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Our First Volume.

THIS number completes the First Volume of THE MASONIC STAR, and we take the opportunity of thanking our subscribers and that section of the large body of Freemasons who have given us their valued support for the considerable interest they have, during the past six months, evinced in our progress. At its inception this Journal announced a programme which it has been our constant endeavour to conscientiously carry out; and without in any way wishing to appear at all self-laudatory, we cannot but believe that we must thereto ascribe much of the kindly recognition we have already received; a continuance and extension of which we trust to deserve and enjoy in the future. At the outset of our journalistic career, we stated that it was our intention to "act squarely and independently of all external influences; discuss questions Masonic with temperance and strict impartiality; uphold in all controversy the rules and constitutions of the Order; and to be kind, yet candid, in all our reports where persons are concerned, giving to every man his just due, and that without distinction." We do not desire to take credit to ourselves for the performance of so distinct an obligation, which, being made, it was no more than our duty to carry out; but we cannot refrain from stating that in respect to the manner of the performance of that duty, we have the "testimony of a self-convincing conscience," that the same has given "satisfaction to the brethren." It has often been admitted by Masonic writers that there are great difficulties and peculiarities connected with the conduct of a Masonic Journal, and, although we crave no sympathy, we would ask every member of our Order who seeks to extend or improve his knowledge in

respect to matters connected therewith, to bear with us and endeavour to appreciate the hindrances that so frequently necessarily arise to a free exposition of much that is of importance in connection with subjects on which it may be our duty, as well as our privilege, to descant; according us their support in whatever "laudable endeavours" we may make in the field of Masonic literature.

Before our advent we foresaw many difficulties which would have to be overcome, and what a careful handling of our vessel would be necessary in order to avoid the rocks and quicksands of the ocean on which we intended to sail;—so far we have been successful in our efforts. The support which we have received in our babyhood has been most gratifying, and we trust that in our progress to manhood a continuance and increase of the same may be accorded to us by our friends and that section of the community which we seek to serve, who may one and all rest assured that we shall continue to do battle for all that is loyal and true in connection with Freemasonry.

Our columns will ever be open, as heretofore, to correspondents who may wish to utilize them for the purpose either of gaining information, or for fair and legitimate criticism; and undeterred by adverse comment on ourselves we shall, where occasion justly arises, continue to point out in courteous language whatever we may consider requires the light of public opinion, discussion, or revision. Without having any fear, or asking any favour, we shall adhere to and carry out our original programme, and trust that our efforts may meet with continued approbation from the craft, and result in benefit to all concerned.

The Fund of Benevolence.

(Continued from page 368).

BEFORE we proceed with our comments on past proceedings relating to this fund, we desire to clear the ground from a vast quantity of rubbish, which is evidently placed in our way for the purpose of impeding that progress which our friends and ourselves are endeavouring to make towards a better condition of affairs in relation to the fund. It is worse than absurd, for it is false to designate any brethren, at least of those whom we know to be concerned, agitators knowing perfectly well that "if mud enough be thrown some of it will be sure to stick," or, to state that they suggest even in the remotest degree, "that honourable men, such as those constituting our Board of Benevolence, have deliberately encouraged a large expenditure of the funds entrusted to their charge so as to render the accumulation, and, as a matter of course, the appropriation of surpluses impossible." Whoever has said that? Is it mere "make up," used for want of good argument against the propositions set forth by objectors to the present state of things? If so, it partakes of the nature of the French adage, *Qui s'accuse s'accuse* and will surely not help, if does not injure

those to whom the sentence refers. As yet we have seen no good and reasonable explanation for the reductions in the fund to which attention has been directed; and it would be better to devote time and space to the purpose of such explanation, than to scream out abuse against would-be reformers.

For ourselves, we have said, and we now once and for all repeat, that "the question at issue is not one of personal character in any respect. The lodges are to be honoured and credited for their loyalty in observing the rule which regulates and specifies the amount of their contributions; and the members of the Board of Benevolence and those who assist them are deserving of all praise for their sacrifice of time and the labour they undertake month by month in carefully, and thereby properly, distributing the funds with which the Craft entrusts them. The former cannot, under existing regulations, do more in the way of contributing, and the latter desire to do no less than they have always done as the honoured Almoners of English Freemasons." We have italicised portions of the foregoing remarks purposely, that those who think differently from us, and who speak or write on the subject, may see how very little reason they can have for justifying their use of inapplicable and more or less opprobrious terms to such as do not altogether agree with them.

Now let us pass on to the comments we proposed, in our last, to make. It cannot, we should think, be otherwise than admitted on all hands, that if Bro. Clabon's proposition of the 7th June, 1882, had been accepted, there would not now be any occasion to discuss the position of the fund. The suggested increase of quarterages in the manner set forth, would have entirely covered, during the past ten years, the increase of grants, for the which, it is useless to blink the fact, we are indebted to the reckless manner in which, during that period, admissions have been made into our Order. It would have also sufficed to restore the stock to its larger proportion in 1879, and doubtless there might have been, if desired, still further accumulation. Whether or not it would have been, or would be now, judicious to have a larger reserve than £50,000 is not the question of the present, but we hope that circumstances may arise to warrant earnest consideration on that point before many years. The "state of things" which Bro. Clabon "hoped Grand Lodge would agree with him in saying ought not to go on" has come about, and the reduction of expenditure in relief, "to the great distress of many people," has not only resulted but is now absolutely sought to be justified, and, as it were, taken credit for, in the statement that the grant per individual (poor individuals), has very appreciably diminished. It is said that figures may be made to prove anything. We are indeed sorry to see them necessarily used to prove that the kind hearts and fraternal sentiments of the distributors of this fund have had to suffer the pain of "appreciably diminishing" the amounts of their grants to necessitous brethren, and the widows of brethren, because the members of Grand Lodge in 1882, would not listen to the warning and advice of one whose counsel, judging from past experience, was entitled to the utmost consideration and adoption. It is said that at that time there were complaints that larger grants were made on occasions than the circumstances of certain cases justified, and there are not wanting those who complain in like manner now, but the remarks of Bro. Clabon then, as to these, were sound and practical, and they have our fullest endorsement at this present writing. As far as we know, after many years experience, there have been but two recommendations by the Board to Grand Lodge to which objections were taken, having regard to the amounts proposed to be granted. The question is not one of distribution but one of supplies, and to decide upon the measures to be taken to increase the latter in order to be enabled to dispense with masonic liberality and with justice to each unfortunate applicant, is what the members of Grand Lodge must shortly do if they desire to maintain the usefulness of the fund. We shall presume to offer our opinion that the necessary increase can be attained, in a satisfactory manner only, by putting into practice that theory of equality which we profess, and requiring from each brother equal payment for equal privileges. At present this equality is not observed, the rate of contribution to the Grand Benevolent Fund of the Order being just twice as much from members of lodges within ten miles radius of Freemasons' Hall as that from members of lodges beyond that radius. As to this we shall have more to say in future issues. We will now continue the account of proceedings subsequent to June, 1882: and we shall make no excuse for a reproduction of what we find recorded elsewhere, as, read by the light of the past ten years' experience, it will be found not only most interesting but highly instructive at this particular time as a guide to what course should be pursued. Our readers may satisfy any doubts they might possibly have on the subject of our correct record, by reference to the report of the "Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication" referred to, and published by Grand Lodge.

(1) By Bro. JOHN CLABON, P.G.D. (postponed from the Grand Lodge on the 7th June last, that an opportunity might be given to the Provincial Grand Lodges to consider whether an increase should be made in the quarterage at present paid to Grand Lodge):

"That for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all the members of the lodges in the London district (except military lodges) shall pay quarterly one shilling and sixpence each to the fund, instead of one shilling as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on the 2nd March, 1884. And that all members of lodges not within the London district (except military, colonial, and foreign lodges) shall pay, quarterly, ninepence each to the fund, instead of sixpence, as fixed by the said Grand Lodge."

(2) "That no sale be made of all or any part of the Capital Funds of Benevolence without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge."

Bro. CLABON said that he was aware that communications had been received from Prov. Grand Lodges in regard to the motion of

of which he had given notice, but he supposed that these communications should be before Grand Lodge before he moved.

THE GRAND SECRETARY said that notices had been sent out to forty-one Prov. Grand Lodges: twenty-five had voted against it, three had voted in its favour.

Bro. CLABON said he hoped, notwithstanding these unfavourable returns, he should persuade Grand Lodge to accept his motion. (Cries of withdraw). He certainly should not withdraw, so he begged them to hear him. He stated a few figures in making this motion six months ago; he told Grand Lodge that up to two years ago the Lodge of Benevolence had never voted the whole of their income, and the result was that up to that time they had accumulated something like £50,000. In the year 1880 they voted about £1,000 more than their income, and in 1881 they voted nearly £2,000 more than their income. He had not had an opportunity of ascertaining what the voting had been but it was going on at about the same rate: and they had just heard that £790 was granted last month, and Grand Lodge had voted £400 more just now. Well, if they had voted £1,200 in one night, he thought it would turn out that this year they had voted a considerably larger sum than formerly. He had sat as President of the Board of Benevolence for ten or twelve years, and he did ask them to take his experience, or at all events consider that he was competent to express an opinion. In old times the Lodge of Benevolence used to vote £10, £20, and £30, and £40 used to be considered a large sum; but latterly, unfortunately, brethren occupying good social positions have met with reversals of fortune, and in consideration of the special circumstances large grants have been made. It was no uncommon thing now to see grants of £100, and these had not been the highest, but they had had as much as £200 and £250; and he remembered distinctly cases—from the evidence he could tell them—of a number of cases where a grant of £50 was no use at all, while a grant of £200 was all the use in the world. Entertaining this opinion, he looked about to see how the income might be increased. The first method was to dip into the accumulated fund. That had been done; but if every year £3,000 or £4,000 was taken out of the reserve it would soon be exhausted, and when it was gone they would be brought back again to the question how to raise the money. By whatever means it was done, he could not think it right to spend the accumulated fund; it was a fund sacred as capital. One alternative was to make it like the other Charities. This had been attempted, and, as they were aware, it had failed entirely. He thought three festivals, as now, in one year were enough. There was only one more way—a very simple way—which had now been proposed, namely, that brethren in London should pay 2s. more, and that brethren in the provinces should pay an additional 1s. He wanted to increase the 4s. to 6s. for London, and the 2s. to 3s. for the provinces; he wanted to ask every brother in London to pay something less than a halfpenny a week, and for brethren in the country to pay a farthing a week to give to poor Masons, as they had been doing that night. They had been voting £1,100 to poor Musons, going beyond the income to do so. If they went on doing that they must take it out of the capital, and ten years hence they must find another fund, or the grants would be reduced. All the Provincial Grand Lodges were against it, but had not given a single reason. With his experience the question of town or country was never thought of by the Lodge of Benevolence. He had been asked to withdraw the motion, but he asked them to vote for it. One brother who asked him to withdraw, said, "Oh! you are only a great Benefit Society." He believed that Masonic Charity was best demonstrated—(hear, hear)—best of all in the Lodge of Benevolence. It had also been said that these grants tended to pauperise the recipients; but what he understood by a pauperising gift was the giving something to a man which tended to prevent him making any exertion for himself; that which will reduce him to such a level that he will never work for himself again. But he believed in the main that the grants of the Lodge of Benevolence did good to poor Masons and to the widows and children of decayed Masons. They ought not to spend the principal; it was not expedient to have another festival, and it was expedient, in his opinion, to increase the quarterages in the way proposed.

