prince Albert Park, occupied by above "4,000 Masons, each wearing more or less regalia, made the scene indeed an imposing one, and one which will not easily be forgotten." Referring to the almost perfect unanimity with which the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales had been formed, the Pro Grand Master stated that, so far as was known, no single lodge in the Colony was dissentient, although two or three lodges had not yet assented. There are 82 English lodges, 56 Scotch and 51 under the formerly dissentient Grand Lodge which have accepted the Union, and there can be no doubt that the self-government which they have secured by such Union will tend greatly to the prosperity of the Order in that part of the world. We greatly regret that our limited space prevents a verbatim report of the whole of the Pro Grand Master's address, for it was in every respect worthy of the important occasion. It is almost needless to add that, after a brief but lucid exposition of the principle of recognition between Grand Lodges by the V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, who seconded the proposition, the resolution was carried enthusiastically. The subsequent announcement made by the Pro Grand Master, that His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master had consented to become the Patron of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, was also most cordially received. Bros. Sir J. H. Gorst, Q.C., and Under Secretary of State for India, W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, in a speech which was listened to with great attention, nominated His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., as Grand Master for the ensuing year. The Earl of Carnarvon, being on the eve of a journey, then retired amidst the plaudits of the assembled brethren, and the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, took the Grand Master's chair.

Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry, P.M., Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, &c., &c., and Bro. George Everett, P.M., Domestic Lodge, No. 177, &c., were nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer by, respectively, Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, W.M. Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, and Bro. Ferguson, P.M. Domestic Lodge, No. 177. The speech of each nominator set forth the Masonic qualifications of the candidate nominated, and we reproduce both in another column. The M.W.G.M. having reappointed Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence, that brother was reinvested by the acting Grand Master; who then announced that Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., and Chas. Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., had been re-elected Senior and Vice Presidents respectively of that Board, upon which were also elected to serve:—Bros. George Pole Britten, 183; William

Peter Brown, 90; Thomas Cull, 1446; George A. Cundy, 901; Charles Dairy, 141; James Burgess Grieve, 1351; Lewis Christopher Haslip, 813; David D. Mercer, 1641; George Read, 511; Francis R. Spaul, 1768; Robert J. Taylor, 144; and Alfred Cooper Woodward, 1538.

Recommendations of the Board of Benevolence for grants from Grand Lodge to the amount of £750 were adopted, and the report of the Board of General Purposes, dated 20th Nov., which showed a balance in the Bank of England of £4,026 Os. 8d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £24 8s. 7d., was accepted. W. Bro. John F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sword Bearer, moved—"That in Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, the five words, 'receive due notice in writing' in line 4, be taken out, and the following inserted in their place: 'had due notice sent to him in writing by the secretary of his lodge in a registered letter to his last known address.'" "Also, in line 10, to add the words 'who vote' after the word 'present.'" This was seconded by Bro. Wm. Beavis, P.M., W.M. Harrow Lodge, No. 1310, and Prov. G. Pst. Middx., but met with strenuous opposition from Bro. Brackstone Baker, the Grand Registrar, and Bro. T. Fenn, and was lost. The subject is an important one, and will be probably further discussed in our pages. An appeal, by the Star in the East Lodge, No. 918, Queenstown, South Africa, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of South Africa (E.D.) cancelling a sentence of exclusion passed by the lodge on Bro. William Bands for alleged masonic offences was brought up by Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, who explained that the unmasonic conduct complained of was that Bro. Bands was Master of a lodge under the jurisdiction of Scotland, in the same district, and had said he should induce candidates and joining members to enter that lodge in preference to Star in the East, No. 918 (E.C.) As the Grand Registrar said "there is nothing unmasonic in a brother of an English Lodge being a member of a Scotch or Irish lodge," the appeal was dismissed, and the District Grand Master's decision upheld. This terminated a most interesting and practical evening's work, and Grand Lodge was closed in form. We cannot close this report of the proceedings without expressing, on behalf of numerous brethren, their appreciation of the charming organ recitals from the works of celebrated composers, admirably performed by Bro. Edward Cutler, Q.C., in the absence of the Grand Organist, during the assembling of Grand Lodge, prior to entry of the Grand Officers. Why the dull and tiresome hour of assembly cannot be *always* cheered by "softest music to attending ears" we are at a loss to discover; but have somewhat of an impression that "Grand Officers' Mess" has a great deal to do with it. If so, the sooner other arrangements are made in the interests of those who have a right to be considered, the better.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their usual monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., Vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Frederick Walters, C. F. Hogard, Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D., Stephen Richardson, Walter J. Gregory, W. H. Saunders, George P. Gillard, George Mickle, M.A., M.B., W. Maple, W. W. Morgan, J. Glasse, F. W. Imbert-Terry, C. H. Webb, W. A. Scurrah, W. M. Stiles, Andrew Motion, A. E. Gladwell, G. R. Wace, J. S. Cumberland, J. L. Mather, P.A.G.C.; and Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B., Secretary. Nine petitions were successively taken into consideration, six of which were accepted as candidates for the election in April, 1889; two were deferred, and one was rejected.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 6th inst., Bro. Frank Richardson in the chair, when the following recommendation of the General Committee was adopted—

"That the Centenary Committee be empowered to accept Messrs. Haden and Son's estimate for warming and ventilating the whole of the building in three sections, as under—

1. New Wing—Warming, ventilation, and hot water	£1,572	15	0
2. Centenary Hall, Corridors, &c.—Warming and ventilation	748	0	0
3. Whole of Existing Building—Warming and ventilation	1,364	10	0
	£3,685	6	0

Exclusive of builders' work—say £4,000 in all."

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF THE REV. H. J. WHYMPER'S
"RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."—(See page 220.)

THE early adoption of the Bible as a guide in a system which is steeped in allegory, would point to the source whence the early Freemasons derived their metaphors, even if we had no other means of forming an opinion. We have however in so many emblems direct references to the Bible, that it is not possible to deny that ours is a purely biblical symbology. The temple the Mason is to erect should be built as was Solomon's, viz., to the glory of God. And to illustrate the duty enjoined on us, to allow none but men of pure morals to share our labours, we are reminded that the Almighty refused to allow David to commence the work (afterwards undertaken by Solomon), for well-known reasons. As David was not allowed to build the Temple, so should we refuse to allow any men whose conduct must of necessity be displeasing to God to join in the work of Masonry.

At what period the bible was adopted in English Masonry as the Great Light we do not know, but we do know that it was considered a necessary part of lodge furniture prior to the erection of the Grand Lodge. The formation of the Grand Lodge did not in any way cancel any principle on which we insist. This body did not stipulate for attendance at holy church as a necessary act of obedience, but in the first Constitutions which it issued the Christian catholicity of Freemasonry was expressed.

There is less reason to suppose that the ritual has been much changed than there is regarding the lectures, although the latter seem to point to very much the same details, however much the interpretation of these details varies. Evidence dating prior to the middle of the last century indicates that in many important particulars our ceremonies, which are based on ritual, are at this day in remarkable accord with old lodge working. The student cannot but be struck with the identity of ceremony, showing that the changes which have taken place are only in the esoteric part of Masonry, the exoteric part being unaltered in all essentials. It is with this fact before us that we attach great importance to the teaching of the last century. Finding, therefore, that nearly every writer of that time insisted that Freemasonry and Christianity were almost identical we can but apply an esoteric Christian meaning to the allegory of the ritual. We are unable to see that any modern succession ever repudiated ancient principles; on the contrary, all unite in asserting that ancient Masonry, whatever it was, was preserved. Of the Christianity of Masonry prior to 1717 there has never been any doubt. The views which writers of the last century took of the ritual will be found in another chapter; our own are admittedly of the same complexion.

The Masonic ritual is consistent with what we have already stated. At the first introduction of the candidate we find that his morality has been a primary Masonic qualification, but this alone has not been deemed a sufficient voucher. Before an atom of Masonic information is vouchsafed to him, assurance has to be given that his religious conceptions are of such a nature as will enable him to appreciate Masonic teaching. It has been well said that a Christian must first be a Theist, so says Masonry regarding its candidates. A Deist believes in a God, it is true, but he does not believe we possess any knowledge of God's attributes, whereas the first declaration required from a Masonic candidate is that he believes in the efficacy of prayer to God. This primary condition is worthy of notice, for in it lies the essence of Theism. The Masonic requirement is emphatically that the candidate shall believe that God will hear and answer prayer, which necessarily involves some conception of God, or of his attributes. A Freemason is thus, perforce, in the first instance a Theist.

This is the chief condition. Should it appear that the candidate is unable to comply with it, he cannot advance; in such case provision has been made that he shall leave the lodge without in any way becoming acquainted with even the method of conducting lodge proceedings.

We next come to a supposition, on which much hangs. It is part of our symbolism to assume that the candidate is in a state of mental darkness, but desirous of receiving light, especially Masonic light. The first part of the first degree is an allegory of this. We care not whether he be a Christian, a Mahomedan, or a Hindoo; it is nothing to us. We have a candidate seeking for light, we believe we possess it, and it is part of the Masonic system that we should impart it to all such as we deem worthy to receive it. No matter how gross his conception of the Deity may be, if there exist, in the candidate, a trust in God such as we have described, we are bound to proceed with our instruction and attempt at enlightenment. The initiate having expressed a wish for Masonic light it is then for the first time intimated to him that the light of English Masonry is the English Bible. It is described as the volume of the sacred law.

We now draw attention to some expressions which have never been varied to any extent in English Ritual. It is taught that the sacred writings are to rule and govern our faith. There is no ambiguity in the exact words of the ritual, with which every brother must be familiar. The faith of an English Freemason should be ruled by the Bible. That is why the sacred volume is in his lodge: it is to him God's law. It contains the code which is to govern his faith and action.

The ritual states, in some brief words, which are not to be mistaken, however wilfully the dissident might wish to misconstrue them, that it (the bible) is the unerring standard of truth and justice, and that a Mason should regulate his actions by the divine precepts contained therein. There is no use made of the indefinite article in the ritual—we are not left to believe that the bible is *an* unerring standard, although that would be pretty plain; we are told it is *the* unerring standard.

(To be continued).

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

SALUTATION TO AN ORIENTAL BROTHER,

These lines were directed to Hon. E. T. Rogers, now the chief commissioner of public instruction in Egypt.

How sweet is friendship in a foreign land !
How warm the pressure of fraternal hand,
When every other voice upon the ear
Falls cold and meaningless, or insincere !

Dear Friend, I swear your hospitable creed
Embodies all that Mason's heart can heed ;
The courtesy, unwearied kindness, love—
The ruling principle in things above—
A genial manner, grateful to the soul,
And dignity of mien, to grace the whole.

Is this the work of Masonry ? why then
Honour to Masonry, we'll shout again !
But no ; 'tis the Great Master Builder's Craft,
Intent on shaping one exquisite shaft.
God makes the good man ; ours the humbler part,
To indorse the work, and polish it with Art.

Around thee let me, with prophetic eye,
A band of Moral Architects espy—
Warm with thy fervor, in thy wisdom wise,
Seeking through Masonry a goodly prize ;
Bounteous in charities, in honour true,
Yielding to man and God the guerdon due ;
Brave in the truth as to each one 'tis shown,
And bold with justice, fearing God alone.

Thus circled, honoured, blest by old and young,
Thy years shall pass as one continued song ;
The Temple, rising 'neath thy Master care,
Golden inscriptions in thy praise shall bear.
Jew, Christian, Moslem, blent in one by thee,
Shall show the world how Masons can agree ;
And influenced by thy wise and timely thought,
Blood feuds and hatreds shall be all forgot.

Then shall this epitaph as thine be given ;
"Faithful and true, *his wages* are in Heaven."