Bro. HOLDEN, in seconding the motion, said that they had been told that the grants had been increased beyond the annual income: but they had not heard that the increase of a sixpence would stop the increase of the grants proceeding. If the sixpence extra would make up the deficiency, and if there were a little more discretion in the Board of Benevolence, then he could see that their funds were likely to regain the position which they once held. As he had heard a brother say, "We have got lots of money, let us give it; we have got lots of funds, why should we not distribute them?" He (Bro. Holden) thought they had better get rid of the fund, and then they would be able to call upon the annual income. It was not sufficient that an applicant be worthy and deserving of relief, to warrant the Board in giving £100: they ought to look to their income.

Bro. TOMES spoke to oppose the motion, and did so because he felt that it would disorganise every lodge in his province. He thought that the reception the subject had met with in the provinces would be a warning to the Lodge of Benevolence to be a little more circumspect in the grants they gave; because it was perfectly proposterous that if your income was £2,000, you should go and live at the rate of £3,000. With regard to the province which he had the honour to represent, it was necessary for him to state one or two facts. They had to pay two shillings a-year to Grand Lodge; they had to pay another two shillings a-year to their own charity fund. Without referring to the metropolis, he would confine his remarks to the provinces, and especially the province which he represented. They had a fund, exactly similar to the Lodge of Benevolence, to which they contributed from 2s. 6d. to 5s.; in fact, they gave from 7s. 6d. to 10s. per annum out of a guinea; and he might, therefore, say that they had nothing whatever left for anything further. The province recognised the

Charities, but also their duties locally; and the fact was that they did not send up so many applicants to the Board of Benevolence as the metropolis did, because they relieved them themselves. He thought that the provinces were doing their duty and ought not to be called upon to contribute to increase a fund for grants contrary to all common sense. He, therefore, opposed the motion.

Bro. BIRKENHEAD said Bro. Clabon seemed to have laid a stress upon the fact that they had just confirmed very heavy grants, but it would be difficult for them to discuss the circumstances so as to regulate the grants recommended to them. As to the feeling of the lodges in the provinces, it appeared to be that they must cut their coat according to their cloth. He was there partly to represent North Yorks. Out of twenty-seven lodges there was only one in favour of the motion. Bearing in mind that they sent up for the Masonic Charities about £40,000 a year, and to the Lodge of Benevolence say £10,000. They had in the province a benevolent fund; besides which some lodges had a benevolent fund for educational purposes, and for the relief of decayed masons. The lodges were ill able to bear the present strain upon them, and he was perfectly sure with this increased grant they would do wrong to themselves and wrong to the order they belonged to. They had greatly increased since H.R.H. had become their head, but they have not increased in what they ought to have, good men and good Masons. He was afraid when these grants appeared in the papers, a certain class of men said "What a good thing Freemasonry is: if anything happens to me my wife and children will be provided for." He would like to see men proposed who would be likely never to have a claim upon the charities. The subscription to many lodges was very small, some eight shillings and sixpence to ten and sixpence: he would like to see a yearly subscription of not less than twenty-one shillings: more if possible: so that an intending entrant might be prompted to consider not only the four, five, six or seven guineas to be paid the first year, but also that he would have to provide for paying an annual subscription of a guinea. After a few further remarks the speaker resumed his seat.

Bro. JOHNSTON said that he rose, as a Provincial Grand brother, to represent a number of brethren who were unable to be present on account of distance or the nature of their avocations. He was Provincial Grand Secretary for the Western Division of Lancashire, and he would address himself to the point whether there was any claim upon them as there was in respect of London brethren. In the north of England they had many brethren going about from town to town seeking work, whom they had frequently to relieve. So much had such claims increased upon them, that in some parts they were obliged to have Relief Committees, at which they had from three to four applicants for relief at a time. In Liverpool they were rather worse off than in other towns, because, from one reason or another, they had brethren who had returned from the Colonies with the idea of improving their position, and being disappointed of their object desired to return to the Colonies; and these brethren were passed on to Liverpool by the brethren in the inland towns, who only paid their railway fare. They had always been able to comply with the demands upon them, and they had always been able to find the money where it had been to help a worthy brother. They had to pay two shillings to Grand Lodge and two shillings to Provincial Grand Lodge, besides other calls; they were educating 1840* children; they had an annuity fund on which there were forty annuitants. They sent up to Grand Lodge two shillings out of every brother's subscription; they were doing their share fairly and manfully, and if further money were required, and further claims made upon them, he was quite sure that if the brethren were satisfied of the justness of those claims the money would be provided; but, on the part of his province, he must vote against this motion. The brother concluded that good would result by increasing the time during which a brother must have been a Mason to render him eligible as an applicant, from two to five years.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS said that he for one would most certainly support Bro. Clabon's motion, only that he would wish to go further than the motion went, by stipulating for equal quarterages being required from metropolitan and provincial brethren alike. The provincial brethren at the present time contributed about as much as the metropolitan, and they had their own funds from which they derived an additional benefit (which the London brethren did not enjoy) before they came to the Board of Benevolence, which they frequently did, for further assistance. He asked them to look back. Did not the provincial brethren who were relieved represent two-thirds of the amount of that number? He would propose that every Mason in England should pay equal quarterages to Grand Lodge, and if provincial brethren desired to have additional local relief funds, by all means let them do it. As a man, he said, he was willing to pay the six shillings a year proposed, but he was averse to being mulcted in a larger sum than the provincial brethren.

Bro. TENNANT opposed the motion. Bro. Clabon seemed to think it a very easy matter to increase the quarterages, but to him it appeared to be a matter of the greatest importance, and he submitted that Bro. Clabon had not made out a sufficient case to induce Grand Lodge to give a vote in favour of his motion. What were the facts? Up to the year 1880 the grants had amounted to very much less than the income: but for some reason, in 1879, the expenditure increased from £4924 to £7606. Up to the year 1879 the expenditure had increased gradually, as had the income; but from what cause he did not know. That might be explained by saying that the Board had been most lavish in its expenditure, but he was unwilling to believe that. But there was another reason why this motion should not be agreed to, and that was, that if this £4000, the estimated amount, was added to the Fund of Benevolence, it could only be done by being extracted from the funds of the various provinces. (Cries of Vote, vote).

Bro. CLABON, in reply, said that brethren would kindly remember that there had been no word of opposition from London, and he should first like to look at the results of what had been done that

evening as between London and the provinces. Out of eighteen cases twelve were provincial and six London, and all the large ones were provincial. He asked the country brethren to give one shilling a year—all this grand oratory had been against paying one shilling a year.

The vote of Grand Lodge was then taken with the following result: Bro. Clabon's motion, 182; against, 186.

The motion was therefore lost.

Bro. CLABON said that if the first motion had been carried he would have wished to press the other; as it was he begged to withdraw the other.

After some opposition permission was granted to Bro. Clabon to withdraw his second motion.

We shall comment on the foregoing, and continue the subject in our next.—ED. M.S.

INDIA.

ALLAHABAD—LEBANON LODGE (MARK), No. 207.—On Tuesday, the 8th ult., Bro. W. Grierson-Jackson was installed W.M. of this Mark Lodge in the presence of a large and distinguished company of masons.

MADRAS—PERFECT UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 150.—On the 15th ult., Bro. F. B. Hanna was installed W.M. of this old lodge. Among the brethren present were Lord Connemara, D.G.M., Madras; Lord Herschell, P.G.S.W., England; Colonel Hill, M.P., &c. At the banquet which followed Lord Herschell, in responding to the toast of the visitors, made an able and humorous speech which elicited loud applause and much laughter, especially the description of his mother lodge, composed exclusively of lawyers, and their endeavours to maintain perfect unanimity, love, and harmony amongst their clients. Referring to lodge "Perfect Unanimity," he said he was very greatly impressed with what he had witnessed that evening. It was the first time he had visited a lodge in India, and having heard a great deal about class, caste, and creed, he was proud to find as a Mason that Masonry levelled all such artificial distinctions, and that brethren of all classes, castes, and creeds met as Masons without any restraint in love and harmony.

BENGAL.—The District Grand Master has appointed Bro. A. Paxton Deputy Grand Master of the District.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

WHAT BETTER THEME THAN MASONRY?

WHAT better theme can claim our lays,
And lend its aid to Harmony;
What noble art sheds brighter rays
Than glorious Freemasonry?
What other virtues can compare
With those 'tween "compasses and square?"
For Faith and Hope and Charity,
Brotherly Love and Unity,
With Order, Peace, and Harmony,
Are found in true Freemasonry.

When first to us the light is shown
That governs true morality,
Others' distress we make our own
In natural equality.
Our steps are then taught to ascend
The ladder staves that upward tend:
Faith, first upon the muster-roll,
Hope, the sheet-anchor of the soul,
And Charity, that crowns the whole
Foundation of Freemasonry.

When Craftsmen's labours we attend
We're taught the hidden mystery.
By science led to comprehend
The scope of nature's history;
From nature up to nature's God
Our minds are raised above the sod,
And Wisdom comes to shield from harm,
Strength, hurtful passions to disarm,
Whilst Beauty lends a crowning charm
To all our works in Masonry.

And next, as Master Masons, we
Share the sublimest mystery,
And prove how potent then can be
Fortitude and Fidelity;
The terrors of the darkest hour
Are lessened by the Mystic Power;
And Virtue's portal opens wide
Our steps to Honour's fane to guide,
Whilst Mercy pleads upon our side
To Him who rules Freemasonry.

And when, our glorious labours o'er,
We meet for brief hilarity,
Amidst our joys, our Brethren poor
Remembered are in charity:
Each thankful heart expands to bless;
Each willing hand relief will press;
With Temperance God's gifts we share;
Prudence extends her watchful care,
And Justice, symbolled by the Square,
Perfects our work in Masonry.

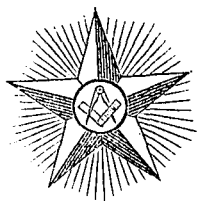
JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z., &c.

From "UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE."

* This must be, we think, an error, but it is so reported.—Ed. M.S.

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Original Correspondence.

* * We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have recently seen a tabular statement showing income and expenditure of the Board of Benevolence from 1880 up to last year. Thereby it appears that the income in 1880 was £9,270, whilst that in 1888 was £10,051. I find, on reference, that in 1880 there were about 1880 lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, whilst the number last year had increased to something over 2220. Putting these figures side by side, I am at a loss to understand how it is that an addition of 340 lodges only results in an increase of £780 in the Benevolent Fund; in other words, how is it that about 46s. each per annum per lodge is derived from those established since 1880, whilst about £5 each is the subscription of those in existence prior to that date. Moreover, during the present decade, I am given to understand that not only has this large addition to the number of our lodges been made, but that, as a general rule, they have had most material additions to their lists of members, in many cases lodges being twice and three times as strong numerically as they were eight or nine years ago.

I hope you will not consider me stupid or intrusive because I venture to set this question before you, but it appears to me that there must be some blundering somewhere, as 46s. represents only an average of eight or nine members per Lodge, an anything but flourishing condition, and one which hardly justifies existence as a lodge at all.