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

We are requested to Notify that:—

—The fifteen sections will be worked in the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902, at the Essex Head, Essex Street, Strand, W.C., by the members of the New Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, to-morrow, Friday, 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Bros. H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, W.M. ; H. Jenkins, S.W. 860, S.W. ; J. C. Cross, W.M. 902, J.W. ; W. Batty, P.M., Preceptor ; G. C. Stafford, Secretary, 6, Doughty Street, W.C.

—The "Old Masonians" will entertain their friends at a social meeting at Anderton's Hotel, E.C., to-morrow, Friday, the 14th inst., at 8.30 p.m., Mr. R. Harold Williams presiding.

—On the 4th January, a complimentary banquet will be given in honour of the return of Bro. Geo. Collins, 1641, at the head of the poll for the Greenwich Division of the London School Board. Bro. T. E. Heller, P.M., 1641, P.Z., 1329, is actively engaged in making arrangements.

—Bro. J. H. McQueen, who twice occupied the chair of Enoch Lodge, No. 11, will be installed as successor to Bro. Dr. Barker, in the chair of W.M., in the Sandown Lodge, 1869, on Thursday, 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Sandown, Isle of Wight.

—The Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, Bro. A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1669, W.M., will hold its next regular meeting at the head quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Flodden Road, Camberwell, this evening, 13th inst., at 7 p.m.

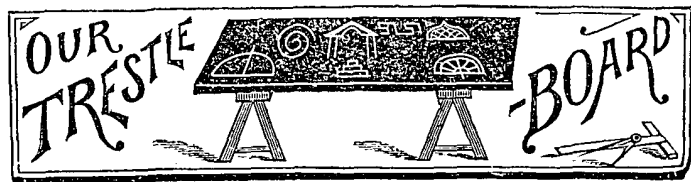
—The York Lodge, No. 236, Bro. W. Smith, W.M., will hold its installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Place, York, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 3 p.m. The ceremony of installing Bro. S. Border, the W.M. elect, will be performed by W. Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. and Lodge Treasurer. Banquet at 6.30.

—The fourth meeting for the session of the Union Lodge of Instruction, the principal school for masonic tuition in Leicester, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, to-morrow, 14th inst., at 7.30 p.m. We recommend brethren visitors to the town to visit this lodge when opportunity affords ; they may be sure of a hearty welcome.

—The Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, W. Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, W.M., will hold a Lodge of Emergency, on Wednesday, 19th inst., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, to forward the completion of the masonic introduction of Bro. J. B. Shepherd, prior to his departure to America. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. The proceedings are to be followed by a dance at the Town Hall at 8.30, it being the intention, evidently, of our Dunmow friends to give Bro. Shepherd a pleasant "send off."

—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road, N., on Wednesday evening, 19th inst., commencing at 7 o'clock. Bros. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205, W.M. ; J. A. Powell, 186 S.W. ; T. G. Hodges, S.W. 1695, J.W. ; Rich. Heslop, 1695, Sec.

—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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We promised to answer P.P.G.J.W.'s letter in our last number on the subject of the closing of lodges fully in this, but want of space must necessarily make our answers brief. First then : we believe there are scores upon scores of W.M.'s. who have no idea what a board of Installed Masters means. Secondly : that the Provinces are most certainly far in advance of the Metropolis, generally speaking, in correctness of ritual and ceremonial working. Thirdly : that the "little blue book," to which reference is made, is at variance with the teachings of a quarter of a century ago, and never was authorised by the Emulation Lodge. Fourthly : that Freemasons of some two or three years' standing, armed with such so-called "authorised versions," ought not to be permitted to overrule older and more experienced brethren. And lastly : that the time is fast approaching when something will have to be done to prevent the continuance of innovations in the ritual of 1813, and secure a nearer approach to uniformity than we have at present.

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In reference to the forthcoming election of Grand Treasurer, CARADOS, in *The Referee*, thus writes :—"Masonic Refereaders may be interested to know that on Wednesday their esteemed brother, Mr. George Everett, was nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England. My excuse for mentioning this is that, though not an actor himself, Mr. Everett is very well known to many actors who are masons, and I shall make bold to ask them for their suffrages on this occasion. If thirty years of hard work and steady devotion to the best interests of the craft counts for anything—and it should—Mr. Everett's chance on the day of election will be second to none. If elected, he will be the right man in the right place. I know Everett to be a real good fellow, and PENDRAGON and DAGONET, who are both friends of his, and BORIS and the NOTIONS MERCHANT, who are ditto ditto, cordially unite with me in giving him their good wishes." The words "and it should" are straight and to the point, and go well with other words in frequent use, although not put into invariable practice amongst us, "all preferment amongst masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only."

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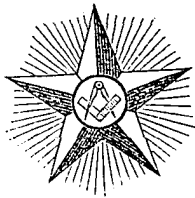
"SUBSCRIBER," in last week's correspondence column, called our attention to a correction which we made, and in respect of which he has been good enough to correct us. Until now we have always spoken of Chapters of *Improvement* and not of *Instruction* ; but making the reference to the Royal Arch Regulations, edition 1886, we find, as "Subscriber" states, that the style now adopted is "Chapters of *Instruction*," and so for the future we must accept it. Will any of our companions inform us when and under what circumstances the "ancient" appellation was abandoned ?

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It is very pleasant to observe that, during the past few years, the custom of "greetings" from W. Masters of Lodges to the members thereof, at Christmas time, has greatly increased. Amongst the many tokens of courtesy and good feeling, we have ourselves received in the shape of Xmas and New Year's "cards" not the least esteemed are those which we keep in the masonic compartment of our library. We would suggest a continuance of this custom in the season, now at hand, and a preliminary inspection of our Bro. Hills' (Hamilton and Hills, Paternoster-row) stock of appropriate masonic designs before selection.

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BRO. WOODWARD'S MOTION IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I think the craft at large is greatly indebted to Bro. Woodward for bringing forward his motion in Grand Lodge on Wednesday night, as he clearly showed how unsatisfactorily Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, worked; and had the brethren realised the true issue, and not accepted the one propounded by Bros. Fenn and Philbrick, the original motion would certainly have been carried.

It is much to be regretted the acting M.W.G.M. did not put the question from the chair in an intelligible manner, as a large number of brethren sitting near me voted for the amendment, thinking it was Bro. Woodward's motion that was put, not Bro. Philbrick's amendment, and after G.L. was closed were exceedingly annoyed when they found out their mistake. There was also much dissatisfaction expressed that the M.W.G.M. did not request Bro. Brackston Baker to withdraw the word "tinkering," as unmasonic. Were the other amendments that have been made to the Book of Constitutions "tinkerings"? I do not think the Grand Secretary would be very pleased if a brother wrote for a copy of the "tinkerings" he issued some time ago. Why then should such an invidious remark be applied to Bro. Woodward's practical motion?

Why did the M.W.G.M., after stating that he would put the two amendments separately, put them as one, the very instant Bro. Fenn sat down, without giving Bro. Woodward the opportunity to reply?

Such a proceeding is quite contrary to Rule 69, Book of Constitutions, which says, "The mover of the original motion shall have the right to reply." Neither Bros. Fenn nor Philbrick really answered a single argument Bro. Woodward advanced, they simply stated that as a strong committee had drawn up the rule, they on that ground opposed the proposed alteration. Strange logic this, seeing at least a dozen rules draughted by this committee have already been altered.

With regard to Bro. Philbrick's remark about a "tyrant majority," what, I ask, can be more tyrannical than Rule 210, which compels a brother either to vote or leave the lodge, when a question of exclusion is under consideration? As Bro. Woodward stated, if I remember his words rightly, "Should a brother decide *not* to vote either for or against an exclusion, he has, no doubt, good reason for his resolve, and I most strongly contend his decision should be respected? but as Rule 210 is at present worded, he is no longer a FREE AGENT."

Can there be a more forcible protest against "tyranny" than such words as these?

As soon as the craft realise that Bro. Woodward's first amendment was really a safeguard against a wrongful exclusion taking place, and the second a protest against a "tyrant law" coercing a brother to vote or leave the lodge when he does not wish to vote at all (which is contrary to our custom on all other occasions when votes are taken) I am convinced the brethren will insist on the rule being altered in the way Bro. Woodward has suggested.

This is how Rule 210 now works. In a lodge say of 100 members, 60 attend, 39 vote for the exclusion, 18 against it, 3 refuse to vote either way, and are consequently *forcibly counted* as voting against the exclusion, so the brother is not excluded, as there is one short of the requisite majority, although taking the actual number voting, there is a majority for the exclusion of 21, so it practically comes to this, that the deliberate decision of 39 brethren is made void by a minority of 18, with 3 non-voters tacked on.

Will the majority of brethren in lodge any longer consent that "TYRANT MINORITIES" shall hinder their getting rid of members who abuse their privileges, and bring discredit on the order?

This is the real issue now before the craft.

Yours fraternally,
A PAST PROV. GRAND DEACON.

P.S.—I enclose my card.

FREEMASONRY AND LIFE ASSURANCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I heartily agree with your appropriate editorial on the 29th ult., and myself consider that all those anxious to become Freemasons should give proof of having made suitable provision for those nearest and dearest to them by means of life assurance.

I am a *poor* brother of only three years' standing, but am a member of one of the leading sick benefit societies, including its widow and orphan fund; also have an endowment assurance in a first-class society (established nearly 50 years), and which I find is equal to an investment of 3½ per cent., with the advantage of being assured for a "certain" sum (on payment of the first premium) should death occur.

It is, unfortunately, not generally known that a good "investment" may be made by assuring one's life; and of all forms of assurance I think the endowment the most useful, as "the sums assured under these policies are payable during the 'lifetime of the assured' on his attaining a specified age, or earlier in the event of death," and, under certain conditions, these are non-forfeitable, thus:—if a fifth of the total number of the premiums have been paid, the policy does not become void by non-payment of the premium, but remains in force for such a proportion of the original sum assured, as a number of premiums paid bears to the whole number payable. Thus, if five premiums out of twenty, or a quarter, have been paid on a policy for £1,000, the assured may discontinue payment, and the sum assured will be reduced from £1,000 to £250, or a quarter; and if ten, then to £500, or one-half.

I may add that if an intending assurer avoids those offices whose systems operate to the advantage of persons "younger" or "older" than himself, his assurance will cost him *nothing*, because the sum assured will be so largely increased by profits, that the amount to be received when the policy becomes a claim, will exceed all the premiums paid and compound interest thereon. For example:—

A person assuring at age 18 and paying £3 8s. a year	
for a policy of £100, will have paid in 30 years ..	£102
Add 3 per cent. compound interest	60
Total payments ..	£162

Amount to be received from assurance office—	
Original sum assured	£100
30 years' bonus (assuming office has been discreetly	
selected).. ..	88
Total	£188

Yours fraternally,
T. G. ROSE.

P.S.—When a life drops earlier, the amount to be received bears a much larger proportion. I shall be pleased to give any brother my long experience in this work.

Shooter's Hill, Kent, Dec. 5th, 1888.

Answers to Correspondents.

T. T., Camberwell.—We cannot advise you through these pages, but if you will call, for personal interview, will willingly answer your enquiries.

P.P.G.J.W.—If there is a Rose Croix (18 deg.) Chapter in your town or district there should be no difficulty in obtaining the information you seek. We have passed the chair of that degree, but should not like to advise you what steps to take.

G.D.C.—ROSSLYN, 1543.—We never yet heard of a M.M. certificate being handed to a brother on the night of his raising. No doubt, if you previously intimate to the Grand Secretary the necessity of the case, he will direct its preparation the moment you certify to him that the degree has been taken, and you may be able to hand it to the proper recipient within, say, 48 hours.

J.W.M., Bradford.—Your enclosures, *re* Priory, to hand; too late for this number; shall have attention in next.

W.D., East Greenwich.—Reserved for next week.

* * * Several communications have reached us too late for this number. They shall have attention in our next.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

The *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Diary for 1889* (G Kenning, 16, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.); *Ars Quatuor Chronotomum, Parts 1 to 4* (Edited by Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076); *Liberal Freemason* for November (Edited by Bro. Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.); *Masonic Review* (Edited by Bro. Henry D. Moore, 32 deg., Cincinnati, Ohio); *Voice of Masonry*, Chicago, for December; *The South African Freemason*, Cape Colony; *Freemason's Chronicle of Sydney*; *The Freemason*; and *Freemason's Chronicle of London*.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

Evenings Abroad.

FAUST UP TO DATE AT THE GAIETY THEATRE.

When I saw *Faust up to Date* for the first time some few weeks ago, the burlesque, good as it was, needed amendment in certain places. Since then certain excellent alterations and improvements have been effected, and these serve to render the latest travesty of Goethe's immortal work one of the brightest I have ever seen on the subject. Messrs. Sims and Pettitt have, in their book, displayed more than abundant humour, and they have provided amply for the display of the special talents of the company engaged in the representation. The music, by Maestro Meyer Lutz, is graceful, taking, and far more clever than is that of many a comic opera. The good old story of Faust and Marguerite is treated by the authors in a very ingenious manner in order to bring it "up to date" in more ways than the title merely suggests. It is scarcely necessary, now, to detail the points of the plot; suffice it, that the hero and heroine escape the fate of the original personages by having been married by special license, by which ruse Mephistopheles is deprived of his victims, and all ends happily. Miss Florence St. John is the Marguerite; though not seen at her best as an actress in this production, her singing is of the greatest value. She now introduces a pretty new ballad in the second act, "For You," which gained a very decided encore; but, for my part, I much prefer the ballad of "The Dawn of Love," words, music and rendition being alike excellent. Miss Fanny Robina as Faust, acts, sings and dances with vivacity, sprightliness, grace and "go." She has much improved during her absence in Australia, and, while I give this clever little lady all possible credit for the excellence of her performance, I cannot help wondering why the authors did not break through the conventionality of burlesque, and, instead of having a girl to play the hero, engage a male for the part. If one only considers what the Mephisto of Lonnen would be like if backed up by a Faust by, say, Frank Wyatt or Tom Squire, a vision of fun is aroused which even those *laudatores temporis acti*, who praise nothing modern, would be compelled to admire. Of Lonnen's Mephisto, nothing by way of description can be given; from the time that he descends upon the stage à la Baldwin in a parachute, until the final fall of the curtain, this clever artist is constantly providing fresh fun. He never flags, and he is eminently successful throughout. Mr. George Stone is delightfully humorous as Valentine. This is one of the features of the piece; the part is so well acted, from a burlesque point of view, that it cannot fail to commend itself to all who love a hearty laugh. Mr. Harry Parker is only fairly good as the Lord Chancellor. Miss Maria Jones, as Martha, is as good a thing in its line as has been seen for years. A clever quartette of ladies, namely, the Misses Lilian Price, Florence Levey, Maude Wilmot, and Eva Greville, create quite a furore by their clever dancing, while their vocalisation is agreeable; the Gossips' Quartette at the beginning of act two was very nicely rendered. Several other clever and attractive young ladies, headed by Miss Jenny McNulty, deserve special mention did space allow. The piece, as is usual under Mr. Edwardes' management, is elaborately staged, and the groupings and dances reflect great credit upon Mr. Charles Harris, the stage manager, and John D'Auban, the ballet master.

The Lyceum re-opens on the 22nd inst. with *Macbeth*. Irving's first essay with this part at the same theatre was not a success. I wonder what will be the verdict upon the present venture. Miss Terry's Lady Macbeth will be looked forward to with the greatest possible interest. So will the new patent moon.

Sims and Pettitt's new drama for the Adelphi Theatre is to be called *Break o' Day* (no connection with *Peep o' Day*), and will be produced on the 21st inst. Friday! *Absit omen!*

Nadgy, at the Avenue Theatre, is drawing crowded houses, mainly through the popularity of Mr. Arthur Roberts, as Professor Pharagas, and Madlle. Vanoni in the title rôle. I am sorry that I cannot congratulate either the author or the composer on their work. The "book" is, to my mind, utterly feeble, and the music is only moderately attractive. Everything has been done in every possible way to make the production a success, and in this connection Mons. Marius, whom I have always regarded as one of the best stage managers we have, and Mr. Watkin, are to be highly complimented. Mr. John Crook conducts a more than efficient orchestra, and the chorus is good enough, the female element thereof being costumed most tastefully, added to which the natural charms of these lovely young ladies are by no means hidden. Mr. Joseph Tapley sings agreeably, and Mr. Alec Marsh, who possesses a splendid voice which he manages with taste and skill, made me regret that I did not hear more of his singing. Of his speaking I cannot say much, for he delivers his lines in anything but a satisfying manner. Mr. J. J. Dallas is really most amusing. I was prepared to like Miss Guilia Warwick very much, and she did not disappoint me. Miss Sallie Turner was good as the *duenna*. Of Madlle. Vanoni and Mr. Arthur Roberts nothing can be said which is too complimentary. They each acted with the greatest amount of abandon and "go," and were the life and soul of the opera, which, without them, would scarcely repay a visit.

LAUNCELOT 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 12TH, 1888.

The statements that some large amounts of gold are on their way to this country had given rise to a more confident feeling as regards the future, or rather, I ought to say, has to some extent relieved the depression existing, but I am by no means sure that this is much to be depended upon as likely to improve prices for the present. At the fortnightly settlement, commenced yesterday, it was found that the amount of the speculative account open had been very much reduced, so that the contango rates, although heavier than on the last occasion, were not so onerous as was expected, and no difficulty was experienced in carrying forward bargains to the new account.

There is, however, very little business of any kind doing, nor do I think there will be much more until after the holidays. There is a slight recovery from the lowest prices touched during the last few days, but it is not well maintained, and, when we calculate the added contangoes, prices are in many cases actually lower than before. Since I wrote last week there has been little else but depression, in some cases very marked. In New York there is as yet no indication to put prices up, and it looks as if the dealers there were determined that a lower level must be reached before they will make any attempt to improve matters. As a rule it will be found that the last prices of the year are dull, and 1888 gives every indication of keeping up the record. Perhaps the most doubtful stock is Milwaukee, which one day were as low as 60, and will probably be the same again or even lower. There is the most business done just now in Union Pacific, and the tendency here is better.

If there were any bargains doing in the English railway market, I should expect to see higher prices; as it is there is a quick recovery after every fall. The traffic returns keep up well, and in the case of the heavy lines warrant the expectation of increased dividends. Midlands, North Eastern, and Great Western will no doubt be bought for next year, as soon as there is any clearing up of the monetary horizon. And speaking of these particular lines, there is not much stock floating, so that a very moderate demand will have a sharp effect on prices.

In the Foreign Market the feeling is better. In Paris great efforts are being made to prevent any actual collapse in the Panama scheme, and, this danger averted, there will not be much reason to fear that stocks will be recklessly thrown away. The New Russian Loan has fallen very flat in London, and is not even mentioned. What the success has been I do not know, beyond the fact that there is no dealing in the new scrip. The demand for Peruvian Stocks is renewed, and although the smart little rise is not well maintained, I should rather be a buyer than a seller. Egypt is stronger, and of these I consider that Dairas will give the best profit to a buyer. The advance in the gold premium in Buenos Ayres is depressing Cédulas, which look very weak again.

The increase of £1,700 in the Mexican railway weekly traffic did not improve the price of the stock, comparing as it does against a low take last year; up to date the gross increase is £7,800 for the current half-year, leaving three weeks to add, which are usually dull ones as regards business. Trunks do not show much strength and are lower than they were a week ago and give but a very poor chance to the bulls. An attempt is being made by some of the shareholders to induce the directors of this and the Canadian Pacific Companies to come to some terms which will avoid the disastrous competition, but it is evident that the dealers do not put much reliance upon any such well-meaning endeavours; where there is only traffic for one both cannot gain by an equal division. Nitrate rails go up and down with a pretty frequent regularity and will probably vary from 27 to 31, and may be bought at the one price or sold at the other with tolerable certainty of a profit. The shares of the Nitrate Companies are better. The meeting of the Taltal Company's shareholders is calculated to inspire them with confidence in their property, assurance being given that the returns are likely to be better than promised. Of the miscellaneous companies, beyond a few dealings in these different nitrates, there is almost utter absence of bargains; nor do I for the moment see where the next movement will be.

African gold mines continue to absorb the attention of the dealers, and as but little is known of the concerns prices will doubtless be carried higher; whether they will be maintained or not is extremely doubtful. Taking the whole of the markets, I think that prices have got nearly as low as they are likely to touch now, but as no one wants to enter into fresh transactions just yet there will not be much lost by waiting.

CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

BULL.—The broker whose name you mention is not a member of the Stock Exchange.

EXETER.—You will find the particulars in Skinner's "Mining Manual."

F. J. L.—The price charged does not seem right; ask the broker for name of the seller.

FOUR.—The contango varied from 9d. to 1s. 6d.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

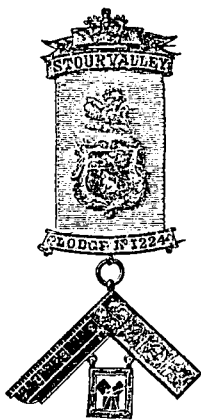
PADSTOW, CORNWALL.—The installation meeting of St. Petros Lodge, No. 1785, was held in the Masonic Rooms, Padstow, on the 4th inst. A large number of the members of the lodge attended. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Hawken, P.M. 330, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Doney, P.M. 856, P.P.D.G.D.C.; R. Boney, W.M. 1954; J. Robins, J.W. 1954; C. Brewer, J.D. 1529; E. Rickard, O. 1529; J. H. Polkinghorne, 1696; J. Harvey, 1847; G. Anderson, 1954; J. H. Hewitt, 1954. The W.M. Elect, Bro. Major C. R. Pridaux-Brune, was duly installed according to ancient custom, and with full and ably performed ceremonial by Bro. W. H. Pope, P.M., assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge. The following installed masters were present: W. Bros. T. Hawken, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Doney, P.P.D.G.D.C.; F. Bray, P.P.G.Purst.; W. H. Roberts, P.P.G. Steward; W. H. Martyn, W. H. Pope, F. G. Harding, J. Stribley, W. H. Martyn, Jun.; R. Bonney. Bro. W. H. Martyn, Jun., was invested as I.P.M., and the W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers:—Bros. J. B. Williams, S.W.; R. S. Langford, J.W.; Rev. J. J. Murley, Chaplain; F. Bray, P.M., P.P.G.Purst., Treas.; W. H. Pope, P.M., Sec.; P. Blake, S.D.; Jno. Hawken, J.D.; H. F. Marley, D.C.; G. B. Stribley, O.; W. Philp, I.G.; W. Williams and W. H. Pope, Jun. Stwds.; J. D. Lobb, Tyler. The Installing Master explained to each officer what his duties were, and delivered the usual addresses very impressively. At the close of the business the brethren attended a banquet at the St. Petros Private Hotel. Bro. Major C. R. Pridaux-Brune, W.M., presided, and the customary loyal and masonic toasts were ably proposed and responded to. During the evening several of the brethren contributed songs and recitations. The whole of the proceedings of the installation meeting reflected great credit on the W.M. and the officers and brethren concerned in carrying out the arrangements.