Yours fraternally,

VERITAS.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your issues for January 24th and 31st appear letters on the above subject asking for guidance. To the letter of January 24th was appended an editorial note, "We will answer this next week." I have examined your columns in vain, and can only conclude the matter must have been overlooked. I know a large number of brethren who are deeply interested in this question and who have very decided opinions upon it. They are at the same time very anxious to do only that which is right, if only they can find proper authority. It would appear that the only authority forthcoming is that of the D.P.G.M., or P.G. Secty. who seem to think that they have only to say "You must not do this," or "You must not do that," and all is supposed to be settled. It has been said that Grand

Lodge has given a decision on this matter: if so, let that decision be pointed out, and many brethren who now uphold the opening of a Board of Installed Masters will dutifully submit. In my own Lodge a Board has been regularly opened since the Lodge was first started, now nearly 80 years ago. If you can point out any authority for the observance or non-observance of this mode of working you will earn the gratitude of many Brethren.

Yours fraternally,

Feb. 8th, 1889.

P.M., P.Z. (W. Lane.)

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Not being a constant reader of the *Freemason*, I have only just had my attention drawn to an article of the 26th ult. "Our Institutions and the Critics." I think it a great pity that the writer did not do for himself what he considers the said critics are "in honour bound to do," before "condemning what he does not know." For "had he inquired of the Secretary or Mr. Collector" he could have been told that in 1883 or 1884 certain members of the Committee of Management brought to light the very fact that he denies, viz., that the sums received for commission by the collector were not at all in accordance with the original "clearly defined conditions," and that one of the officials was called before the committee and censured. They also objected to certain other matters which they conscientiously believed (and still retain the same opinion) *ought not to be*. The consequence was that the next year none of those members were re-elected, so they could not continue to carry out their desire of "wanting to know, you know!"

Not wishing to enter upon any matter I am unable to clearly prove, I sign myself.

Yours fraternally,

Feb. 8th, 1888.

G. L. MOORE, P.M. 169.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Something must be done, and quickly, if the three great charities of the order are to be maintained. I hear a great deal about them; and that I have their true interest at heart may be shown by the fact that I am Life Governor of all and have been five times a Steward.

1. As regards the Benevolent Institution I consider that the secretarial expenses are absurd, one brother at £400 per annum, with two assistants at £100 and £80 respectively ought to manage the office and collect the subscriptions. Both the schools should be managed with greater economy.

2. Why should the secretaries of the institutions be styled Honorary Secretary of the Festivals? Surely that event is an important part of the work for which they are well paid.

3. The Life Governors should be informed how many boys have run away from the school at Wood Green in consequence of excessive and unnecessary thrashing, of which the boys cannot complain as all letters are read, and they have no fathers to take out a summons for assault as would be the case in an ordinary school.

4. Whether it would not be well to have advice from some eminent architect, such as the present Grand Superintendent of Works, so as to secure more artistic taste in the buildings. Additions and alterations have from time to time been made to both schools by able surveyors, but not one, I think, is a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The increase of lodges, especially in the London district and surrounding provinces, has brought in so many who should never have been admitted into masonry. The increase of candidates for the charities must be rapid, and it appears to me that our institutions require careful management if they are to adequately meet the wants of the near future.

I have tried to avoid personalities, but am convinced that something must be done, and quickly, if the three noble institutions are to be maintained in a state of efficiency.

Yours &c.,

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SANDGATE LODGE AND SOLDIER MASONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

This lodge was formed in 1873, and received great assistance from the 99th Regiment, then stationed at Shorncliffe. The first W.M. and S.W. were officers of that regiment, and many of the joining members belonged to the garrison. Since then there has been ever the greatest goodwill between the civil and military element. Six or seven W.M.'s have been connected with the service; several have filled the Warden's chairs, but have left before the election of W.M. The exigencies of the service doubtless places military Masons under certain disadvantages, but I deny that there is so unmasonic a wish on the part of civilians as a wish to deprive them of their just dues, and in the Sandgate lodge the civilians are so intimately connected with military that it would be unnatural to do so. Our esteemed tyler, himself a retired warrior, is at once evidence of the goodwill with which his comrades would be welcomed.

I must correct "Punjabi" in his statement that the J.W. has been initiated during the last few months. The brother referred to is the vicar of Sandgate; he was initiated in a metropolitan lodge, and became a joining member last year, receiving the appointment of chaplain. Since then the W.M. wisely selected him as J.W. for the good of masonry generally, and of this lodge in particular.

It is to be regretted that your correspondent should endeavour to create a grievance, and I trust that you will not advocate class lodges, but rather advise "Punjabi" to remember how desirable it is that friendly intercourse and brotherly love should be cemented by the association of soldier and civilian Masons in one lodge.

I remain yours fraternally,

P.M. 1436.

Answers to Correspondents.

The following reports and communication stand over for want of space till next week:—

Consecration of the Kingswood Lodge No. 2278; Translated Extract from *Latonia*; Installation Meeting of the Windsor Castle Lodge No. 771.

W.M. 1792.—On the disputed subject of the propriety or impropriety of opening a Board of Installed Masters for the purpose of installing a W.M., we know of no declared authority, and the Craft generally appear to be very careless as to whether any such exists or not.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

The annual meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, was held in the Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday last, when Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., D.C.L., was installed as Master in the presence of nearly 300 well-known Freemasons, including Bros. the Earl of Onslow, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Earl of Euston (P.G.M. of Northamptonshire), Lords Alcester, Valentia, and Claude Hamilton, T. F. Halsey, M.P. (P.G.M. Hertfordshire), Major Goldie Taubman (P.G.M. Isle of Man), Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P. (P.G.M. Worcestershire), Sir C. H. Gregory, M.P., the Lord Mayor of London, Sir John B. Monckton, Sir Oscar Clayton, Sir John Whittaker Ellis, M.P.; Sir Reginald Hanson, F. Hanbury Tracy, M.P.; Sir Morell Mackenzie, Sir R. N. Fowler, M.P.; Sheriff Newton, E. Dicey, C.B.; Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, M.P.; Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; Augustus Harris, S. Pope, Q.C.; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, Alderman Sir H. Isaacs, Admiral Cochrane, C.B.; Massey Mainwaring, Sir Robert Harley, K.C.M.G.; General Hale Wortham, Dixon-Hartland, M.P.; Colonel Edis, Charles Barry, F.S.A.; Phil Morris, A.R.A.; John Aird, M.P.; Jas. L. Thomas, F.S.A.; Major General Sim, Sir Lionel Darell, Colonel Peters, Major A. B. Cook, Alfred Farquhar, Thos. Fenn, Robert Grey, Col. Shadwell, H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, Dr. Robson, Alfred Cooper, Albert Levy, Rev. C. J. Martyn, A. M. Broadley (Secretary of the Lodge), Lionel Brough, E. J. Lonnien, Henshaw Russell, Thomas Beard, the Under Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, the Mayor of Bolton, Colonel Davies Sewell, Dr. Stephen Mackenzie, R. Berridge, G.S.D.; Dr. Stuart, P.G.D.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Peck, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Roebuck, P.G. Swd. Br.; F. Binches, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Terry, P.G. Swd. Br.; F. W. R. Hedges, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. H. Spaul, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; W. W. Morgan, Jun.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z.; Dr. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; C. E. Soppet, P.G. Std.; Bradshaw Brown, P.G. Std.; George Everett, P.M. 177; George Gardner, P.M. 177; H. M. Brown, 650; J. Sadler Wood, P.M. 2005; Major Baker, P.M.; Lennox Browne; Deputy Walford, P.M.; &c., &c.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and about 100 Grand Officers entered the lodge in procession. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., performed the ceremony of installation, and a Past Master's jewel was presented to Sir John Gorst, I.P.M. The W.M., Bro. Sir Edward Inglefield, appointed the following brethren to hold office during the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Alderman Sir Henry Isaacs, S.W.; James Fernandez, J.W.; J. S. Fleming, treas.; A. M. Broadley, P.M., P.D.D.G.M. Malta, sec.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., chap.; S. B. Bancroft, S.D.; Harry Nicholls, J.D.; Thomas Catling, I.G.; G. F. Bashford, D. of C.; Oscar Barrett and C. J. Phipps, stewards; Alfred Caldicott, Mus. Bac., org.; and R. Goddard, tyler. Bro. J. H. Matthews acted as Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Bro. C. F. Matier and twelve special stewards.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the members and their guests adjourned to the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, where a banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. The band of the 1st Life Guards played in the gallery during dinner, after which the following toast list was gone through: "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by the W.M.; "The M.W. Grand Master," proposed by the W.M.; "The Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bro. T. F. Halsey, R.W.P.G.M. Herts; "The Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., Governor of New Zealand, P.G.W.," proposed by Bro. Sir W. Marriott, M.P., and responded to by the Earl of Onslow; "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., and responded to by Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., D.C.L.; "The Visitors," proposed by the Secretary and responded to by Bros. Lord George Hamilton, the Lord Mayor, Lord Alcester and Rev. Dr. Kynaston; "The Past Masters," proposed by Bro. James Fernandez and responded to by Bro. Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P.; "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. Augustus Harris, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Sir H. Isaacs, S.W.; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by the Earl of Euston and responded to by Bro. F. R. W. Hedges; and the Tyler's toast.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE URBAN LODGE, No. 1196.

This well-known and highly successful lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 12th inst., when a very large attendance of members and visitors testified not only to the well deserved popularity of the W.M., Bro. J. Harcourt Lee, but also to that of the W.M. elect, Bro. Washington E. Haycock, P.M. The whole of the proceedings reflected the utmost credit on the officers and those who had the management of the festival in charge. The lodge was opened by Bro. Harcourt Lee, who was well supported by his officers and members. After the passing of Bro. James Saba Mountford and the initiation of Mr. Percy Burrow Hollick, the ceremony of installation was undertaken by the worthy secretary of the lodge, Bro. George E. Fairchild, P.M., P.Z., who, in a most able manner, placed Bro. Haycock in the chair of K.S., in the presence of a board of installed masters numbering 36. In the course of the evening there were present about 80 brethren, and this number would have been considerably augmented but for