THE JOPPA CHAPTER (No. 188), held its Installation Meeting at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, on Monday, the 28th ult., when Comp. Lewis M. Myers, C.C., was installed as M.E.Z., and the following members were invested: Comps. H. P. Isaac, H.; J. W. Dewshap, J.; J. Lazarus, P.Z., Treasurer (re-invested); M. I. Emanuel, P.Z.S.E. (re-invested); J. Myers (Brother of the M.E.Z.), S.N. The visitors included Comps. Sir John Monckton, P.G.P.S., Dr. Lloyd (1319), D. Lazarus (Jerusalem), and Bernard Abrahams. Subsequently to the ceremony of installation, which was performed by Comp. W. Littaur, P.Z., the chapter was closed, and the members adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z. Sir John Monckton, in replying to a toast, said that on reading the Charter of the Chapter he found that it was within five years of its jubilee, and he was pleased, although somewhat surprised to see sitting at the banquet table, its first M.E.Z. and Founder.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

HONOUR AND FRIENDSHIP.—No. 1266.—Blandford, Nov. 20, 1888.—Bro. G. E. Turner, W.M.—Installation. Bro. A. Wilkins was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. G. E. Turner, and the following brethren were appointed officers for the year:—Bros. R. Milner, S.W.; W. Watts, J.W.; A. Cherry, S.D.; W. Alexander, J.D.; H. Curtis, I.G.; E. Skivington, Org.; I. Brymer, Chaplain; W. Strickland, Director of Ceremonies. The Installation Banquet which followed gave great satisfaction. Songs, duets and quartettes here proved an attractive addition.

STOUR VALLEY LODGE—No. 1224.—In our issue for November 22nd, we reported the installation meeting of this lodge at Sudbury, and mentioned the presentation to Bro. W. Inglis Mason, M.D., P.M., of a Past Master's jewel, which we spoke of as being "certainly one of the best we have seen for a long time." Our opinion appears to be endorsed by the local paper, which thus describes the jewel, an engraving of which we are pleased to have the opportunity of presenting to our readers:—

"The jewel, which was subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge and presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Inglis Mason, was of a most chaste and elaborate design, and bore an appropriate inscription. The ribbon on which it is suspended bears a fine gold escutcheon, with the borough arms enamelled heraldically surmounted with Bro. Mason's crest. The jewel itself is shaped as an



emblem of his office of Worshipful Master, and is elaborately chased and jewelled with four brilliants. The top of the hanger is surmounted with the crown, the base of which is also jewelled with rubies and diamonds. The whole jewel, with its pendant, is a splendid specimen of the masonic jeweller's art, by Bro. Lamb, of St. John's Square, London."

TEMPLE—No. 558.—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Folkestone.—The following extract from a letter from a correspondent is, in our opinion, of sufficient interest for insertion, *verb. et lit.* After a few remarks, and stating that he had visited the above-named lodge, he writes:—"In the first place, I was struck by the size and general appearance of the lodge room. It seemed to me to leave nothing to be desired; was well furnished and complete, even to an organ (American) in a recess or chamber in the rear of the S.W.'s chair. There was a goodly number of brethren of the lodge present, and several visitors, altogether about 60. I send you a summons, and also a copy of the by-laws, which in themselves are interesting, as the subscription is more reasonable than that of any lodge with which I am acquainted. After the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for both candidates together, in a manner I had never seen before. The procedure was as follows:—First, the ballot box was submitted for the inspection of the W.M., then locked (the key being retained by the Master), and placed on a small table behind a screen in the N.E. corner of the room. The D.C. then called upon the Master, P.M.'s, officers and brethren in rotation to record their votes, which having been done, the box was again taken to the W.M., unlocked, and the ballot declared unanimous in favour of the candidates. Mr. A. H. Gardner was introduced in due form, and the ceremony of initiation proceeded with up to the "Investment." Lodge was then "called off" and light refreshment (sandwiches, &c.) partaken of, and, after a brief interval, "called on," and the second candidate, Mr. J. P. Sains, introduced and initiated up to the same point as the first. Both were then taken together to the end of the ceremony, the charge being exceptionally well given by one of the P.M.'s. A portrait of Bro. H. Stock, the oldest P.M. of the lodge (he was W.M. in 1857), was then presented to the lodge, in an excellent speech, by the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. G. L. Hart, P.M., and Bro. Stock returned thanks in an eloquent and most feeling address. The lodge was then closed in due form. I have spun this out much longer than I had intended, and I will only add in conclusion that all the officers were present. Bro. Wm. Dunk, W.M., and a very excellent list of officers they are, the work of the lodge having been thoroughly well done throughout. On the whole it was a most enjoyable and instructive evening. There was no banquet, but after the work was done, many of the members indulged in the usual amusements ordinarily to be found in a club. The Masonic Hall and Club belongs to a Company, and all the members are masons.—The brethren of Folkestone are to be congratulated on having a lodge so excellent in its appointments, officers, and evidently correct working of masonic ritual and ceremonial.—*Ed. M.S.*

BARNARD LODGE—No. 1230.—On Friday, the 7th inst., at Barnard Castle, Bro. Joseph Hanby Holmes, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. R. C. M. Cooke was again re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Colours-Sergeant C. Todd, Tyler. Installation meeting will take place on the first Friday in January.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

SOUTHWARK—No. 879.—The annual dinner of this Lodge of Instruction took place at the Sir Garnet Wolseley Tavern, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., on Tuesday, the 11th inst., Bro. W. Beavis, P.M. 879, W.M. 1310, P.G.P. Middx., Preceptor, in the chair. About forty brethren sat down at the appointed hour, and after an excellent meal, well served by Bro. G. W. Day, the host, a very pleasant evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, under the genial presidency of the chairman. Songs and recitations were numerous, and the brethren separated with best wishes for further happy reunions.

RANELAGH—No. 831.—On Friday, the 7th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen Street, Hammersmith.—Bro. F. Craggs, W.M.—Bros. A. Williams, S.W. and Treas.; E. Lucas, I.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; H. Purdue, P.M. and Sec. *pro tem.*; G. E. Higginson, S.D.; J. C. Walker, J.D.; H. Cotton, I.G.; also Bros. R. H. Williams, P.M. and P.P.G.I.D. Middx., J. H. Cumming, P.M., John Davies, Leonard Cox, M. R. Rice, and Stounthill. The ceremony of Passing was rehearsed, Bro. Price as Candidate. The ceremony of raising was also rehearsed, Bro. Cox as Candidate. Bro. A. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The principal officers were filled on this occasion by members of the Mother Lodge, which speaks well for the kindly feeling they have towards its Preceptor, Bro. Sims, one of their Past Masters.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360.—On the 6th inst., at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon.—Bro. Wing, W.M.—Bros. Shelly, S.W.; Salter, J.W.; Cause, S.D.; Mager, P.M., J.D.; Jolliffe, I.G.; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., Sec.; Holmes, Bond, Streeter, Britten, Wade and Smeal. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and proficiency proved by Bro. Holmes. The ceremony of Raising was then rehearsed, the traditional history being given. Bro. Shelly, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

GREAT CITY—No. 1426.—On Thursday, the 6th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.—Bro. Gwyn, W.M.—Bros. H. Gaskin, S.W.; W. Bromhead, J.W.; Stells, S.D.; Surridge, J.D.; B. Price, I.G.; J. K. Pitt, Acting Preceptor; W. J. Ball, Secretary; F. Rush, H. J. Whitehouse, I. L. Barrett, T. F. Smith, J. Tattersall, and I. Lazarus. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of "Raising" rehearsed, Bro. F. Lazarus being the candidate. On the unanimous vote of the brethren present, the W.M. of the "Eclectic" Lodge was invited to work the ceremony of installation in January next. A ballot for the Benevolent Fund was held, Bros. F. Rush and T. Lazarus being declared winners and entitled to life subscriptions in the charities. A cordial vote of thanks was passed in favour of Bro. Gwyn for his admirable working in the third degree. This lodge meets regularly on Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.

WANDERERS—No. 1604.—On Wednesday, December 5th, 1888, at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W.—Bro. Luckhurst, W.M.—Bros. Evans, S.W.; Holland, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; Clarkson, Secretary; Smale, S.D.; Rymer, J.D.; Goldfinch, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Hobbs, Jones, Sheppard, Bailey, Quick, Glover, Holmes, Holden, Goode, Morgan, Brookings, and Beasley, Bro. Brindley, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Bailey, candidate. Bro. Holmes was elected a member, and Bro. Evans to the chair for the ensuing week.

GREATON—No. 1791.—On Thursday, November 29th, at the Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush.—Bro. John Davies, W.M. and Preceptor. Bros. James Sims, P.M., Preceptor of the Ranelagh L. I., S.W.; S. Cochrane, P.M., J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Higginson, S.D.; H. Cotton, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; A. Cavers, Steward; also P.M.'s George Read, Preceptor of the Kensington L.I.; J. H. Wood, R. Josey, W. Williams, W. A. Cubitt, P. Burton, W. G. Reynolds, J. J. Cattle, D. Stronl, R. H. Rogers, and E. Child. Bros. W. Jennings, J. H. Martineau-Stanley, F. W. Woodard, C. Mote, Bick, Bull, Bridger, Benbrook, C. R. Cross, Hyndeman, W. Dresden, L. Cox, Ridgley, Lindfield, Larter, F. G. Brown, W. W. Williams, T. T. Heat, Stomhill, Sanson, J. T. Grace, Absell, Copley, and Jobson. The lodge was opened in the three degrees. The sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Cross, Cochrane, Cotton, Cox, Higginson, Read, and Sims. The sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bros. Rogers, Reynolds, W. W. Williams, Cochrane, and Craggs, and those in the M. M. Lodge by Bros. Austin, Wood, and Read, the whole of the working being of the very best. A timepiece of a very chaste and elegant design, and of much intrinsic value, was presented to Bro. John Davies, P.M., the Preceptor, on behalf of the members, by Bro. James Sims, P.M., whose address on presentation was excellently delivered and was appreciated by the brethren generally, as was also Bro. Daniel's feeling response. The gift was a very fitting recognition of many years of zealous service.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 7th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell.—Present: Comps. Wicks, M.E.Z.; T. Grumman, P.Z., H.; Wingham, 25, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; J. Sheppard Latham, 1329, S.E.; Benedetti, S.N. Elect, 1275, S.N.; Eadie, P.S. 141, P.S.; C. Woods, A.S. Elect 1275, A.S.; J. Hill, P.S. 1329; Addington, M.E.Z. Elect, 1275; G. Powell, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1185; Acocks, 1350; and Jas. Stevens, P.Z. 720, 771. The ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comps. James Stevens, Acocks and Eadie were elected members, and each returned thanks. Comp. Stevens was particularly happy in replying, and expressed his interest in the chapter into which he was received so heartily. Comp. Wicks was elected to re-occupy the chair of First Principal. A motion by Comp. Grumman to purchase collars for the principals and officers, as well as a vote of thanks to Comp. Wicks for the able way he had filled the chair of M.E.Z. for the first time, was unanimously carried.