the inclemency of the weather, which necessitated numerous apologies for absence. Amongst the many visitors we noticed Bros. H. Lawson, M.P., P.M.; W. Lestocq, P.M. 1319; E. Boyle, P.M. 69; R. P. Stevens, P.M. 901; W. H. Honey, P.M., 11; W. Clarke, P.M. British Union; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; W. G. Lemon, P.M.; J. Adams, P.M. Villiers; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; A. A. Drew P.M. 890; J. T. Axford, W.M. 890; G. A. Pickering, 890, &c., &c. The W.M. invested his officers in the following order:—Bros. Robert Manuel, S.W.; Wm. Eckstein, J.W.; R. H. Pearson, P.M., treas.; George E. Fairchild, P.M., sec.; R. Hardy Smith, S.D.; James J. Smith, J.D.; Japheth Tickle, P.P.G.R., Middlesex, W.S.; Charles Hawksley, P.M., D.C.; Frederick R. Farrow, I.G. R. S. Oakeshott, Samuel Hunt, and C. P. Clarke, stwds.; and James Very, tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master and Secretary of the Lodge, W. Bro. Fairchild, with admirable eleutionary power, giving great satisfaction to all his hearers and terminating the beautiful ceremony of Installation with great effect. After the disposal of some routine business the Lodge was closed, and shortly afterwards the brethren again met at the Holborn Restaurant. Under the personal supervision of Bro. Hamp, the manager, a very excellent banquet was served, over which the W.M. presided. The toasts which were subsequently given were introduced by him in excellent terms, indeed the W.M.'s speeches were more to the point, more thorough, than any we have heard in our Lodges for a long time. In proposing the health of the Initiate he was most impressive, and there can be no doubt that the lessons he so tersely yet forcibly set forth will bear good fruit. To the toast drunk in his honour he replied with much emphasis on his intention to do nothing during his Mastership and subsequently "but what will redound to the welfare and high reputation of the Lodge." The presentation of a P.M. jewel to W. Bro. J. Harcourt Lee followed the toast of the Past Masters, to which both Brothers Lee and Fairchild gave excellent replies. In recognising the Visitors, the W.M. truly said, "the social board without visitors would lose its charm," and the reception given to the sentiment was most cordial. Bro. Lawson, M.P., led the replies from several of the brethren called upon to respond, and the strongest possible testimony was given by them as to the happiness communicated by the kindly and earnest good fellowship which pervaded the entire evening's "labour and refreshment." The programme of music under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, who was assisted by Bros. Franklin Clive, R. W. Heney and Arthur Thomas, was well selected; and the several numbers were applauded, and in some instances encored. Expressions of general satisfaction with this festival were freely made when the hour for separation arrived, and the Urban Lodge has every reason to be satisfied with the success which attended the endeavours of its Master and Officers.

BRIXTON LODGE, No. 1949.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, on Saturday, the 2nd inst. The members present included: Bro. C. J. Axford, P.P.G.D.D.C. Middx., W.M.; A. E. Albert, S.W.; R. Evens, J.W.; W. Kirkland, treas.; Hy. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Middx. Sec.; A. Jones, S.D.; John Bott, I.G.; J. J. Newland, D.C.; John Read, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; John Hicks, Std.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; H. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; R. Poore, P.M., and many others. Visitors: Bros. Chas. Jenner, W.M. 159; E. Gauntlett, S.W. 1901; W. H. Making, P.M. 1278; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Middx., W.M. 167; A. H. Scurrah, J.W. 2206; W. Roberts, 1624; C. B. Cooper, P.M. 449; R. H. Eccles, 1669; Charles Lee, S.D. 1624; W. Burridge, J.D. 1922; J. G. Albert, J.W. 227; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732; Geo. Ashton, I.P.M. 140; Samuel Hague, J.W. 2105; C. P. McKay, I.P.M. 2048; C. A. Philips, P.M. 1986; J. A. White, P.M. 957; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the Audit Committee's report was received and adopted. Bro. Edmond C. Wickes was passed, and Messrs. H. R. Shaw, W. B. Cleverly, and W. Hocker initiated into Freemasonry. The ceremonies were ably rendered by Bro. Axford, W.M., who then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Adolphus E. Albert, the W.M. elect. A Board of installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Albert was duly installed for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. Evens, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; W. Kirkland, treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., sec.; John Bott, S.D.; John Read, P.M., org.; Newland, I.G.; Hicks, D.C.; R. Bott and Dauntton, stwds.; and Potter, P.M., tyler.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Axford, and after he had delivered the addresses the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent dinner was provided and well served under the superintendence of Bro. Kirkland, treasurer. The usual toasts were gone through, and that of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Axford, I.P.M., who said that Bro. Albert had taken a great interest in the lodge, and had worked up from the lowest office to his present high position: they would find in him an excellent master, and during his year the lodge would continue to prosper. It would be needless to take up the time with a long speech, and they would therefore drink his health and a successful year of office.

Bro. A. E. Albert, W.M., returned thanks for the kind way in which the I.P.M. had proposed, and the brethren received, the toast. As the members had placed him in such an honourable position, he would do his best to act as all former masters had. The latter had endeavoured to promote the interests of the lodge, and it had been his aim to try and do the same, if not better. As there was a long programme to get through during the evening he hoped he would excuse the shortness of his reply. The other toasts were the initiates—the I.P.M. and Installing Master, the Visitors, the Officers, &c. Bro. John Read, P.P.G., Org. Middx., Org. presided, with his usual ability, at the pianoforte, and Messrs. Burnham, L. H. Palmer, and Signor Alfieri assisted in the musical programme of the evening.

Ebenings Abroad.

"PAUL JONES" AT THE PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.

The new opera comique, by Planquette, which, in the original French was called *Surcouf*, and was produced at the Folies Dramatiques more than two years ago, has "caught on" at the Prince of Wales' Theatre. No production could possibly have been heralded with more puff preliminary than was this. We were told that Planquette's music was equal, if not superior, to that of *Cloches de Corneville*, or of *Rip Van Winkle*; that Miss Agnes Huntington was a vocalist of great accomplishment who would appear in an exceptional rôle and create a new sensation; and that the book by Farine, the scenery, and, generally, the show in its entirety, would make all London "sit up." Doubtless there is some benefit in so advertising a new piece; but, there is danger in it also: it raises a great deal of hope which oftentimes is not realised. In the present instance, though the managerial and introductory press announcements may not have been altogether realised, *Paul Jones* has proved itself to be a highly interesting opera, which stands every chance of becoming a lasting artistic, and brilliant financial success. First, of the music: I do not for one moment deny that M. Planquette has done better; but the new opera is replete with singable, tuneful and catching airs which dwell in one's memory and which compel encores. Of the book, next: Mr. Farine has written some comic lines and some bright lyrics, and he has provided a story which is at once clear and dramatic, and which strengthens as it proceeds. Indeed, there is almost an embarrassment of riches in this particular. And now of the interpretation: First of the *debutante*, Miss Agnes Huntington, who created in England the *baritone part*! Someone has dubbed this lady "the Mary Anderson of the Lyric Stage"; for advertising purposes the description is all right enough; but, to my mind, it is playing it rather low down upon a very talented and conscientious artiste. Miss Huntington's method vocally and dramatically is exceptionally good and is likely to gain for her an exceptional popularity. As we know all about comparisons, I think they might in this case be left out. The lady is strong enough to stand on her own merits, which are great. Miss Wadman pleased me excessively; she seems to improve in every fresh part she undertakes, and I warrant me that her rendition of Yvonne will add considerably to her reputation. Miss Kate Cutler, as Malaguena, was excellent; ill-health, however, has compelled her to give up the part to Miss Annie Schuberth, who, I am told, succeeds admirably in it. Miss Phyllis Broughton is simply delicious as Chopinette. Mr. Templer Saxe, as Rufino, is merely the vocalist—he does not attempt to represent the part. Mr. Henry Ashley, as Bicoquet, is amusing, especially in the last act. Mr. Harry Monkhouse, Mr. Frank Wyatt, and Mr. Albert James, are responsible for the comic business of the piece. Roars of laughter are aroused by the doings of Messrs. Monkhouse and James, and Mr. Wyatt, as the Don, is immensely funny. The mounting and dressing of *Paul Jones* have been carried out in the most lavish and tasteful manner, and the production, as a whole, can certainly be classed "A 1." I have mentioned, in a former issue, the clever little piece which is put on in front of the *pièce de résistance*, but I have not mentioned that Mr. Douglas Cox is in front of the house. This is a distinct gain to the management and to the public, for the gentleman is one of the most genial and experienced acting managers of the time.

In consequence of unauthorised applications for seats at various theatres having been made by one who states himself to be the accredited dramatic representative of this journal, which is, to call it by a mild term, a mis-statement, my Editor and I earnestly request all managers to refuse such applications for admission emanating from the individual to whom we refer. And the transgressor will himself probably consider this notice a sufficient intimation that he must not repeat the offence.

Last Saturday night, Mr. Valentine Smith's English Opera Company rendered *Lucia* in a highly creditable manner. Bro. Isidore de Solla occupied the post of *chef d'orchestre*, and his handling of the materials at his command proved him to be as talented as he is painstaking. It is a pity that he does not wield the *baton* at every representation.

A special matinée of a new domestic comedy entitled *See Saw*, by George Capel and J. Ragland Phillips, will take place at Terry's Theatre, on Friday, 22nd inst., under the direction of Mr. H. T. Brickwell. The cast will include Miss Hermon and Miss Eleanor Leyshon, Messrs. E. Smedley Yates, A. G. Andrews, Fred Terry, W. F. Hawtrey, W. Hargreaves, and Mr. Julian Cross, who will also be responsible for the stage management.

Mr. Richard Mansfield's *Richard III.* will be seen at the Globe in a few weeks.

Wilson Barrett has been appearing in *Hamlet* at the Princess'. About the actor's rendition of the title rôle I think there may be some discussion; I have nothing but the most cordial praise to bestow upon it. It is original as well as consistent, and pleases me mightily. Miss Eastlake's Ophelia is an excellent performance, and Mr. George Barrett's Gravedigger is distinctly clever. All the other parts are well played; Mr. Hudson's Claudius, and Mr. Melford's Polonius, standing out in high relief of excellence. In preparation, to be produced on Tuesday of this week, is a new drama by Hal Caine and Barrett entitled *Good Old Times*; and a domestic drama, by Wilson Barrett, entitled *Now-a-days* will see the light very shortly. The *Lady of Lyons* has been played here on Wednesday and Saturday matinées, Mr. Barrett being the Claude Melnotte, and Miss Eastlake the Pauline.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, FEBRUARY 13TH, 1889.

The upward tendency of money rates to which I referred last week is decidedly noticeable now, the charge made for advances being about 1 per cent. above that of a fortnight ago. There has also been a large withdrawal of gold for export, with the prospect of more to go. On the other hand foreign exchanges are rising, and this will probably bring money here before our reserves are depleted. In the meantime, the price charged for short loans is about 2½ to 3 per cent.

The prices of stocks generally further advanced until yesterday, when very vague rumours sufficed to bring about a rather smart fall. The fall really began in Berlin, and lower prices being cabled here, the dealers in the foreign stock market at once took the alarm, and offered Russians and Hungarians in particular. I have before given my opinion as to these two stocks—they are both higher than they ought to be, considering all things, and it is only the bears who have kept prices up. Egyptians of course fell with the others, but seeing that they had advanced considerably lately, there was room for a reaction, and I do not think that at present there is any real cause for alarm. The upward move in South Americans is fairly well maintained, and will, I think, continue.

English railways, of course, felt the scare, and there was a rush to get out of some of those stocks which have recently been so much in favor. Of course, Brighton A was amongst this lot, and there the fall was the greatest. The "carrying over" revealed the large account open for the rise in this stock, and as much as ½ contango was paid. Caledonians also were apparently so overbought that ½ was exacted by the dealers. The rates on the other stocks though rather above last time were not excessive, but they hardened towards the end, and I may say that it was fortunate that the scare I have referred to above did not come until after the account had been practically arranged. I still think that the English rails will go higher, the traffics are so good, and such a considerable amount is constantly being taken off the market for investment that the values of the good stocks are enhanced even beyond the actual dividend value.