COVENT GARDEN—No. 1614.—On Thursday, 6th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W.—Bro. F. M. Noakes, W.M.—Bros. Russell, S.W.; A. Proudfoot, J.W.; Brindley, Preceptor; W. Hancock, Acting Secretary; Graham, S.D.; Curzon, J.D.; Clare, I.G.; Lambert, Andrews, and several other Brethren. Bro. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Noakes vacated the Chair in favour of Bro. William Andrews, a Visiting Brother from Jamaica, who worked the 3rd Degree in an exceedingly able manner, according to the ritual practised in the Lodges of Jamaica. Bro. Lambert, candidate. The 1st Section of the Third Lecture was worked by Bro. Brindley, assisted by Bro. Hancock. Bro. Andrews, Kingston, Lodge No. 1933 (Jamaica), was elected a member. In returning thanks Bro. Andrews stated that although Freemasonry was practised in all parts of the world, the ceremony he had worked that evening would evince to the Brethren that there was very little difference between the ritual of a lodge in London and one in Jamaica, thousands of miles away, except, perhaps, that in Jamaica they added a little more embellishment, but when he returned home he should use his best endeavours to tone down those additions, so that their working might be practised and assimilated as much as possible with that of the true old English constitution. Bro. Proudfoot, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Andrews for working the Third Degree.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD—No. 1805.—On Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bromley, E.—Bro. Bailey, W.M.—Bro. B. T. Johnson, S.W.; A. Paterson, J.W.; G. Warne, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, J.D.; H. W. Oates, I.G. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. W. J. Rawley, candidate. Lodge opened and closed in the three Degrees. Bro. B. T. Johnson was elected W.M. for next Wednesday. W. M. Mead, Secretary, 24, Tomlin's Grove, Bow Road, E.

LA TOLERANCE—No. 538.—On Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Portland Arms, Great Portland Street, W.—Bro. J. Greenway, W.M.—Bros. G. Hill, S.W.; Barter, J.W.; J. Paul, Preceptor; L. G. Langdon, Secretary; G. Lyon, S.D.; T. Bicknell, J.D.; C. Groves, I.G.; Rogers, Burgess, Lonsdale, and others. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Bicknell and Paul. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Bicknell, candidate. The 3rd and 4th Sections of the First Lecture were then worked by Bro. Greenway, W.M. Bro. E. Smith, No. 1743, was elected a joining member, and Bro. Hill, S.W., was elected W.M. for next meeting.

GUELPH LODGE—No. 1685.—The Annual Banquet was served at the Holborn Restaurant, London, on Thursday last, the 6th inst., Bro. Baro, P.M. and Preceptor presiding. Covers were laid for between forty and fifty brethren, but half-an-hour after the appointed time twenty-one only sat down. The absentees did not miss much, for a more cold and unsocial evening in Freemasonry we cannot recollect ever spending; and but for the enlightenment afforded by Bro. Tiltman (Signor Alberto) of the Mother Lodge, whose marvellous talent as a prestigitator kept those present, for a while, greatly interested, the whole affair was of the most depressing character.

We have given Marsden's "Restauro," particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns, a personal and family trial, and can recommend the "health-restorer" to our readers as an undoubted tonic and appetizer.

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. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

THE ANTI-MASONIC VICAR.

"Turn your attention to that magnificent structure, the Temple of Jerusalem. Observe, no clay substance, no brick, was used; lest any inferior material should give rise to base ideas. Every part and particle of that grand dwelling of Him, whose existence is *SECRET*, was perfect of its kind. Its commonest fragments were matter of attentive survey. Even the stones were quarried in the country of Judaea. And every measure was taken to steep the mind in that serenity, calmness, and intensity of devotion which are essential to the true worship of the ALMIGHTY. The stones, too, were levelled and squared before they were brought to the place, and the waste was left behind, that all might be fully prepared and cleanly wrought. So, in like manner, should all Freemasons level and square their hearts, purging them of every impurity, in order to arrive at that glorious state of mental and spiritual perfection, of which the Temple and its composition was beautifully symbolical."—*Lebanon*, by JOEL NASH.

"I HAVE sent for you, although I know my summons must be inconvenient, because I choose you to be present at an interview which has been forced on me by a deputation from the Freemasons: they aim at persuading me to allow them to assemble in my church. A likely matter indeed! a very likely matter!"

So spake, with flushed cheek and quivering lip, my well-intentioned but nervous incumbent, one memorable Saturday in the month of August.

"Very well, sir," was my reply: "you may depend on my heeding and recollecting the sentiments of each party."

"Would to heaven!"—this was aside—"that these Mason people had chosen some other day than Saturday for their conference. Neither sermon written! The Lending Library accounts all in confusion; Mrs. Watkinson's sick baby to baptise; and two funerals in the afternoon to a certainty!"

"They must be cut short—yes, very, very short!" ejaculated the vicar, decisively and emphatically.

"What! the sermons!" cried I, reverting at once to the topic uppermost in my own mind: "oh, very well. Your views, sir, are mine. They shall be shortened to a certainty."

"You are dreaming," remarked my superior, pettishly. I allude to the speeches, the oratorical displays, the verbiage of these mystics."

"Ah!" precisely so," was my dutiful reply. "You, sir, and no other, hold the check-string; the length of the interview must depend on *your* pleasure. Masons!"—this was another *aside*—"I wish they were all walled up in the Pyramids. Six: and no tidings! It will be midnight before I shall have completed my preparations for to-morrow."

"I am not narrow-minded," resumed Mr. Gresham, fidgeting fretfully in his chair; "far from it; my views are liberal and enlarged; I never by any chance indulge in a harsh surmise touching any one of my fellow-creatures. But these Mason people alarm me. They have a secret; there is some extraordinary bond, stringent and well understood, by which they support each other. I look upon them as little better than conspirators,"—then, after a brief pause—"in fact, they ARE conspirators!"

"You really think so?" said I, for the first time feeling an interest in the subject.

"I do, seriously and solemnly," said the vicar, with an air of the most earnest and portentous gravity.

Rat-tat-tat! Rap, rap!

"The deputation, sir," said the butler, bowing five middle-aged gentlemen into the study.

For a set of "conspirators" they were the oddest-looking people imaginable. There they stood, a knot of portly, frank-featured, cheerful men, upon whom the cares of life apparently sat lightly, who greeted their pastor with a smile, and seemed in high good humour with themselves and all around them. Nor, while I curiously scanned their look and bearing, could I, for the life of me, imagine a reason why men so happily circumstanced should take it into their heads to turn *plotters*. The foremost of the group I knew to be a man of wealth. He had "a stake," and no small one, in the permanent prosperity of his country. His next neighbour was a wine merchant, with a large and well-established connection, and blest with a rising and most promising family—what had he to "conspire" about? The party a little in the background was a Dissenter of irreproachable character and tenets strict even to sternness. Moreover, on no subject did he dilate, publicly as well as privately, with greater earnestness and unction than on the incalculable evils arising from war, and the duty of every Christian state, at any sacrifice, to avoid it. What! *he* "a conspirator!" Fronting the vicar was the banker of our little community. And to him I fancied nothing would be less agreeable than "a run" upon his small but flourishing firm in Quay-street. And yet "runs" severe—repeated—exhausting "runs," would inevitably result from any widely-spread and successful conspiracy. The banker's supporter was a little, mirthful-eyed man—a bachelor—who held a light and eligible appointment under Government, and looked as if he had never known a care in all his life. He perplexed me more than all the rest. He, of all created beings, a conspirator! Marvellous!

The spokesman of the party began his story. He said, in substance, that a new lodge being about to be opened within a mile and-a-half of Fairstream, it was the wish of the brethren (the more firmly to engraft on the noble tree this new Masonic scion) to go in procession to church, and there listen to a sermon from a clerical brother. In this arrangement he, in the name of the Lodge, represented by the parties then in his presence, most respectfully requested the vicar's concurrence.

That reverend personage, with a most distant and forbidding air, replied that he could sanction no such proceedings.

Perplexed by this response, which was equally unpalatable and unexpected, the deputation, with deference, demanded my incumbent's reasons for refusal.

"They are many and various," replied he; "but resolve themselves mainly into these FOUR. First: *There is nothing church about you!*"

The deputation stared.

"I repeat, that of Freemasons as a body the Church knows nothing. You admit into your fellowship men of all creeds. Your

principles and intentions may be pure and praiseworthy; and such I trust they are. But the Church is not privy to them. The Church is in ignorance respecting them. The Church does not recognise them. And therefore, as a ministering servant of the Church, I must decline offering you any countenance or support."

The banker here submitted to the vicar that in works of charity—in supporting an infirmary, a dispensary, a clothing club, a stranger's friend society—identity of creed was not essential. Men of different shades of religious belief could harmoniously and advantageously combine in carrying out a benevolent project. And one of the leading principles of Freemasonry was active and untiring and widely-spread benevolence. Could success crown any charitable project, any scheme of philanthropy, any plan for succouring the suffering and the necessitous (*the operation of which was to be extended, and not partial*), if no assistance was accepted save from those who held one and the same religious creed? "Charity," he contended, "*knew no creed*. No shackles, forged by human opinions, could or ought to trammel her. He was no friend to his species who would seek to impose them."

The vicar shook his head repeatedly in token of vehement dissent from these observations, and proceeded:—

"Next I object to you because you are friendly to processions; and I am given to understand purpose advancing to church in long and elaborate array. All processions, all emblems, all symbols, I abominate. Such accessories are, in the sanctuary, absolutely indecent; I will not call them unholy; I term them downright profane. What has a thinking being—particularly when proceeding for the purposes of worship to the temple of his Creator—what has *he* to do with processions? They are, one and all, abominations."

The little placeman here briskly stepped forward and said that "in that Book, with which he was sure the vicar was better acquainted than any one of them, processions were repeatedly mentioned, and never condemned. They occur in all parts of the sacred volume, and in a *very* early portion of it. A procession of no ordinary description followed Jacob's remains when, with filial love, Joseph brought them out of Egypt into Canaan. A procession, long and elaborately arranged, attended the removal of the ark from its temporary sojourn in the house of Obed-Edom. A procession, glorious and imposing, preceded the dedication of Solomon's temple. A procession—"

"Pray," said the vicar, sharply, "do you mean to contend that any one of these processions was at all the counterpart of a Masonic procession?"

"I do not; I disclaim all such irreverent intention," returned the other, gravely; "my object was simply to show that by the VERY HIGHEST authority which man can produce processions are not forbidden. Usage sanctions their adoption among ourselves. They form a part of our most august ceremonies. When the peers present an address to the sovereign on his escape from the hands of an assassin, on the birth of an heir to the throne, on the marriage of one of the royal family, they repair to the royal presence in procession. At the coronation of the sovereign one of the most important features in the pageant is a gorgeous and lengthened procession. That procession, let me remind you, sir, wends its way to the house of God, and for the purposes of worship. It enters the abbey. There divine service is performed, in the course of which the sovereign receives the crown and takes an oath to the people. These points are pressed on you as pertinent to the subject. Surely, after considering them, you will hold us blameless if, as Masons, we wish to 'go up to the house of God in company,' in other words, 'in procession!'"

"Plausible, but hollow," was the vicar's comment. Then, after a pause, "You have failed to convince me. I object to you strongly on the score of your processions, and I object to you still more decidedly on the score of your — secret. You are a secret society; are held together by a stringent oath; now I hold that wherever there is mystery there is iniquity!"

"A harsh conclusion, indeed," exclaimed Mr. Walford, the wine merchant, who now took part in the discussion; "you cannot be serious in maintaining it. When you assert secrecy to be criminal you have forgotten its universal agency. It has escaped you how largely it pervades both public and private life. In every department its operation is traceable. The naval commander sails from his country's shores under sealed orders. He has private papers which contain his instructions. These he is to open in a certain latitude and longitude. Meanwhile their import is 'secret' to him and to those who serve under him. But he accepts his trust unhesitatingly. The 'secrecy' in which his orders are veiled does not indispose him towards their fulfilment, make him suspicious of their origin, doubtful of their necessity, or render their faithful performance one whit less obligatory upon his part. His duty is to obey. Take another instance: The Cabinet Council which deliberates on the interests of this great country, and advises the sovereign in matters of policy, is sworn to secrecy. No member of it is allowed, without distinct permission from the reigning prince, to divulge one syllable of what passes at its sittings. *It is a SECRET conclave*. But no one questions, on that account, the legality or propriety of its decisions. In private life secrecy obtains. In a commercial partnership there are secrets—the secrets of the firm. To them each co-partner is privy; but is solemnly bound not to disclose them. In a family there are secrets. In most households there are facts which the heads of that household do not divulge to their servants, children, and dependents. Prudence enjoins secrecy. So that, in public and in private life, in affairs of state and in affairs of commerce, secrecy more or less prevails. Why, then, should it be objected to the Freemason, that in his order there is a secret which is essential to the existence of the fraternity, and which he is bound to hold sacred?"

"Ha! ha! ha! An adroit evasion of a very awkward accusation," cried the vicar, with an enjoyable chuckle. "Who is the general of your order? There must be Jesuits amongst ye. No arguments from Stonyhurst could be more jesuitically pointed." And again the vicar laughed heartily.

The deputation did not join him. They looked on in silence. Perhaps they thought the refusal of the church a sufficient annoyance, without the addition of the vicar's bantering. His pleasantry was not infectious. Perchance they held with the delinquent negro in one of our West India colonies, who was first severely reprimanded and then soundly thrashed by his owner: "Massa, massa; no preachee too and floggee too!"

At length one of them, with great gravity, inquired. "Whether Mr. Gresham had any further objection to urge?"

"Oh dear, yes. I am hostile to you because you COMBINE."

The banker now fired his broadside.

"We do. We are as a city in unity at itself. We form a band of united brethren bound by one solemn obligation, stringent upon all, from the highest to the lowest. And the object of our combination? boundless charity and untiring benevolence. We must be charitable and kindly-affectioned to all; but more especially to our brethren. With them we are ever to sympathise readily, and their necessities to succour cheerfully. Respect are we to have none, either as to colour, creed, or country. And yet is our charity to be neither indiscriminate, wasteful, nor heedless. We are to prefer the worthy brother and to reject the worthless. And our warrant for so doing is HIS command, who has said, "Thou shalt open thine hand wide to thy brother, and to thy poor, and to thy needy in thy land."

"The latter remark none can gainsay," said the vicar, coldly; "and thus, I believe, our interview terminates."

The deputation retired, desperately chagrined.

The church was closed against them. The new lodge was opened; but there was no public procession, and no sermon. To me, lightly and carelessly as I then thought of the fraternity, there seemed much that was inexplicable in the rebuff which it sustained. Here was Mr. Gresham, a conscientious and well-intentioned man, who lamented, Sunday after Sunday, the prevalence of sorrow, care, and suffering around him; who spoke, with tears in his eyes, of the apathy of the rich and endurance of the poor; who deplored the selfishness of the age; who averred, bitterly and repeatedly, that "all sought their own"—here was he, withstanding to his utmost a brotherhood who declared—and none contradicted them—that their leading object was to relieve distress and sorrow. Of him they seek an audience. When gained, they use it to request the use of his pulpit, with the view of making their principles better known; of effacing some erroneous impressions afloat respecting them; in other words, of strengthening their cause.

That cause they maintain to be *identical with disinterested benevolence and brotherly love.*

Mr. Gresham declares "off," refuses them his church, and will have nothing to do with them. "They may solve the riddle who can," said I, as, thoroughly baffled, I sought my pillow. "Each and all are incomprehensible. I don't know which party is the most confounding: the Masons with their well-guarded secret, or Mr. Gresham with his insurmountable prejudices."

MARK MASONRY.

The half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on the 4th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, London. M.W. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. Grand Master, presided. Baron de Ferrieres, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, occupied the S.G.W. chair, and the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton took the chair of J.G.W. Bro. C. L. Mason, Deputy G.M. of West Yorkshire, acted as Deputy G.M., and the Rev. Canon Portal, M.W.P.G.M., as Past Grand Master.

A large number of Grand and Past Grand Officers, and many Mark Master Masons representing private lodges, attended.

The minutes of the half-yearly Communication of 5th June, and of the November Grand Lodge, held at Cheltenham, 10th July, were read and confirmed. The Grand Secretary read the reply of Sir Francis Knollys from the Prince of Wales to the address of condolence on the death of the German Emperor Frederick, as also the address of condolence voted to the Empress Frederick on the same melancholy event, and the reply of Count von Hatzfeldt, German Ambassador in London, thereto, and it was resolved that the several documents should be entered on the minutes.

The report of the General Board presented a most favourable view of the progress and prospects of this popular Order in Freemasonry. In the six months ending on the 30th September last, warrants for five new lodges and 577 Mark certificates were granted. Five new provinces have been re-organised under newly-appointed Prov. Grand Masters, and the patents of three other P.G.M.'s have been renewed for the customary term of three years. Financially, the position of this Grand Lodge is most satisfactory, the balances on each Fund being on the right side of the account, that of the General Fund amounting to upwards of £203, and that of the Fund of Benevolence in its several branches, and including the Festival Account, to over £1,442, while the investments are not far short of £10,000, taking the General and Benevolent Funds together. The report was received and adopted. M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal moved:

"That the Annuity payable to Male Annuitants may be increased to £26, and that to Female Annuitants to £21, and that a sum of £5 be annually presented at Christmas to each Annuitant for the purpose of procuring clothing or fuel, or other necessities; and that the Book of Constitutions, page 76, clause viii., and page 79, clause iv., be altered accordingly."

He said it was only necessary to inform Grand Lodge that their Annuity Fund amounted now to a considerable sum, no less, according to the report the brethren had in their hands, than £2,800; and thanks to the exertions of the Stewards from year to year at all the festivals their funds were increasing to a large extent annually. Last festival the sum realised was £1,818. Therefore, being in very

good funds indeed, he did not think Grand Lodge could do better than increase the amount of the annuities to ten shillings a week to the males and eight shillings a week to the females, to all those who from unfortunate circumstances were compelled to appeal to Grand Lodge for assistance. He could assure Grand Lodge it was well to give them also a gratuity of £5 at Christmas in order that they might provide themselves with some little comfort. They had now four male annuitants and no females, and they could well afford to do it.

Bro. Frank Richardson, G. Reg., seconded the motion, which was carried.

The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was nominated for election as Grand Master for the ensuing year; and Bros. Henry Faiga, P.S.G.W. Middx. and Surrey, and W. M. Stiles, Old Kent Lodge and founder of the Royal Savoy Lodge, respectively for the office of Grand Treasurer. Charity Festival Jewels and Bars were then distributed to Stewards who had served at the last Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and Grand Mark Lodge was then closed.

REPORTS, &c., RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

—A Special Smoking Concert will take place at St. James's Hall (Banqueting Room) on Thursday next, the 20th inst., under the management of Bro. Walter Abbott. Among the well-known artistes and brethren will be found the names of E. J. Lonnen, Chirgwin, A. Coombes, W. H. Pennington, S. B. Garcia, Odell, and many others. Mesdames the Sisters Preston, Nellie Lennox, Kate Seymour, and Alice Leamar are among the many ladies who have promised to support Bro. Abbott on this occasion.

WEST SMITHFIELD—No. 1623.—On the 10th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.—Bro. Jenkins, W.M.—Bros. Gush, S.W.; Tattersall, J.W.; Hodges Preceptor; Hill, Secretary; Salmon, S.D.; Case, J.D.; Billings, I.G.; Turner, Berry, Reid, and about 30 other brethren. The fifteen sections were worked by Bros. Frampton, Salmon, Billings, Trinder, Snelling, Hodges, Hill, Tattersall, Powell, Berry, Gush, Case and Jolly. Bros. Barker, McFarlane, Draper, C. Smith and Groner were elected joining members. A vote of thanks, together with the honorary membership of the Lodge of Instruction, was accorded Bro. Jenkins, the W.M. A vote of thanks was also accorded the brethren who had assisted the W.M. in working the fifteen sections.

ST. MARGARET'S—No. 1452.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., the Installation Meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, when Bro. W. H. Elwes, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., was installed into the chair of K.S. by W. Bro. G. F. Crane. The following officers were appointed: Bros. H. B. Walker, I.P.M.; J. B. Blackmore, P.P.G.C. Chaplain; F. S. Ellen, S.W.; W. J. Roberts, J.W.; P. Allez, P.P.S.G.W., Treasurer; H. J. Eastaugh, P.P.J.G.D., Secretary; J. P. Smith, S.D.; T. Wilson Ward, J.D.; F. A. Mann, Organist; Kerry Rix, Steward; J. W. Brooke, I.G.; J. Symes, Tyler. A banquet was served at the Suffolk Hotel, the W.M. presiding. Amongst the visitors were the Mayor, Bro. Wm. Maddison, P.M.; Bros. W. E. Holt, United Friends, 313; Brockbank, P.P.G.S., Social, 93, Norwich; Bray, P.P.G.S.D., W.M., St. Andrew's, 1631; G. H. Cooper, Unity, 71; Wilton, Everitt, A. Stebbings, &c.

CHISWICK—No. 2012.—On Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, W.—Bros. E. Ayling, Preceptor W.M.; J. Sims, S.W.; J. Davis, J.W.; A. Williams, Secretary; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; F. Osborne, J.D.; F. W. Biggs, I.G.; J. H. Wood; Dr. Lawrence, Aslete, Stroud; J. Williams; and others. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Dr. Lawrence, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Bro. Gardner acting as W.M. elect. The 2nd section of the 1st lecture was worked by Bro. Sims, S.W. Bro. J. Williams was elected a joining member of the lodge. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Dr. Lawrence for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. A testimonial in the form of a handsomely engraved silver cigar case was "presented to Bro. Arthur Williams by the members of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, in recognition of his valuable services as secretary, 1888."

DERWENT—No. 40.—The monthly meeting of this old and successful Lodge took place on Monday, at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, when there were present: Bros. Markwich, W.M.; Rev. J. Puttich, P.P.G.C., S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treasurer; J. Pearce, P.M., Secretary; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randell, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.P.S.W., D.C.; H. Muscat, Organist; R. Walmsley, I.G.; F. H. Hallett, P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; W. M. Glenister, P.G., Std. B., P.M.; Captain Hennah, P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; P. Robinson, P.M.; T. Trollope, M.D., P.G.D.; A. Wells, P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; T. J. Rubie, P.M.; H. C. Bennett, E. J. McCormich, L. J. Jukes, H. Boyce, G. H. Gaze, C. Reinmann, F. Duke, W. H. Rodda, A. Bray, C. J. Lindridge, G. W. Councillor Bryant, S. T. Councillor Weston, J. T. Edmed, J. Taylor, L. O. Glenister. Visitors:—P. H. Palmer, 811; T. Bunker, P.M., 232; W. T. Jordan, W.M., 1184. Bro. Bennett was raised to sublime degree of W.M. Brother Taylor was passed, the work being done by the W.M. in an excellent manner. As this was the first appearance at Lodge of Bro. Trollope, after his severe illness, he was received with hearty congratulations. Rev. J. Puttich, P.P.G.C., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Rossiter was again re-elected Treasurer, both of whom suitably acknowledged the honour conferred. A long discussion ensued on the report of Board of General Purposes, which recommended a respectful suggestion to be made to the P.G. Master that the meetings of the P.G. Lodge may be held at different parts of the province. The report was unanimously adopted. Bro. C. W. Duke mentioned how the lodge was situate in regard to the candidature of the boy Newns for the R.M.I.B., and ventured a hope that they may be able, with assistance outside the province, to secure his election. Mr. Heophy was proposed as a candidate. The annual installation meeting will be held on the 14th January next.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP, 1889.