American rails are as unsatisfactory as ever. Every few days there is an appearance of improvement which looks like lasting, only to be followed by further depression. To-day prices are down and probably a purchase would not be wrong, the profit, however, should not be allowed to run too long. In fact, it is a "jobbing" market, where when prices look very bad and people talk them worse things may be bought, and when they have had a rise of one or two dollars the reverse process may be followed. It will take a very long time to revive the public confidence in this market, and in the meantime there is little business doing, and the fluctuations must necessarily be small.

Grand Trunks appear to have reached as high as they intend to go for the present, and I fancy that a sale would not be a bad venture. There is no suspicion of a backwardation now on any of the stocks, so that there is nothing to break a fall if stock is offered freely. Canadian Pacifics are stupid, and no one cares to deal in them at present, either for investment or speculation. Mexican Rails are almost up to their old form so quickly do they move. They appear to me to be going better yet, the nominal reason being the talked-of division and re-arrangement of the existing stocks, but the real reason is to be found in the good takes they are having just now.

The nitrate interest is still under a cloud. In fact, it has been so bolstered up by the name and fame of one man that the level reached is quite artificial, and must drop before there is healthy business. One thing to be remembered is the fact that there is a considerable bear account open in the leading shares, so that I should not be surprised to see a scare in this market one of these days. It is simply nonsense to say that most of the shares are worth their present prices even, although they are not so high as they have been.

Mines are still good and active, and the interest is more distributed than it was a short time ago. It is probable that the Indian group will come into favour again, and I hear that before long something will be heard of the Mysore. Of the others I hear good reports of Van Ryn and Royalty.

CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

J. S.—The meeting was held on the 14th January. You should hold the shares.

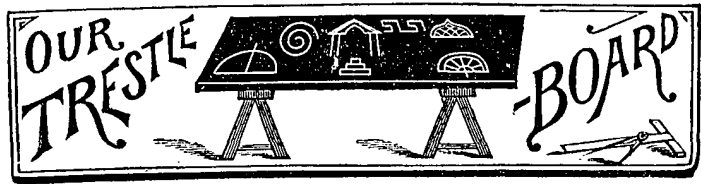
FOLKESTONE.—The account sent is quite correct. Although the dividend had been declared it was not deducted from the price until the next account day.

R. N.—It is his right name. He was declared a bankrupt about two years ago, when he was carrying on business under another title. We do not know what his means are, probably not much.

S.W.—(1) Not bad as regards *bonâ fides*, but unnegotiable, and therefore not safe as an investment. (2) We note remarks and will make use of them.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Masonic Calendar for 1889, of Lodges and Councils, &c., meeting at 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C., London, with a list of Mark Lodges in or near London, 4th year of issue, published by authority of the General Board of Mark Masons; *Voice of Masonry* for February, edited by Bro. John W. Brown, Chicago, Illinois; *The Australian Keystone*, Vol. II., No. 13; *Masonic Advocate*, Indianapolis, Ind.



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

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We desire to call the attention of our provincial readers and advertisers to the list of agents published in our advertisement columns. We are making such arrangements that through our agents any local information or business matters can be respectively forwarded or transmitted without trouble or expense. We shall add to our list as may be desired in respect of other towns.

We shall be greatly obliged to Secretaries of Lodges and Secretaries of Chapters named in our list of forthcoming Lodge and Chapter Meetings if they will instruct us as to the dates of installations of W.M.'s and Principals respectively. The kindly consideration of one or two of our respected Provincial Grand Secretaries has enabled us to supply the desired information in some cases. We should like to be enabled to do so in all. [See page 390.]

The Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, Bro. A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1669, W.M., will meet at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifle Volunteers, Flodden Road, London, S.E., this (Thursday) evening, at 7 p.m.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at Freemason's Hall, when the following companions were present:—Comps. Brig.-Gen. A. W. Adair, as Z; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, G. Supt. Oxon., as H.; Col. R. Townley Caldwell, G. Supt. Cambridgeshire, as J.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G.S.E., as G.S.E.; E. Letchworth, P.G. Std. Br., as S.N.; Robert Grey, Pres. Com. Gen. Purps.; Asher Barfield, G. treas.; Thos. Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., as P.S.; Rev. R. W. M. Pope, 1st A.S.; James Glaisher, as 2nd A.S.; E. Ashworth, S.B.; R. Berridge, 2nd Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., D.C.; H. J. Adams, Dep. D.C.; J. F. Collins, A.D.C.; W. A. Barrett, org.; T. B. Purchas, P.G.S.B.; T. Robinson, P.A.G.S.; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C.; Alfred Spencer, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.D.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Dep. D.C.; W. R. Woodman, P.G.D.C.; C. H. Driver, P.G. Std. Br.; W. M. Bywater, P.G. Std. Br.; Ralph Clutton, P.A.G.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; F. West, P.A.G.S.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.A.G.S.; W. Baylis, P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.C.; Major C. Harding, P.G. Std. Br.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.G. Std. Br.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.S.B.; George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; A. C. A. Higerty, H. 946; Eugene Sweny, P.Z. 913, P.G. Reg. Kent; E. Mallett, Z. 1623; Sir George D. Harris, Z. 1383; R. W. Forge, P.Z. 946, P.P.G.P.S. Middx.; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348; Charles J. Perceval, Z. 174; Eugene Monteunis, P.Z. 8; Edward Terry, P.Z. 1319; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; H. J. Phillips, H. 205; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.Z. 10; H. Ward, Z. 1273; Richard R. Collick, Z. 946; Charles Stevens, Z. 1423; Daniel Argyle, P.Z. 546; Arthur Hubbard, Z. 177; and Henry Sadler, G. Janitor.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th October, 1888, to the 15th January, 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	...	...	£255	11	11
" " Unappropriated Account	...	...	191	1	7
" Subsequent Receipts	...	...	365	12	1
			812	5	7
" Amount overdrawn on G. Chapter Account			55	2	1
			£867	7	8
By Donation to Girls' School	...	...	£105	0	0
" Purchase of £300 2½ per Cent. Consols and Commission	...	...	291	0	0
" Disbursements during the Quarter	...	...	281	18	7
" Balance—Unappropriated Account	...	...	189	9	1
			£867	7	8

which balance, less £55 2s. 1d., overdrawn on Grand Chapter account, is in the Bank of England, Western branch.

The petitions for new Chapters to be attached respectively to the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, Herne Bay, to be called the St. George's Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, in the county of Kent; and to the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 1793, Teddington, to be called the Sir Charles Bright Chapter, and to meet at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, in the county of Middlesex, were granted.

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.]

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND—No. 12.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, on 4th inst. The brethren present included Bros. Telfer, W.M.; Stanger, S.W.; Jepson, J.W.; Coombes, P.M. and treas.; Snellgrove, P.M. and sec.; Singer, J.D.; Roy, I.G.; Stanger, jun., D.C. Past Masters—Snellgrove, Lilley, Angold, Kidder, Peall and Nicholson. Visitors—Bros. Dickson, P.M. 211; Brooks, J.W. 766; Rolfe, Joy. Stanger, Campbell, Nicholson, Sorrell, McDowell, Moore and others. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Peall who in a very able manner installed Bro. Stanger, S.W., into the chair of K.S. The officers appointed by the W.M. were as follows: Bros. Jepson, S.W.; Singer, J.W.; Roy, S.D.; Stanger, jun., J.D.; Ryland, I.G.; Taylor, D.C.; Marsh, tyler. At the conclusion of the installation the W.M. presented Bro. Telfer with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, voted him by the lodge at the previous meeting. After lodge, the brethren adjourned to banquet, the new W.M. presiding. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very enjoyable evening was spent; the musical and other arrangements being of the usual excellent quality for which this ancient lodge is famous. The visitors in returning thanks highly praised the lodge working and expressed themselves greatly pleased at the reception accorded them.

STABILITY LODGE—No. 217.—Installation meeting on Tuesday, 5th inst., at Anderton's Hotel.—Bro. Gorrie, W.M.—Bros. Eckersall, S.W., W.M. elect; Lynn, J.W.; Hinks, treas.; Nixon, P.M., sec.; Woolmer; Owen; Jones; Hardiman; Smith; Lagerwall; Garner; Wright, P.M.; Marfleet, P.M.; Hinks, P.M.; Cattermole, Ayris, Say, Fitch, Handcock, Itter, Tennant, Berry, Lyle, Edwards, Finch, Joslin, and Pickersgill. The visitors were Bros. J. Clayton, P.M., 89, P.P.S.G.D., P.P.G.H., Cheshire; J. W. Thomas, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.St.B., Staffs.; D. Rose, P.M. 73, 1622; T. Grunmunt, P.M. 1559, P.Z. 1275; C. H. Stone, 1641, &c.; W. Towers, W.M. 15; Charlie Woods, 1869, A. Soj. 1275; Noakes, I.G. 2148; Anderton, jun., P.M. 49, 715. Sec. Stability Lodge of Instruction; Marland, W.M. 830; Beeston, S.W. 830; Richardson, 898; Milbourn, P.M. 13; Edgar, sec. 1329; Major Stephens, P.M. 754, 1579; Royal, 1178; Lams, S.D. 820; and Cuthbert, J.W. 1815. After Bro. Eckersall had been placed in the chair of K.S. by Bros. Hinks and Marfleet, he invested Bros. Lynn, S.W.; Woolmer, J.W.; Hinks, treas.; J. Nixon, P.M., sec. (for tenth time); Gorrie, I.P.M.; Owen, S.D.; Jones, J.D.; Hardiman, I.G.; Smith, D.C.; Lagerwall, W.S.; and Garner, A.W.S. Messrs. Say, Ayris, Fitch, and Handcock were initiated by the W.M. At the banquet which followed the usual toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the W.M., Bro. Gorrie eulogised the work done by Bro. Eckersall in the past. In reply the W.M. said the prospects of the lodge were extremely brilliant. Songs were given by Bros. Owen, Royal, and Lagerwall, and a most happy evening was spent.

THE CHISWICK LODGE—No. 2012.—Bro. Lord George Francis Hamilton, M.P., W.M.—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, New Bridge, on Monday last, under the presidency of W. Bro. Dr. Lawrence, I.P.M. in the regretted but unavoidable absence of the W.M. Amongst those present were:—Bros. W. A. Dowling, S.W.; John Brown, J.W.; W. Bros. George Everett, P.M., treas., and George Gardner, P.M. sec.; Bros. R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; E. W. Walden, J.D.; Chas. T. Hughes, I.G.; B. Kenyon, W.S.; W. C. Dickey, A.W.S.; W. Clowes, J. Ellis, F. W. Wheeler, G. Sales, John Brill, H. Clarke, G. H. Johnson, E. Wavell, A. Skinner, J. Clarke, E. Phillips, B. F. Hartzhorn, J. T. Grover, W. Mashell, E. T. Spurr, E. J. Penmeller, G. Callingham, &c. &c. Visitor:—W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., 1216, 1426, &c. The business before the lodge was the raising of Bros. James Clarke, and E. T. Spurr, and the passing of Bros. G. Callingham, and E. J. Penmeller, the work in both degrees being well performed by the acting W.M. Bro. Henry C. Waters, of Kent Lodge No. 15, was unanimously elected a member. A capital banquet followed, the usual masonic toasts being honoured and a very pleasant evening enjoyed. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. George Everett, P.M. and treas., spoke very feelingly of the many services rendered by Bro. Dr. Lawrence to the lodge in the past, and whilst regretting the necessitated absence of the actual Master, Bro. Lord Hamilton, congratulated the brethren that the work of the lodge would not suffer for the terms, thanking the members generally for the support at all times afforded by want of a well qualified *locum tenens*. To this, the W.M. replied in appropriate terms. To the toast of "The Visitor," Bro. James Stevens, P.M., &c., replied, and at the request of the brethren recited, much to their satisfaction, the late Bro. Dr. Rob Morris's beautiful poem, "Masons' Vows." Some fine singing with excellent accompaniment was in progress, when the time came for us to "entrain" for our homeward journey.

CALEDONIAN LODGE—No. 134.—The installation meeting of this old lodge took place on Friday last at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. E. Johnson, P.M. who installed Bro. Frank Oldfield, M.D., into the chair of K.S. in a very able manner. The officers were invested with full ritual.—Bros. Arthur Bowman, S.W.; J. W. Duck, J.W.; H. Collings, treas.; J. R. Glanville, sec. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. E. J. Jones, the I.P.M., who had worked for many years in the lodge. At the conclusion of the proceedings the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the usual first-class style of the Ship and Turtle. A large number of visitors attended, and Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., &c., responded to the toast. Bros. James Budd, W. Haydon, Stevens, and others, sung some excellent songs.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

RAVENSBORNE—No. 1601.—On the 6th inst., at the George Hotel, Catford, S.E.—Bro. G. A. Pickering, W.M.—Bros. H. Visger, S.W.; J. Shelton, J.W.; C. Blanchard, S.D.; Hardy Smith, J.D.; C. Thomas, I.G.; H. P. Shaw, P.M. and Preceptor; C. Atkins, sec.; J. T. Axford, W.M. 890; James Stevens, P.M.; W. Remington, P. McCarthy, Colley, Kentruck, Squire, Pitt, Sharman, &c. The work was in M.M. degree, the W.M. Bro. Pickering ably rehearsing the ceremony of raising, Bro. Axford as candidate. Entry drill was practised. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. J. Squire Pitt was elected a member, and the lodge was closed after a profitable evening's labour.

THE GREAT CITY—No. 1426.—On the 7th inst., at Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, London, E.C.—Bro. H. S. Gaskin, W.M.—Bros. D. Hills, S.W.; J. Eisenmann, J.W.; F. Rush, S.D.; Lazarus, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; W. J. Ball, sec.; James Stevens, P.M.; J. K. Pitt, preceptor; H. J. Whitehouse, and others. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Stevens, assisted by the brethren, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. F. T. Smith, acting as candidate. Ballots were taken for three life subscriberships to the Masonic Charities, Bros. Gaskin, Hembrow, and May being declared entitled thereto. Bro. D. Hills was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 8th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor; G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. elect 169, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, 1329, H.; V. T. Murché, 1329, J.; Stone, S.E.; H. Martin, S.N.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; Terry, P.Z.; Stringer, 169; and C. Woods, A. Soj. 1275. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stringer personating candidate. Comp. Stringer was elected a member. A vote of thanks was accorded Comps. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor; R. J. Volsey, P.Z., treas.; and C. H. Stone, S.E., for their admirable services during the past year, and they were unanimously re-elected. Comps. H. Martin and V. T. Murché were elected auditors.

ROYAL ARTHUR--No. 1360.--Held at Prince of Wales' Hotel, February 7th, 1889. Bros. Shelly, W.M.; Wade, S.W.; March, J.W.; Bond, S.D.; Cause, J.D.; O'Connell, I.G.; King, P.M., P.Z.; Preceptor; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Gould, Johnson, Morris, Jolliffe, Holmes, Salter, Hoeg, P.M.; Majee, P.M. Initiation--Bro. Salter, candidate. Bro. Wade elected W.M. for ensuing week; closed in due form and adjourned.

PROVINCIAL.

SOMERSETSHIRE--BATH--ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE--No. 41.--The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Thursday, the 7th February, when Bro. Wm. Bye Gregory, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the whole of the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Payne Ashley, P.P.G.S.W., one of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge, who was himself installed as W.M. in the same lodge 31 years ago. There were also present, the V.W. Bro. R. C. Else, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, P.G.D.; Bros. T. B. Montrie, P.M. 41 and 906; C. W. Radway, P.M. 41; R. B. Cater, P.M. 41; H. C. Hopkins, P.M. 379--P.P.G. Senr. Wardens. Bros. John Rubie, P.M. 41; J. R. Ford, P.M. 53; G. H. Bartlett, P.M. 906--P.P.G. Junr. Wardens; Bro. Greenfield, P.M. 82, P.P.G.D.; Bros. Fras. Wilkinson, P.M. 41; E. J. B. Mercer, P.M. 41; Thos. Ames, P.M. 41--P.P.G. Sup. Wks.; Bros. L. Howes, P.M. 906, P.P.G. Ass. D.C.; P. Braham, P.M. 41, P.P.G.D.; Jas. Robinson, P.M. 335; Michael Clark, W.M. 1750; J. B. Currie, W.M. 296; W. F. Gould, W.M. 855. The Installing Master having installed the W.M., the brethren below the chair were re-admitted, and the usual addresses were given, and the accustomed salutations directed by Bro. Ashley, the J.M. The W.M. invested the following officers:--Bros. J. G. Wilton, S.W.; W. L. Jervis, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., treas.; C. W. Radway, P.M., sec.; T. Brown, S.D.; H. Bontelle, J.D.; Fras. Wilkinson, P.M., Dir.; Cer.: C. J. Baldwin, I.G.; J. Foote, org.; F. M. Gardener, S. Van Praag, stewards; Saml. Bigwood, tyler. Bro. John Rubie, P.M., said that as the brethren were aware a sum of money had been placed in the names of trustees by Bro. Edmund White, P.M., the oldest member of the lodge, to provide a Past Master's jewel for each Master upon his leaving the chair whom the brethren should in open lodge decide, was entitled to it, for the manner in which he had done his work. In consequence of the lamented death of the W.M. this year during his year of office it became impossible to submit the usual vote to the brethren. The Trustees and Past Masters having considered the matter had made a suggestion to Bro. White, to which he at once assented, that the jewel upon this occasion be presented to Bro. E. J. B. Mercer, P.M., who had

during the last year performed all the ceremonies required, and who had at all times placed his services at the use of the lodge. He therefore moved a resolution to this effect, which being recorded was carried unanimously, and the jewel (which is of a special and chaste design) was then presented to Bro. Mercer, who suitably returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Christopher Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by Bro. J. Robinson, which was much appreciated by the brethren.

SOUTH WALES W.D.--MILFORD HAVEN--ST. DAVID'S LODGE--No. 366.--On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, the installation meeting of this lodge was held, Bro. Jas. Perkin, W.M. The new Master, Bro. Jas. Williams, P.P.G.P., who had been unanimously elected at a previous regular meeting of the lodge was installed by Bro. W. R. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.R., assisted by Bros. D. Thomas, P.M., and A. E. Baldwin, P.M. Bro. Williams then appointed and invested as officers: Bros. J. Perkin, I.P.M.; W. H. Jones, S.W.; W. Williams, J.W.; Rev. J. Boaden, P.M., P.P.G.C. Chaplain; A. Daysh, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., treas.; J. Eynon, sec.; W. H. Bunkin, S.D.; J. B. Gaskell, J.D.; R. Leonard, I.G.; T. H. Martin and D. Le Davies, stds.; J. Williams, tyler. The installation banquet on the 31st ult. at the Lord Nelson Hotel, was attended by a large number of members, and visitors from the Cambrian, Neyland and Tenby lodges, when the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured. During a very pleasant evening songs were given by Bros. T. R. Owen, J. Le Davies, R. Leonard, and a recitation by Bro. A. H. Moxon.

SUSSEX--HASTINGS--DERWENT LODGE--No. 40.--The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. Rev. J. Puttick, P.Prov.G.C., W.M.; Allen, S.W.; Edwards, J.W.; Rossiter, P.P.G.D., treas.; Pearce, P.M., sec.; Randall, S.D.; Walmsley, J.D.; Gage, I.G.; Ticehurst, steward; Glenister, P.G.S.B., P.M.; Russell, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Robinson, P.M.; Botley, P.M.; Jukes, Heapley, Cooper, Boyce, McCormick, Beck, Taylor, and Tendell. There were three candidates--one initiated, one passed, and one raised. The secretary mentioned that on the corresponding meeting 25 years ago, Bro. Dr. Trollope was elected a joining member of the lodge, and it was thought by a few of the members that it would be an available opportunity if Bro. Trollope would consent to have a crayon picture of their esteemed brother prepared and presented to the lodge. The W.M. undertook to see Bro. Trollope on the matter. Heartly congratulations on the masonic silver anniversary were posted to Bro. Trollope. The meeting closed in the usual manner, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

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

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th.		
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
91	Regularity	F. M. T.
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
263	Bank of England	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey R., Camberwell
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1598	Ler Spring	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1707	Eleanor	Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool St., E.C.
1708	Plucknett	Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2047	Beckenham	Public Hall, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Sq., W.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
Mark.		
86	Samson and Lion	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
331	Davison	8a, Red Lion Sq., W.C.
K.T.		
117	New Temple	Inner Temple, Fleet Street, E.C.
R.C.		
44	Bard of Avon	33, Golden Square, W.

(3rd) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15th.

6	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
143	Middlesex	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1704	Anchor	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
1962	London Rifle Brigade	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
10	Westminster and Keystone	F. M. H.
92	Motira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1538	St. Martins-le-Grand	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
R.C.		
10	Invicta	33, Golden Square, W.

(3rd) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16th.

1641	Crichton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1732	King's Cross	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Mark.		
205	Beaconsfield	Chequers, Walthamstow
357	Chiswick	Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

(3rd) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18th.

1	Grand Master's	F. M. H.
8	British	Ditto
21	Emulation	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
185	Tranquillity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
862	Whittington	F. M. H.
901	City of London	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
907	Royal Albert	F. M. H.
1506	White Horse of Kent	Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1657	Aldersgate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1728	Temple Bar	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
12	Prudence	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.
Mark.		
173	Temple	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
294	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(3rd) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th.		
30	United Mariners	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
95	Eastern Star	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
162	Cadogan	F. M. H.
194	St. Paul's	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
435	Salisbury	F. M. H.
1339	Stockwell	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2021	Queen's, Westminster	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
2022	Haven	Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045	Wharton	Willesden, Middlesex
R.A.C.		
11	Enoch	F. M. H.
19	Mount Sinai	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
171	Amity	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
186	Industry	F. M. H.
205	Israel	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1348	Ebury	F. M. H.
Mark.		
238	Prince Leopold	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
R.C.		
45	Oxford & Cambridge Univrsity.	33, Golden Square, W.

(3rd) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, AT 6 P.M.

140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
174	Sincerity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street E.C.
190	Oak	F. M. H.
700	Nelson	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
969	Maybury	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1150	Buckingham and Chandos	F. M. H.
1349	Friars	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1382	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1624	Eccleston	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1673	Langton	Holborn Viaduct Hot., E.C.
1677	Crusaders	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1681	Londesboro'	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1716	All Saints'	117, High Street, Poplar, E.
1803	Cornhill	London Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
1598	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Mark.		
199	Duke of Connaught	Town Hall, Shoreditch

(3rd) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st.