AS recorded in another column, the nomination of candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year was made in Grand Lodge, on the 6th inst. The following speeches of the respective nominators contain particulars of the masonic services of the brethren nominated, which will doubtless interest our readers :—

Bro. SIR J. R. SOMERS VINE, W.M. Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, said : Most worshipful Grand Master in the Chair—It is my great privilege, as the selected representative of a large and influential committee, numbering over 700 members of the craft, and comprising brethren in all parts of the country, to nominate for the high office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year an eminent brother, whom I believe to be universally known, highly esteemed, and eminently qualified to discharge the duties of that position ; I allude to Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry. That brother, M.W.G.M. in the chair, entered the ranks of masonry more than 20 years ago ; he was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge, No. 382 ; he joined the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, which most of our brethren may know is a lodge composed mainly of professional gentlemen connected with the liberal arts and sciences, in which he served all the offices, and was installed W.M. in 1877. He also joined the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, of which he is a Past Master. He is a member of the Savage Club Lodge, of which I am at this moment in the proud position of being W.M. ; he has been Treasurer for the last two years ; he is also a Past First Principal of the Asaph Chapter, and was appointed a Grand Steward in 1885-86, and has been two years a member of the Board of General Purposes ; he is a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Life Governor of the two other Masonic Institutions ; he has also served the office of Steward eight times. That, M.W. Sir, I think, is a masonic record which would commend itself to any brother. But, apart from all masonic associations, I venture to assert that the public and private life of Bro. E. O'Connor Terry is such as should commend him to the unanimous suffrages of the brethren in Grand Lodge. For several years past he has occupied positions of public trust, and has discharged the duties appertaining to those positions in a manner which has reflected credit on him as a

patriotic citizen. He has also the pleasure of being among those who have his private acquaintance, a most consistent friend, and, therefore, as I said before, in public and private life he has shown those attributes which are essential to a good mason. On those grounds, M.W. Grand Master, I beg to nominate him for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. FERGUSON, P.M. Domatic Lodge, No. 177 ; M.W.G.M. in the Chair : I have also to nominate a distinguished Mason for the office of Grand Treasurer, a brother who has worked justly and honestly in Masonry for 30 years, one who has worked in founding lodges, and in keeping those lodges going in such a manner that they have been enabled to supply large sums of money to the charities. He is not only a brother who exercises charity in general, but he is forward in promoting the same virtue in others. I have very great pleasure in proposing Bro. George Everett, Past Master, and Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177 ; founder and Past Master of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381 ; founder and Past Master of the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, and about seven years its Treasurer ; he is also a founder, Past Master, and Treasurer of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012. He has not only laboured in Craft Masonry but also in Arch ; he is Past Z. of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975 ; Past Z., founder, and Treasurer of the Kennington Chapter, No. 1381 ; he has also served the office of Steward five times ; he has been the means, as a member of the lodges with which he has been connected, in subscribing money which they might not have done, and had not done until he was their treasurer, one of them being the Domatic Lodge, and by the example that he has shown the brethren themselves have supplied far more to the funds of Grand Lodge of England. He has also made himself a Vice-President of each of the three Masonic Charities. A record of services like that shows that this brother is worthy of being elected Grand Treasurer. I have been deputed by the brethren of the various masonic bodies with which he has been connected, to represent to you that we have a perfectly worthy brother among us, one whose merits have been pretty well explained by what he has done. I might say that he is an independent man ; free from the anxieties and cares of business ; and with these qualifications, as I have laid them before you, I am sure you will think he is a proper person for the office of Grand Treasurer.

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.
THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th.		
19	Royal Athelstan ...	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
206	Friendship ...	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
238	Pilgrim ...	F. M. H.
263	Bank of England... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
534	Polish National ...	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury ...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
860	Dalhousie ...	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1076	Capper ...	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1216	Macdonald ...	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey R., Camberwell
1558	Duke of Connaught ...	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1598	Ley Spring... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1708	Plucknett ...	Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley
1791	Creton ...	F. M. H.
1987	Strand ...	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2047	Beckenham ...	Public Hall, Beckenham
R.A.C.	Royal Jubilee ...	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
72	Yarborough ...	Green Dragon, Stepney
554	Royal Albert ...	White Hart Tav., Abchurch Lane
907	Earl of Carnarvon ...	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1642	Mark.	
7	Carnarvon ...	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
86	Samson and Lion ...	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T.		
117	New Temple ...	Inner Temple, Fleet Street, E.C.

(2nd) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14th.

134	Caledonian ...	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
157	Bedford ...	F. M. H.
177	Domatic ...	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1201	Eclectic ...	F. M. H.
1536	United Military ...	Lord Raglan, Plumstead
1559	New Cross ...	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1997	John Carpenter ...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
2000	Earl of Mornington ...	Holborn Restaurant
2157	St. Mark's College ...	Victoria Mansions Rest., Westmins er
R.A.C.		
569	Fitzroy ...	Hon. Artillery Co. Hd.-Qrs., City Road
Mark.		
144	Grosvenor ...	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
K.T.		
	Great Priory ...	Cannon Street Hotel
26	Faith and Fidelity, &c. ...	Ditto

(3rd) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th.

1641	Crichton ...	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1732	King's Cross ...	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street

(3rd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th.

1	Grand Masters ...	F. M. T.
8	British ...	F. M. H.
21	Emulation ...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
185	Tranquillity ...	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
720	Pannure ...	Balham Hot., Balham
862	Whittington ...	F. M. H.
1537	St. Peter, Westminster ...	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(3rd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th—continued.		
1728	Temple Bar ...	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
1319	Asaph ...	F. M. H.
1657	Aldersgate ...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
Mark.		
173	Temple ...	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
294	Royal Naval College ...	Ship Hot., Greenwich

(3rd) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18th.

30	United Mariners ...	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
73	Mount Lebanon ...	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
95	Eastern Star ...	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
162	Cadogan ...	F. M. H.
166	Union ...	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
255	Harmony ...	Greyhound, Richmond
1339	Stockwell ...	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2021	Queen's Westminster ...	Holborn Rest., W.C.
2022	Haven ...	Lyric Hall, Ealing
2146	Surbiton ...	Maple Hall, Surbiton, Surrey
R.A.C.		
7	Royal York of Perseverance ...	F. M. H.
11	Enoch ...	Ditto
19	Mount Sinai ...	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
205	Israel ...	Cannon Street Hotel

(3rd) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19th.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, AT 6.

174	Sincerity ...	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
969	Maybury ...	Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn
1382	Corinthian ...	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar
1507	Metropolitan ...	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1624	Eccleston ...	Criterion, Piccadilly
1673	Langton ...	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1803	Cornhill ...	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
R.C.		
105	Cœur de Lion ...	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

(3rd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20th.

49	Gilhon ...	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
147	Temperance ...	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
179	Manchester ...	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
813	New Concord ...	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1139	South Norwood ...	Public Hall, South Norwood
1287	Great Northern ...	F. M. H.
1320	Blackheath ...	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1613	Cripplegate... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1681	Londesboro' ...	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1901	Selwyn ...	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.		
79	Pythagorean ...	Ship Hot., Greenwich
Mark.		
	Bon Accord... ..	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

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

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's 24th Dec	M. H., New Street	708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
74	Athol 2nd Jan	M. H., Severn Street	778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
468	Light 18th Dec	Great Western Hotel	788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
473	Faithful 8th Jan	M. H., New Street	1194	Villiers 16th Mar	Ditto
587	Howe 14th Jan	Ditto	1293	Burdett 26th Jan	Ditto
739	Temperance TO-DAY, 13th Dec	Ditto	1415	Campbell 13th Apr	Ditto
887	Leigh 23rd Jan	Ditto	1494	Felix... .. Ap to Jy only	Ditto
925	Bedford 24th Dec	Ditto	1512	Hemming 17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
938	Grosvenor 19th Dec	Ditto	1597	Musgrave 16th Mar	Ditto
1016	Elkington 225th Dec	Ditto	1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1031	Fletcher 9th Jan	Ditto	2024	Raymond Thrupp 4th Apl	Ditto
1163	Emulation 27th Dec	Ditto	2087	Electric 25th May	Ditto
1180	Forward 7th Jan	Ditto	2105	Cama 15th Dec	Ditto
1474	Israel 14th Jan	M. H., Severn Street	2183	Royal Hamp. Court 13th Feb	Ditto
1551	Charity 18th Dec	M. H., New Street	R.A.C.		
1644	Alma Mater 18th Jan	Ditto	778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
R.A.C.			1194	Royal Middlesex ... 18th May	Ditto
43	Fortitude 12th Mar	Great Western Hotel	1293	Burdett 12th Jan	Ditto
74	Athol 26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street	1691	Quadratic 15th Apr	Ditto
587	Howe 7th Feb	M. H., New Street	HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
938	Grosvenor 5th Feb	Ditto	57	Humber 20th Dec	F. M. H., Osborne Street
1016	Elkington 3rd Jan	Ditto	250	Minerva 26th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1031	Fletcher 5th Mar	Ditto	1010	Kingston 2nd Jan	M. H., Worship Street
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			1605	De la Pole 28th Dec	58, Charlotte Street
37	Anchor and Hope ... 14th Jan	F. M. H., Institute Street	2134	Wilberforce 4th Jan	Ditto
146	Antiquity 9th Jan	Ditto	R.A.C.		
221	St. John 19th Dec	Ditto	57	Humber 31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
348	St. John's 27th Dec	Ditto	250	Minerva 20th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1723	St. George 26th Dec	Ditto	1010	Kingston 21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
R.A.C.			1605	De la Pole 25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street
37	Concord 15th Apr	Ditto	ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
221	St. John 6th Mar	Ditto	1004	Athole 2nd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
348	St. John's 12th Mar	Ditto	1075	S. Manghold 15th Jan	M. R., Ramsey
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			1242	Tynwald 9th Jan	M. H., Douglas
302	Hope 17th Dec	M. H., Darley Street	2049	Ellan Vannin 1st Jan	Ditto
600	Harmony 20th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street	2050	St. Trinians 19th Dec	Ditto
974	Pentalpha 1st Jan	M. H., Darley Street	2164	St. Germans 12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
1018	Shakespeare 9th Jan	M. H., Darley Street	2197	Spencer Walpole ... 10th Dec	M. H., Douglas
1648	Prince of Wales 4th Jan	Ditto	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.			1004	Athole ...? 16th or 23rd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
302	Charity 17th Dec	Ditto	LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
600	Sincerity 5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street	289	Fidelity 3rd Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			304	Philanthropic 26th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
271	Royal Clarence 21st Dec	Royal Pavilion	306	Alfred 4th Jan	M. H., Kelsall Street
315	Royal York 1st Jan	Ditto	1042	Excelsior 20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
732	Royal Brunswick-DY 13th Dec	Ditto	1211	Goderich 7th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough 15th Dec	Ditto	1221	Defence 14th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
1466	Hova Ecclesia 5th Jan	Old Ship Hotel	1311	Zetland 21st Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1636	St. Cecilia 29th Jan	Royal Pavilion	2069	Prudence 12th Jan	Ditto
1821	Atlingworth 20th Dec	Ditto	R.A.C.		
1947	Stanford 9th Jan	Town Hall, Hove	289	Fidelity 8th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
R.A.C.			304	Philanthropic 5th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
271	Lennox 1st Feb	Royal Pavilion	306	Alfred TO-MOR., 14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
315	Royal Pavilion 18th Dec	Ditto	1042	Excelsior 20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
732	Royal Sussex 24th Jan	Ditto	LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
811	Yarborough 8th Feb	Ditto	279	St. John's 9th Jan	F. M. H., Halford Street
1466	Hova Villa 1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel	523	John of Gaunt 20th Dec	Ditto
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			1391	Commercial 28th Dec	Ditto
68	Royal Clarence 14th Jan	F. M. H., Park Street	1560	Albert Edward 8th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort 1st Jan	Ditto	2081	Golden Fleece 17th Dec	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality } 9th Jan	Ditto	R.A.C.		
326	Mohr 20th Dec	Ditto	279	Fortitude 27th Dec	Ditto
610	Colston 19th Dec	Ditto	1560	St. George's 7th Jan	Ditto
686	Jerusalem 12th Feb	Ditto	LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.		
1388	Canynges 5th Jan	Ditto	32	St. George's 26th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
1404	St. Vincent 24th Jan	Ditto	155	Perseverance 21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
2257	Powell 24th Dec	Ditto	203	Ancient Union 20th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			216	Harmonic TO-DAY, 13th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
68	Royal Clarence 19th Jan	Ditto	241	Merchants 8th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
103	Beaufort 25th Dec	Ditto	249	Mariners 3rd Jan	Ditto
187	Charity 3rd Jan	Ditto	292	Sincerity 14th Jan	Ditto
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			594	Downshire 27th Dec	Ditto
42	Relief 20th Dec (? 27th Dec)	Grey Mare Hotel	667	Alliance 18th Dec	Ditto
128	Prince Edwin 19th Dec	Bridge Inn	673	St. John 1st Jan	Ditto
191	St. John TO-DAY, 13th Dec	Knowsley Hotel	680	Sefton 4th Jan	Ditto
1012	Prince of Wales 3rd Jan	Derby Hotel	724	Derby 26th Dec	Ditto
1392	Egerton 27th Dec	Stanley Arms	786	United Service TO-DAY, 13th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			823	Everton 19th Dec	Ditto
42	Unanimity 28th Feb	Derby Hotel	1013	Royal Victoria 2nd Jan	Ditto
128	Prince Edwin 18th Feb	Bridge Inn	1094	Temple 9th Jan	Ditto
CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			1182	Dk. of Ednburgh. TO-DY., 13th Dec	Ditto
88	Scientific 14th Jan	Red Lion Hotel	1264	Neptune 7th Jan	Ditto
441	Three Grand Principles 7th Jan	Ditto	1299	Pembroke 20th Dec	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
859	Isaac Newton Univsty. 21st Dec	Ditto	1325	Stanley 24th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1422	Alma Mater 20th Dec	University Arms Hotel	1350	Fernor Hesketh 14th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			1356	Toxteth 9th Jan	80, North Hill Street
88	Pythagoras... .. 19th Dec	Red Lion Hotel	1393	Hamer 20th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
441	Fidelity 23rd Jan	Ditto	1502	Israel 17th Dec	Ditto
859	Euclid ?	Ditto	1505	Emulation 27th Dec	Ditto
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			1547	Liverpool 9th Jan	Ditto
253	Tyrian 25th Dec	M. H., Gower Street	1570	Prince Arthur 18th Dec	Ditto
751	Arboretum 9th Jan	Ditto	1609	Liverpool Dramatic 25th Dec	Ditto
802	Repose 20th Dec	Ditto	1620	Marlborough 2nd Jan	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1085	Hartington... .. 2nd Jan	Ditto	1675	Ancient Briton 25th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.			2042	Apollo 2nd Jan	Ditto
253	Justice 8th Jan	Ditto	2114	Lodge of Prudence 17th Dec	Ditto
731	Truth 16th Jan	Ditto	2215	Anfield 27th Dec	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
			2229	Latham 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 13th Feb	Ditto
			680	Sefton 24th Dec	Ditto
			823	Everton 25th Dec	Ditto
			1094	Temple 22nd Jan	Ditto
			1350	Fernor Hesketh 15th Jan	Ditto
			1356	De Grey and Ripon 6th Feb	Ditto
			1393	Hamer 3rd Jan	Ditto
			1502	Israel 8th Jan	Ditto

NOTE.—CHRISTMAS DAY falls on the FOURTH TUESDAY in this month: query all 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 1st Feb	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 9th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability 3rd Jan	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 TO-MOR., 14th Dec	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland 9th Jan	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 TO-DAY, 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 TO-DAY, 13th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Lipon 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 TO-MOR., 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
1793	Zion 7th Jan	74a, King Street
1993	Wolsley 1st Jan	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward 9th Jan	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan 9th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick 14th Jan	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.		
62	Social 13th Feb	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 7th Feb	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 3rd Jan	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's 14th Jan	Ditto
541	De Lorraine 21st Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ... 5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker 9th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy 18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur 27th Dec	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas TO-MOR., 14th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's 28th Dec	Ditto
1863	Priory TO-DAY, 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 TO-MOR., 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 TO-DY, 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 8th Jan	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance 18th Dec	Ditto
807	Cabbell 27th Dec	Ditto
943	Sincerity 25th Dec	Ditto
1500	Walpole 3rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
52	Royal George 21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance TO-DAY, 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 14th Jan	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell 4th Jan	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 12th Feb	Ditto
411	Commercial 26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley ?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon 28th Jan	Ditto

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
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 8th Jan	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 14th Jan	Ditto
156	Harmony 7th Jan	Ditto
159	Brunswick 2nd Jan	M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity 14th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship 27th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity 18th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity 20th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
354	St. Aubyn 25th Dec	Ditto
1205	Metham 17th Dec	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's TO-DAY, 13th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas 17th Dec	Ditto
1550	Prudence 5th Jan	Ditto
1847	Ebrington 8th Jan	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 28th 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 2nd Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity 22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
354	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 TO-DAY, 13th Dec	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers 14th Jan	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service TO-MOR., 14th Dec	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport 20th Dec	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught 25th Dec	Ditto
1903 {	Prince Edw. Saxe	18th Dec
	Weimar	
1990 {	Hampshire Lo. of	9th Feb
	Emulation	
2068 {	Portsmouth Tem-	24th Dec
	perance	
2074	St. Clair 17th Dec	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C.		
257	Friendship 9th Jan	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth 8th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service 15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport 28th Feb	Ditto
2068 {	Portsmouth Tem-	(?)
	perance	
		Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia TO-DAY, 13th Dec	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ... 14th Jan	Ditto
1239	Wentworth 7th Jan	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe 25th Dec	Ditto
2263 {	St. Leonards (con-	(?)
	secrated 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 TO-DY, 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 ... 3rd Jan	Ditto
359	Peace and Harmony ... 17th Dec	Ditto
394	Concord 27th Dec	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John 8th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phoenix 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine TO-DAY, 13th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	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.—CHRISTMAS DAY falls on the FOURTH TUESDAY in this month; query all meetings on that date.

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PROSPECTUS.

THIS Company has been formed with the object of providing a PUBLIC SCHOOL education of the highest class for the sons of Freemasons and others, at the least possible cost consistent with efficiency. Such a school will, it is believed, meet a want already expressed by many brethren, and considering the numbers and influence of Freemasons, there is no doubt that a school supported by them cannot fail to be a great success.

As a first step the Company has contracted to purchase the freehold premises known as Craufurd College, Maidenhead, Berks, together with the playing fields (about 13 acres), fixtures, fittings, furniture, and goodwill for £16,423, of which sum the vendor takes £2,000 in fully paid-up Shares in the Company, which will take over the College as a going concern from the date of the completion of the purchase.

This property is most admirably adapted for the purpose required. It is within 25 miles of London, on the main line of the Great Western Railway. The position is particularly healthy, being on high ground and gravel soil. The premises comprise: the Head Master's residence, the College buildings, with accommodation for 127 boys, and, in addition to the ordinary requirements of a school, there are covered five courts, a cinder track for cycling and sports, a gymnasium, carpenter's room, large tepid swimming bath, and a laboratory.

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."

Arrangements have been made by which DR. PAYNE and the present staff of Masters will continue in the service of the Company, and there are at present some 50 boarders at the School. The advantage of the purchase to Shareholders is manifest, as the Company is saved the necessity of starting a school, by acquiring this long-established one, thus earning a dividend from the commencement.

There is no other school offering advantages to Freemasons; it may therefore confidently be expected that the number of pupils will speedily reach 100, in which case it is estimated that the profits of the Company will not be less than £10 per cent.

(I.) The Shares are, in the first instance, offered to Freemasons, and all vacancies in the school will be filled up first from the sons of Shareholders; in the second place from the sons of Freemasons; and lastly from the sons of the public generally. The holders of not less than five Shares may nominate a boy for admission into the school on the terms specified below.

(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.

The terms are at present fixed as follows:—

BOARDERS	under 14	nominated by Shareholders	..	..	..	50	Guineas.
"	"	un-nominated	"	..	..	60	"
"	over 14, but under 16,	nominated	"	..	..	60	"
"	"	un-nominated	"	..	..	70	"
"	over 16, at Special Terms						
DAY SCHOLARS,	nominated	..	..	..	..	20	Guineas.
"	un-nominated	..	..	..	..	24	"

The Directors are empowered (after the Shareholders have received at least £5 per cent.) to set aside the profits, or a portion thereof for the above-mentioned Exhibitions and Scholarships, and it is believed that Freemasons will assist by donations to augment this Fund. A member of the Craft has already offered two exhibitions for the benefit of boys coming from the Royal Masonic School.

Applications for Shares should be made to the Bankers' Solicitors, or at the Offices of the Company.

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PROSPECTUS.

THIS Company was established in 1873, with a capital of £40,000, in 2,000 shares of £20 each, and purchased as a nucleus the wholesale business of Dr. Crapper, of Hanley. The whole of the purchase money has been paid off. Since the formation of the Company, the business has developed into a large and substantial one. The whole of the original 2,000 £20 shares have been subscribed (these shares have recently, by special resolution, been subdivided into £5 shares).

Three years since, the Company commenced the manufacture of an improved Mineral Tooth, which has now become firmly established on the market; the demand coming from all parts of the world is quite beyond present means of supply, and it is to meet this condition that the present issue of 2,000 £5 shares is made. The superiority of these Teeth is an established fact.

The demand for Dental Instruments of the Company's Manufacture has also largely increased, and it has been found necessary to add another large workshop, which has been fitted with improved machinery. From this department a handsome profit is expected during the ensuing year.

During the fourteen years the Company has been established it has obtained a wide-spread reputation for excellence in its various productions; its sales have shown a yearly increase, its productions are used by the first dentists in the world, and the business having been developed on sound principles, its shares may be considered a safe investment. The dividends from the commencement have averaged 7 per cent., and from the impetus the Company's business has received by the introduction of their improved Teeth, increased dividends may reasonably be expected.

It is the intention of the Directors to make application to the London Stock Exchange Committee for a settlement and quotation.

Should no allotment be made, the deposit money will be returned in full.

The "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL

In the opinion of many Brethren the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the Brethren, whose names are subjoined, may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft universal, who, in this way, will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned Brethren have formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual Subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Dr. RALPH GOODING, P.G.D., Hon. Sec. and *ad interim* Treasurer (Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E.), and will be duly acknowledged.

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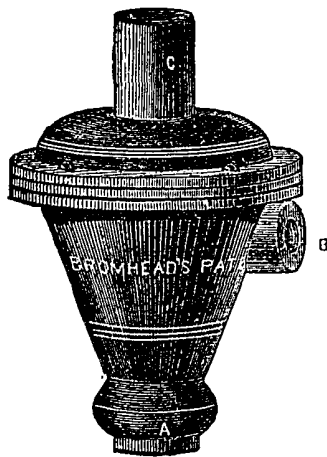


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