23	Globe	F. M. H.
49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford, E.
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
181	Universal	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.		
79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
507	United Pilgrims	F. M. H.
742	Crystal Palace	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
Mark.		
	Bon Accord	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
7	Carnarvon	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.

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

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BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's ...	25th Feb M. H., New Street	708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
74	Athol ...	6th Mar M. H., Severn Street	778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
468	Light ...	19th Feb Great Western Hotel	788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
473	Faithful ...	12th Mar M. H., New Street	1194	Villiers ...	16th Mar Ditto
587	Howe ...	11th Mar Ditto	1293	Burdett ...	27th Apr Ditto
739	Temperance To-DAY, 14th Feb	Ditto	1415	Campbell ...	13th Apr Ditto
887	Lelgh ...	27th Feb Ditto	1494	Felix... Ap to Jy only	Ditto
925	Bedford ...	18th Feb Ditto	1512	Hemming ...	21st Feb Greyhound Hotel
938	Grosvenor ...	20th Feb Ditto	1597	Minsgrave ...	16th Mar Ditto
1016	Elkington ...	26th Feb Ditto	1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1031	Fletcher ...	13th Mar Ditto	2024	Raymond Thrupp 4th Apl	Ditto
1163	Emulation ...	28th Feb Ditto	2087	Electric ...	25th May Ditto
1180	Forward ...	4th Mar Ditto	2105	Cama ...	24th June Ditto
1474	Israel ...	11th Mar M. H., Severn Street	2183	Royal Hamp. Court 13th Mar	Ditto
1551	Charity ...	19th Feb M. H., New Street	R.A.C.		
1644	Alma Mater ...	15th Mar 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 ...	11th May Ditto
74	Athol ...	26th Feb M. H., Severn Street	1691	Quadratic ...	15th Apr Ditto
587	Howe ...	2nd May M. H., New Street	HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
938	Grosvenor ...	7th May Ditto	57	Humber ...	7th Mar F. M. H., Osborne Street
1016	Elkington ...	4th Apr Ditto	250	Minerva ...	13th Mar M. H., Dagga Lane
1031	Fletcher ...	5th Mar Ditto	1010	Kingston ...	6th Mar M. H., Worship Street
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			1605	De la Pole ...	22nd Feb 58, Charlotte Street
37	Anehor and Hope ...	11th Mar F. M. H., Institute Street	2134	Wilberforce... ..	1st Mar Ditto
146	Antiquity ...	13th Mar Ditto	R.A.C.		
221	St. John ...	18th Feb Ditto	57	Humber ...	28th Feb F. M. H., Osborne Street
348	St. John's ...	28th Feb Ditto	250	Minerva ...	21st Feb M. H., Dagga Lane
1723	St. George ...	27th Feb Ditto	1010	Kingston ...	15th Mar M. H., Worship Street
R.A.C.			1605	De la Pole ...	22nd Feb 58, Charlotte Street
37	Concord ...	15th Apr Ditto	ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
221	St. John ...	6th Mar Ditto	1004	Athole ...	6th Mar M. H., Loch Parade, Dougla
348	St. John's ...	12th Mar Ditto	1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Mar M. R., Ramsey
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			1242	Tynwald ...	13th Mar M. H., Douglas
302	Hope ...	18th Feb M. H., Darley Street	2049	Ellan Vannin ...	5th Mar Ditto
600	Harmony ...	21st Feb F. M. H., Salem Street	2050	St. Trinians ...	20th Feb Ditto
974	Pentalpha ...	5th Mar M. H., Darley Street	2164	St. Germans ...	12th Mar Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Mar M. H., Darley Street	2197	Spencer Walpole ...	11th Mar M. H., Douglas
1648	Prince of Wales ...	1st Mar Ditto	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.			1004	Athole ...	? 14th or 21st Mar M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
302	Charity ...	18th Feb Ditto	LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
600	Sincerity ...	5th Mar F. M. H., Salem Street	289	Fidelity ...	7th Mar M. H., Carlton Hill
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			304	Philanthropic ...	27th Feb M. H., Great George Street
271	Royal Clarence T-MR., 15th Feb	Royal Pavilion	306	Alfred ...	1st Mar M. H., Kelsall Street
315	Royal York ...	5th Mar Ditto	1042	Excelsior ...	21st Feb M. H., Great George Street
732	Royal Brunswick T-DY., 14th Feb	Ditto	1211	Goderich ...	4th Mar Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	16th Feb Ditto	1221	Defence ...	11th Mar M. H., Carlton Hill
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	2nd Mar Old Ship Hotel	1311	Zetland TO-MOR., 15th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
1636	St. Cecilia ...	26th Feb Royal Pavilion	2069	Prudence ...	9th Mar Ditto
1821	Atlingworth ...	21st Feb Ditto	R.A.C.		
1947	Stanford ...	13th Mar Town Hall, Hove	289	Fidelity ...	12th Mar M. H., Carlton Hill
R.A.C.			304	Philanthropic ...	6th Mar M. H., Great George Street
271	Lennox ...	3rd May Royal	306	Alfred ...	12th Apl M. H., Kelsall Street
315	Royal Pavilion ...	19th Feb Ditto	1042	Excelsior ...	21st Feb M. H., Great George Street
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar Ditto	LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
811	Yarborough ...	12th Apr Ditto	279	St. John's ...	6th Mar F. M. H., Halford Street
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar Old Ship Hotel	523	John of Gaunt ...	21st Feb Ditto
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			1391	Commercial ...	22nd Feb Ditto
68	Royal Clarence ...	11th Mar F. M. H., Park Street	1560	Albert Edward ...	12th Mar Ditto
103	Beaufort ...	5th Mar Ditto	2081	Golden Fleece ...	* 18th Feb Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	13th Mar Ditto	R.A.C.		
326	Moirs TO-DAY, 14th Feb	Ditto	279	Fortitude ...	* 5th Apl Ditto
610	Colston ...	20th Feb Ditto	1560	St. George's ...	* 4th June Ditto
686	Jerusalem ...	12th Mar Ditto	LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.		
1388	Canynges ...	2nd Mar Ditto	32	St. George's ...	27th Feb Adelphi Hotel
1404	St. Vincent ...	28th Feb Ditto	155	Perseverance TO-MR., 15th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
2257	Powell ...	25th Feb Ditto	203	Ancient Union ...	21st Feb Ditto
R.A.C.			216	Harmonic TO-DAY, 14th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
68	Royal Clarence ...	16th Mar Ditto	241	Merchants ...	12th Mar M. H., Hope Street
103	Beaufort ...	26th Feb Ditto	249	Mariners ...	7th Mar Ditto
187	Charity ...	7th Mar Ditto	292	Sincerity ...	11th Mar Ditto
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			594	Downshire ...	21st Feb Ditto
42	Relief ...	21st Feb Grey Mare Hotel	667	Alliance ...	19th Feb Ditto
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th Mar Bridge Inn	673	St. John ...	5th Mar Ditto
191	St. John TO-DAY, 14th Feb	Knowsley Hotel	680	Sefton ...	1st Mar Ditto
1012	Prince of Wales ...	7th Mar Derby Hotel	724	Derby ...	27th Feb Ditto
1392	Egerton ...	28th Feb Stanley Arms	786	United Service T-DY., 14th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			823	Everton ...	20th Feb Ditto
42	Unanimity ...	28th Feb Derby Hotel	1013	Royal Victoria ...	6th Mar Ditto
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb Bridge Inn	1094	Temple ...	13th Mar Ditto
CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			1182	Dk. of Ednbg. T-DY., 14th Feb	Ditto
88	Scientific ...	11th Mar Red Lion Hotel	1264	Neptune ...	4th Mar Ditto
441	Three Grand Principles 4th Mar	Ditto	1299	Pembroke ...	21st Feb Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
859	Isaac Newton Univsty. 5th Mar	Ditto	1325	Stanley ...	25th Feb M. H., Hope Street
1492	Alma Mater ...	21st Feb University Arms Hotel	1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	11th Mar Ditto
R.A.C.			1356	Toxteth ...	13th Mar 80, North Hill Street
88	Pythagoras... ..	26th June Red Lion Hotel	1393	Hamer ...	21st Feb M. H., Hope Street
441	Fidelity ...	3rd July Ditto	1502	Israel ...	18th Feb Ditto
859	Euclid ...	6th Mar Ditto	1505	Emulation ...	28th Feb Ditto
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			1547	Liverpool ...	13th Mar Ditto
253	Tyrian ...	26th Feb M. H., Gower Street	1570	Prince Arthur ...	19th Feb Ditto
751	Arboretum ...	13th Mar Ditto	1609	Liverpool Dramatic 26th Feb	Ditto
802	Repose ...	19th Feb Ditto	1620	Marlborough ...	6th Mar Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1085	Hartington... ..	6th Mar Ditto	1675	Ancient Briton ...	26th Feb M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.			2042	Apollo ...	6th Mar Ditto
253	Justice ...	12th Mar Ditto	2114	Lodge of Prudence 18th Feb	Ditto
731	Truth ...	17th Apr Ditto	2215	Anfield ...	28th Feb Eaton Hall, Breck Road
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			R.A.C.		
			32	Jerusalem ...	18th Feb Ditto
			203	S. John of Jerusalem 5th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
			216	Sacred Delta TO-MOR., 15th Feb	Ditto
			241	Friendship ...	25th Feb Ditto
			249	Mariners ...	21st Mar Ditto
			292	Liverpool ...	28th Feb Ditto
			594	Downshire ...	11th Mar Ditto
			673	St. John's ...	10th Apl Ditto
			680	Sefton ...	22nd Feb Ditto
			823	Everton ...	26th Feb Ditto
			1094	Temple ...	26th Mar Ditto
			1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	20th Mar Ditto
			1356	De Grey and Ripon 6th Mar	Ditto
			1393	Hamer ...	7th Mar Ditto
			1502	Israel ...	12th Mar Ditto

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.			OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship 1st Mar	Albion Hotel	340	Alfred 5th Mar	M. H., Alfred Street
62	Social 25th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	357	Apollo University ... 26th Feb	Ditto
64	Fortitude 12th July	Ditto	478	Churchill 4th Mar	Ditto
152	Virtue TO-MOR., 15th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street	1515	Bertie 12th Mar	Ditto
163	Integrity 27th Feb	Ditto	R.A.C.		
204	Caledonian 13th Mar	Ditto	340	Alfred 20th Feb	Ditto
317	Affability 7th Mar	Ditto	357	Apollo University ... 27th Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's 20th Feb	F. M. H., Salford	PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—		
633	Yarborough 20th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street	16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.		
645	Humphrey Cheetham 6th Mar	Ditto	Lo. 70	St. John's 5th Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
915	Blair 8th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme	105	Fortitude 11th Mar	Ditto
952	Zetland 13th Mar	F. M. H., Salford	156	Harmony 4th Mar	Ditto
935	Harmony 28th Feb	Ditto	159	Brunswick 6th Mar	M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
992	St. Thomas 6th Mar	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton	189	Sincerity 11th Mar	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
993	Alexandra 8th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme	202	Friendship 28th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
999	Robert Burns ... 25th Feb	Albion Hotel	223	Charity 15th Feb	193, Union Street
1009	Shakspeare 4th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street	230	Fidelity 21st Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
1011	Richmond 21st Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove	954	St. Aubyn 26th Feb	Ditto
1052	Callender 19th Feb	Town Hall Buildings, King Street	1205	Metham 18th Feb	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1055	Derby TO-DAY, 14th Feb	Bedford Street, Cheetham	1247	St. John's TO-DAY, 14th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1077	Wilton 4th Mar	Red Lion Hot., Blackley	1255	Dundas 18th Feb	Ditto
1083	Townley Parker ... 27th Feb	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street	1550	Prudence 2nd Mar	Ditto
1134	Newall 5th Mar	F. M. H., Salford	1847	Ebrington 12th Mar	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
1147	St. David TO-DAY, 14th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street	2025	St. George 26th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
1161	De Grey and Ripon 5th Mar	F. M. H., Manchester	2258 {	Western District } 20th Feb	East Stonehouse
1170	St. George 18th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street	R.A.C.		
1219	Strangeways 27th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove	70	St. John's 28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1253	Travellers 8th Mar	Queen's Hotel	105	Fortitude 19th Feb	Ditto
1458	Truth 2nd Mar	Conservative Club, Newton Heath	156	Harmony 6th Mar	Ditto
1534	Concord 21st Feb	Chester Bank, Prestwich	159	Brunswick 22nd May	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1633	Avon 27th Feb	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys	189	Sincerity 22nd Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
1773	Albert Victor TO-MR., 15th Feb	Town Hall, Pendleton	202	Friendship TO-DAY, 14th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
1798	Zion 4th Mar	74a, King Street	223	Concord 22nd Feb	193, Union Street
1993	Wolsley 5th Mar	74A, King Street	230	Fidelity 22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
2109	Prince Edward ... 13th Mar	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor	954	St. Aubyn 15th Apr	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
2156	Arthur Sullivan ... 13th Mar	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross	1205	Elllott 29th Apr	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
2185	Ardwick 11th Mar	Midland Hotel, Ardwick	1255	Dundas 23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
R.A.C.			2025	St. George 21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
62	Social 10th Apr	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—		
152	Virtue 22nd Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street	11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
204	Caledonian 21st Mar	Ditto	257	Phoenix 27th Feb	110, High Street
317	Affability 21st Feb	Ditto	342	Royal Sussex 20th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
325	St. John's 7th Mar	M. H., Salford	487	Portsmouth TO-DAY, 14th Feb	M. H., Highbury Street
581	Rectitude 4th Apr	Midland Hotel, Ardwick	1069	United Brothers ... 11th Mar	Grosvenor House, Southsea
645	Humphrey Cheetham 19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street	1428	United Service ... 8th Mar	M. H., Landport
815	Blair 26th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme	1776	Landport 21st Feb	Ditto
935	Starkie 14th Mar	M. H., Salford	1834	Duke of Connaught 26th Feb	Ditto
993	Alexandra TO-MOR., 15th Feb	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme	1903 {	Prince Edw. Saxe } 19th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
1055	Derby 19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham	1990 {	Hampshire Lo. of } 13th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			2068 {	Portsmouth Tem- } 25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne 7th Mar	M. H., Grainger Street	2074	St. Clair 18th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
406	Northern Counties 6th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street	R.A.C.		
481	St. Peter's 11th Mar	Ditto	257	Friendship 13th Mar	110, High Street
541	De Lorraine TO-MOR., 15th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street	342	Royal Sussex 10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
685	Northumberland ... 5th Mar	Assembly Rooms	487	Portsmouth 12th Mar	M. H., Portsmouth
1342	Walker 13th Mar	F. M. H., Grainger Street	1428	United Service TO-MR., 15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1427	Percy 19th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street	1776	Landport 28th Feb	Ditto
1626	Hotspur 28th Feb	Ditto	2068 {	Portsmouth Tem- } 25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street
1676	St. Nicholas 8th Mar	F. M. H., Grainger Street	SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
1712	St. John's 22nd Feb	Ditto	139	Britannia TO-DAY, 14th Feb	F. M. H., Surrey Street
1883	Priory TO-DAY, 14th Mar	Grand Hot., Tynemouth	296	Royal Brunswick ... 11th Mar	Ditto
2260	Ridley 5th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street	1239	Wentworth 4th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			1779	Ivanhoe 26th Feb	Ditto
24	De Swinburne 21st Mar	Ditto	2263	St. Leonards 28th Feb	Ditto
406	De Sussex 12th Apr	M. H., Maple Street	R.A.C.		
481	St. Peter's 20th Feb	Ditto	139	Paradise 18th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
685	Northumberland ... 19th Feb	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road	296	Loyalty 18th Feb	Ditto
1863	Priory 13th May	Grand Hot., Tynemouth	SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS		
NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DY, 14th Feb	M. H., Albion Place
471	Silurian 6th Mar	F. M. H., Dock Street	359	Peace & Harmony ... 18th Feb	Ditto
683	Isea 20th Feb	Ditto	394	Southampton 21st Feb	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward TO-DY, 14th Feb	Ditto	785	Twelve Brothers ... 22nd Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			1780	Albert Edward 5th Mar	Ditto
471	Silurian 22nd Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street	R.A.C.		
683	St. Woolos 13th Mar	Ditto	130	Royal Glo'ster 7th Mar	Ditto
NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			359	Peace & Harmony ... 1st Mar	Ditto
Lo. 52	Union 5th Mar	Norfolk Hotel	394	Concord 28th Feb	Ditto
93	Social 12th Mar	23, St. Giles Street	SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
213	Perseverance 19th Feb	Ditto	80	St. John 12th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
807	Cabbell 28th Feb	Ditto	94	Phoenix 6th Mar	F. M. H., Queen Street
943	Sincerity 26th Feb	Ditto	97	Palatine TO-DAY, 14th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
1500	Walpole 7th Mar	Ditto	1389	Fenwick TO-MOR., 15th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			2039	Londonderry 22nd Feb	Ditto
52	Royal George 15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel	R.A.C.		
213	Perseverance 14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street	80	St. John's 19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
807	Cabbell 11th Apr	Ditto	94	De Lambton 30th Apr	F. M. H.
NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			97	Strict Benevolence *21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
Lo. 47	Newstead 5th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street	Installation Meetings, as far as known, are marked * before date of meeting.		
402	Royal Sussex 19th Apr	George Hotel			
411	Commercial 11th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street			
1405	Southwell 1st Mar	Ditto			
1434	Nottinghamshire ... 4th Mar	Ditto			
1435	Annesley 22nd Feb	Ditto			
1794	De Vere TO-MOR., 15th Feb	Ditto			
1909	Carnarvon 18th Feb	Ditto			
2017	Duke of Portland ... 21st Mar	Ditto			
R.A.C.					
47	Abbey *30th Apr	Ditto			
402	Royal Sussex 14th May	Ditto			
411	Commercial 26th Feb	Ditto			
1435	Annesley 8th Mar	Ditto			
1909	Carnarvon 29th Apr	Ditto			

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13	Union Waterloo ... at 8	Earl of Chatham, Wm. St., Woolwich.	1586	Upper Norwood ... at 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
144	St. Luke's 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.	1608	Kilburn 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
147	Justice 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.	1623	West Smithfield 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
259	Prince of Wales 7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon	1662	Beaconsfield 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
754	High Cross 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.	1707	Eleanor 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
879	Southwark 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.	1789	Ubique 7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
901	City of London 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.	1804	Coborn 8	Eagle Hot., Snarebrook.
907	Royal Albert 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.	1891	St. Ambrose 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1017	Montefiore 8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.	1901	Selwyn 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
1158	Southern Star 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,	2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
1259	Duke of Edinburgh 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.	2090	Hammersmith 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
1278	Burdett Courts 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.	R.A.C.		
1306	St. John 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.	206	Hope —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
1339	Stockwell 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.			
1348	Ebury 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common	(3rd) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th.		
1360	Royal Arthur 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon			
1366	Highgate 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.	55	Constitutional at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmnpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
1426	The Great City 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.	65	Prosperity 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
1441	Ivy 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.	140	St. George 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
1571	Leopold 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.	141	Faith 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.	177	Domestic 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
1614	Covent Garden 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.	188	Joppa 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
1622	Rose 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-	238	Pilgrim (Work in Ger-	
1625	Tredegar 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.		man 1st & 3rd Tue.)	Guilddhall Tav., Gresham Street.
1632	Stuart 7	Red Lion, Poppins Ct., Fleet St., E.C.	463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd. 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
1673	Langton 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.	554	Yarborough 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
1685	Guelph 8	Town Hall, Leytonstone	704	Camden 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
1744	Royal Savoy 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.	706	Florence Nightingale 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
1791	Creaton 8	Whitshf. Hot., Gldhkw Rd, Shephd's Bsh	753	Prince Fredk. William —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1816	Victoria Park 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.	820	Lily 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
R.A.C.			858	South Middlesex 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Waltham Green.
188	Joppa 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.	860	Dalhousie 8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.	861	Finsbury —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1471	North London 8	Northampton Ho., St. Paul's Rd., Canon-	1044	Wandsworth 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
		bury, N.	1076	Capper 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1624	Eccleston 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.	1155	Excelsior 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
(3rd) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15th.			1321	Emblematic 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
9	Albion at —	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.	1349	Friars 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
25	Robert Burns 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.	1382	Corinthian 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
167	St. John's 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.	1446	Mount Edgcombe 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
169	Temperance 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.	1471	Islington 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
217	Stability —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.	1540	Chaucer 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
256	Unions (Emula. L of I.) 6	F. M. H.	1558	Duke of Connaught 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
507	United Pilgrims 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.	1586	Upper Norwood 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
749	Belgrave 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	1612	West Middlesex 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
765	St. James's 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe	1695	New Finsbury Park 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
766	William Preston 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.	1767	Kensington 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwards Sq., Kensgtn
780	Royal Alfred 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.	1839	Duke of Cornwall 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
834	Ranelagh 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.	1949	Brixton 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.	1950	Southgate 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
1185	Lewis 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.	2266	Cator 8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
1228	Beacontree 8	Green Man, Leytonstone	R.A.C.		
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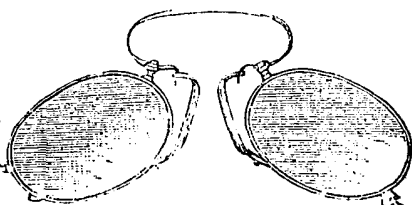
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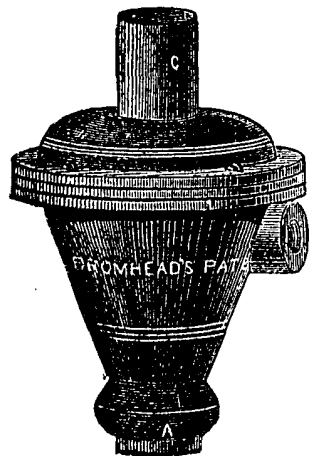
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Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

JEMIMA SARAH TRUSLOW,
Aged 78 Years,

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